2016 HUNTING PERMIT FOR SOPER PRESERVE
Whitetail Deer- Archery and Muzzleloader

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

The above named person has permission from the Leelanau Conservancy to hunt in the Soper Preserve during the 2016 hunting season. **This permit is valid for the period of October 1, 2016 through January 1, 2017. Dates are for bow hunting of whitetail deer from 10/1 to 11/14 and again from 12/1 to 1/1. Muzzleloader hunting for whitetail deer is open from 12/2 to 12/11. NO regular firearm hunting of whitetail deer is allowed. Permission must be requested and renewed by hunters on an annual basis from the Leelanau Conservancy.** In addition, all hunters are required to follow the guidelines described below. Please note they follow the regulations set forth in the Michigan DNR 2016 Hunting and Trapping Guide.

Restrictions for Hunting on Leelanau Conservancy property, above and beyond the regulations set forth in the Michigan DNR 2016 Hunting and Trapping Guide.

1. Each applicant for a hunting permit agrees to release, indemnify and hold the Leelanau Conservancy harmless for any injury, death or property damage incurred by applicant regardless of fault, or incurred by others as the result of applicant's action or negligence.

2. This form does not give the hunter permission to hunt on other property owned by the Leelanau Conservancy.

3. Hunting on the property is limited to whitetail deer during bow hunting and muzzle loader seasons. Hunting activity must take place a minimum of 150 yards (450 feet) from all occupied structures and at least 100 feet from all two-tracks, trails, and other common areas.

4. Our Preserves are multi-use areas which are open to the public on a year-round basis for passive recreation (such as hiking, skiing, etc.). Please keep this in mind at all times if permitted to hunt on a Conservancy owned property.

5. Hunters must carry this Permit for Hunting with them when hunting in the specified Conservancy Natural Area.

6. Trapping is not allowed on any Leelanau Conservancy owned property.

7. “Baiting” of animals is prohibited. Baiting is defined as putting out food materials for animals to attract, lure, or entice them as an aid in hunting.

8. Hunters under the age of 17 are required to have completed a certified Hunter’s Safety Class and must be accompanied by an adult while hunting in the Leelanau Conservancy’s Natural Areas. “Accompanied by” requires the adult to be able to come to the immediate aid of the other person and staying within a distance from the other person that permits uninterrupted, unaided visual and verbal contact.

9. Hunting rights may be rescinded at any time, and for any reason, by the Executive Director, Natural Areas and Preserves Manager, or the Stewardship Committee of the Leelanau Conservancy.

10. The cutting of standing trees (alive or dead), and branches for shooting lanes is prohibited.

11. Digging or disturbing soils is prohibited.

12. All permitted hunters must follow MDNR regulations for Ground Blinds. Only Type 1 (Portable Ground Blind) and Type 2 (Dead Natural Materials Ground Blind) are allowed. They must be removed and/or dismantled within seven days after the close of the season. When dismantling ground blinds the area must be returned to its original natural setting.

13. Screw-in type tree steps are prohibited; all tree stands must be portable. Hunting platforms cannot be affixed or attached to any tree by nails, screws or bolts.

14. The marking of trees to locate trails by the use of spray paint, colored flagging, or reflective tacks is prohibited. The blazing of trees is not allowed.

15. All trash and human-made materials must be packed out and deposited in trash receptacles.

16. Automobiles, motorized off-road vehicles and other wheeled devices are not allowed anywhere on the property, except in designated parking areas.

17. At the close of hunting season, we ask each permitted hunter to take a few minutes to fill out a Natural Area and Preserve Monitoring Form. This information is important for us in assuring that the integrity of each preserve is maintained.

Hunter’s Signature: _____

Hunter’s Name (please print): _____

Date: _____

Staff Signature: _____Date Issued: _____