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MEDIA RELEASE: Supporters of Haudenosaunee Right to Hunt Issue Call for Educational Workshops

ST. CATHARINES, ON – Supporters of Haudenosaunee Right to Hunt are calling for organizations and individuals in the Niagara region to propose educational workshops to present during the 2018 Hunt Season. The workshops will take place on the hunt dates of November 3-4, 17-18, and 29-30, 2018, at the Pelham Rd entrance to Short Hills Provincial Park in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Celeste Smith, Oneida Nation, Haudenosaunee, co-organizer of Supporters of Haudenosaunee Right to Hunt, explained “workshops are a great way for community members to learn more about what is happening at the Short Hills. Come learn more about Indigenous Peoples, decolonization, and relationship-building.”

Supporters of Haudenosaunee Right to Hunt was founded in 2014 and supports Indigenous inherent and treaty rights. The Haudenosaunee Wildlife and Habitat Authority is a department tasked by the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council with the management of wildlife resources.

The call for workshops is below:

Supporters of Haudenosaunee Right to Hunt

The Short Hills Deer Harvest is only two weeks away, and so it is time for us to once again come together to support Indigenous rights! Haudenosaunee harvesters have inherent and legal treaty rights to hunt white-tailed deer at Short Hills Provincial Park located in St. Catharines, Ontario. However, they have been opposed by local anti-hunt protestors. In response to this protest, Supporters of Haudenosaunee Right to Hunt are organizing free educational workshops. These workshops are an opportunity for the Niagara community to learn more about this critical social justice issue and to say “NO!” to racism, colonialism, and cultural assimilation.

Call for Workshops

In many Indigenous traditions, women lead the way to towards peace. It is with these teachings in mind that we invite women-identified and non-binary people (both Indigenous and non-Indigenous) to facilitate educational workshops for the Short Hills 2018 hosting schedule.

Workshops should be designed to connect to themes including, but not limited to, food sovereignty and security, treaty rights, land use, Indigenous rights, decolonization, anti-racism, allyship, intersectional decolonized animal liberation, settler-Indigenous relations, etc. We encourage workshops that intersect with other social justice issues.

If you would like to facilitate a workshop at the Short Hills, please:

- email us at sixnationsrighttohunt@gmail.com
- be sure to introduce yourself or provide a short bio/pronouns
- include a workshop title and a very brief description of your workshop
- identify workshop length
- list of any required materials

Workshops will be selected by balancing the voices of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people as well as balancing a variety of topics and approaches.

Workshops will be held outdoors at the site of the harvest at Short Hills Provincial Park, St. Catharines, Ontario. Workshops will be in the afternoon on Saturday and Sundays November 3-4 and November 17-18, and Thursday and Friday November 29-30, 2018. Please let us know which dates you are available.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Please contact us by Friday Oct 26, 2018.

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