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### TRAPPING ON KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The annual trapper orientation class for those wishing to trap on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2008, at the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Environmental Education Center on Ski Hill Road, in Soldotna.

The trapper orientation class is mandatory for anyone wishing to trap on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and will run from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. If you have attended the orientation at any time in the past, you do not need to attend again, however, past attendees are welcome as new information is shared each year.

A Snaring Seminar is required in order for a trapper to be authorized to extend their trap check requirement time from every four days to seven days. A Snaring Seminar will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Kenai River Center near the airport on Funny River Road in Soldotna.

Following the Seminar on Saturday afternoon well known trapper and Alaska Department of Fish and Game employee, Craig Gardner, will be on hand to speak to interested trappers and other members of the public. From 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Mr. Garner will lecture about how to make break-away snares and demonstrate their success in protecting non-target wildlife. Any interested trappers are welcome to attend and learn Mr. Gardner's techniques.

Mr. Gardner will also give a talk from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. regarding releasing pets from traps and snares and how to recognize trap lines and avoid conflicts. Snowshoers, hikers, skiers and other winter users are encouraged to attend either of the afternoon talks.

The trapper orientation class, snaring seminar, and guest lecturer are sponsored jointly by the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and Alaska Department of Fish and Game. For additional information please call the Refuge at 262-7021.

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