

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE
BOARD POLICY**

SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

USE OF SCHOOL FOREST

834

1. The school forest shall be an extension of the educational classroom, and may be used by various teachers for that purpose.
2. The Board of Education authorizes the posting of the school forest property and restricts access to the property to:
 - a. maintain safety for classes using the property,
 - b. protect the environment, and
 - c. protect the forest classroom.
3. Classroom teachers or other adults that have been approved by the administration for that purpose shall directly supervise students using the property.
4. The Board of Education may authorize selective cutting of timber in the school forest and approve authorization of access for that purpose.
5. Specific individuals that may need the right to use the property to gain access to right-of-ways or other legitimate purposes, may seek approval from the District Administrator. A letter shall be provided to that individual as proof of authorization.
6. Being posted, the Board of Education does not authorize any hunting on the property without administrative approval.
 - a. Person hunting must be an employee or resident of the Pittsville School District.
 - b. Individuals must obtain a permit to legally hunt (archery only - no firearms are allowed on school properties) at the school forest. Hunting season includes all legal game from the start of small game season (early September) through archery deer season ending in early January and spring Turkey season (April-May).
 - c. Obtaining a Permit: Fill out the attached permit to hunt on school forest property and hand deliver completed form to the District Office. Please do not mail the permit.
 - d. Individuals (18 and older) must submit documentation (driver's license) for the district to complete a background check.
 - e. Hunting Hours: Monday through Friday until 7:30 AM and after 3:45 PM (there will be no hunting allowed during school hours). Weekends, non-school days, and holidays as allowed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regulations.
 - f. It is a state requirement in Wisconsin that persons born on or after January 1, 1973 must complete a Hunter's Safety course. You must submit proof of course completion.
 - g. Individuals shall abide by all state and federal laws while hunting on school forest property.
 - h. The District reserves the right to limit the number of archery permits issued.
7. Being posted, the Board of Education does not authorize use of recreational vehicles such as snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, and other motorized vehicles unless approved by the District Administrator or used by the staff in connection with a class being conducted or maintenance on the forest property.

First Reading of Updates: *April 10, 2023*

Second Reading of Updates: *May 8, 2023*

**REGISTRATION PERMIT TO HUNT OR ACCESS THE PITTSVILLE SCHOOL
DISTRICT SCHOOL FOREST POSTED PROPERTY (Policy 834)**

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I understand and recognize that the Pittsville School District is not required to permit me to hunt on school district property. I recognize and agree that the right to do so is a privilege, which can be revoked at any time, with or without notice. Inconsideration of the school district's agreeing to permit me to hunt on its school forest property, as identified below, I hereby agree to the following:

1. I will abide by all state and federal laws while hunting on school forest property including, without limitation, laws applicable to archery and hunting,
2. I will not litter on school forest property or disturb the natural habitat of the school forest.
3. I will not smoke or have any type of fire on school forest property.
4. I will shoot and hunt only game authorized by this permit on the school forest property. I will not harm any other game or animals.
5. I will exercise due and proper care while hunting on the school forest property.
6. I will abide by all school district policies and procedures while hunting on school forest property. A copy of the specific rules pertaining to hunting on school forest property is attached.
7. I will not permit any individual who has not been granted a permit by the School District of Pittsville to hunt on the school forest property with me while I am doing so.
8. At any time there are students or district staff present, I will cease hunting and remove myself from the property. If I have to be asked to leave, my privilege to use the school forest may be revoked.
9. I hereby waive and release, and agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the school district, its officers, employees, and agents, from and with respect to any claim, loss, liability, injury, penalty, harm, or damage of any kind or nature whatsoever, including but not limited to that occurring to myself, arising out of my hunting activities on school forest property, including, but not limited to, compensatory, incidental, consequential, and punitive damages. This waiver and release, and indemnification provisions applies without limitation to any claims or causes of action based upon acts or omissions of the school district, its officers and employees, including, without limitation, the District's granting me permission to hunt on the school forest property and my hunting on that land. By signing this permit, I also waive and release such claims against the school district, its officers, employees, and agents, on behalf of my minor children, if any, that have also been granted permission to hunt on school forest property and with whom I will be hunting and will be under my supervision. The School District of Pittsville is protected under Section 895.523 of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If Minor, Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____



School District of Pittsville

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PERMIT TO HUNT ON SCHOOL FOREST PROPERTY

Name of Hunter (please print): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Vehicle Make/Model: _____ License Plate Number: _____

Please circle the seasons you plan on archery hunting:

Spring Turkey _____ Small Game _____ Fall Turkey _____ Archery Deer _____
Specify Week

Signature of Hunter: _____ Date: _____

If Minor, Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Permit is effective from _____ to _____ and is void thereafter.

Permission Granted by: _____ Date: _____

District Administrator

Any violation of hunting laws or failure to adhere to this policy, may result in the denial of future access or use of the School Forest. **This permit must be carried on your person while hunting in the Pittsville School Forest and presented on demand by school officials, DNR game wardens, and/or law enforcement.** Violators are subject to trespassing laws.

RULES AND PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO ARCHERY HUNTING ON SCHOOL FOREST PROPERTY

1. Only archery hunting is permitted. No firearms are allowed.
2. All DNR Regulations apply.
3. Application to hunt must be on file in advance of proposed hunt.
4. Hunting Hours: Weekdays only until 7:30 AM and after 3:45 PM. Weekends, holiday, and non-school days - as allowed by the WI DNR regulations unless being used by students and/or staff.
5. If the main gate on Highway 80 is open, then the permit is null and void for that time frame.
6. Hunting stands and blinds must be labeled with name and contact information and must be removed daily. Attaching spikes, metal steps, nails, etc. to trees is prohibited.
7. Person hunting must be an employee or resident of the Pittsville School District.
8. The PURPLE Pittsville School Forest Hunting Permit must be displayed on your vehicle's dashboard.
9. Do not block the main gate.

Requirements for Use:

- ____ Proof of Hunter Safety (persons born on or after January 1, 1973)
- ____ Registration Permit to Hunt (Hold Harmless Agreement) – Signed and Dated
- ____ Permit stating Rules and Procedures - Signed and Dated
- ____ Dashboard Permit – Signed and Dated

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE
SCHOOL FOREST HUNTING PERMIT

(PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR VEHICLE'S DASHBOARD WHEN HUNTING ON SCHOOL FOREST PROPERTY)

Name of Hunter (please print): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Vehicle Make/Model: _____ License Plate Number: _____

Signature of Hunter: _____ Date: _____

If Minor, Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Permit is effective from _____ to _____ and is void thereafter.

Permission Granted by: _____ Date: _____

District Administrator

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Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Vehicle Make/Model: _____ License Plate Number: _____

Signature of Hunter: _____ Date: _____

If Minor, Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Permit is effective from _____ to _____ and is void thereafter.

Permission Granted by: _____ Date: _____

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