2016 HUNTING PERMIT FOR SWANSON PRESERVE
Ducks & Mergansers

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

The above named person has permission from the Leelanau Conservancy to hunt in the Swanson Preserve during the 2016 hunting season. **This permit is valid for the regular duck and merganser season of Oct. 1 - Nov. 27 and Dec. 17-18. 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 Waterfowl Digest.

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

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 duck and merganser in Swanson Preserve is limited to the shoreline of Little Traverse Lake by boat. Hunting activity must take place a minimum of 450 feet (150 yards) from all occupied buildings including barns and a minimum of 100 feet from all trails, two-tracks, picnic areas, and other common areas.

4. Our Natural Areas 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 Hunting rights may be rescinded at any time, and for any reason, by the Executive Director, Natural Areas and Preserves Manager, or the Stewardship Committee of the Leelanau Conservancy.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- please hunt only from your boat.

12. **Hunting may occur only by boat and not from the shoreline.** MDNR Regulations state that hunting and trapping are exclusive rights of landowners bordering the waterway and their invited guests. Float hunters need permission to enter lands protected by the Recreational Trespass Act.

13. Safety zones are defined as all areas within 450 feet of an occupied dwelling, house, cabin, residence, or any barn or other building used in a farm operation. Pay special caution to public use of the fishing pier along the shoreline and maintain at least 150 ft.

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. **Use of non-toxic shot is required statewide for all waterfowl hunting**. When you hunt to take ducks and mergansers anywhere in the state of Michigan during the waterfowl season, you may not possess or use shot shells loaded with a material other than non-toxic steel, bismuth, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten matrix or other shot determined by the USFWS to be non-toxic. Waterfowl hunters using muzzleloaders must also use USFWS approved non-toxic shot.

18. At the close of hunting season, we ask each permitted hunter to take a few minutes to fill out the 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: _____