

Whitecourt Fish & Game Association (WFGA)

Overview

The Whitecourt Fish & Game Association is actively involved in conservation, education, youth development, and community support. Below is a summary of WFGA's **current** and **past** activities.

CURRENT & ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Education & Youth Programs

- **Post-Secondary Scholarships**
Award four (4) scholarships of \$1,000 annually to students from Whitecourt and surrounding areas.
 - **Junior Archery Program**
Ongoing youth archery program supported through funding, equipment, and volunteer instruction.
 - **Youth League**
Youth-focused league supported with financial, physical, and personnel resources.
 - **Ladies League**
Established and supported with monetary, equipment, and volunteer contributions.
 - **Pistol League**
Established and supported with monetary, equipment, and volunteer contributions.
 - **Conservation Hunter Education Course**
Held annually in Whitecourt with a strong youth focus, including provincial financial support for conservation education.
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Community Events

- **Kids Fishing Day**
Held annually at the pond in Whitecourt's Festival Park.
- **Wild Game Banquet & Dance**
Annual fundraising and community celebration event.
- **Whitecourt Whisky Jacks (Junior Forest Wardens)**
Ongoing support for the Family Fishing Day and birdhouse-building projects.

Conservation & Environmental Initiatives

- **Discarded Fishing Line Project**
Signage installed at water access points promoting proper disposal of fishing line and tackle, in partnership with Alberta Environment and Parks and Woodlands County.
- **Osprey Nest Platform & Kiosk**
Established nesting platforms at Festival Park and White Ridge Recreational Area, including development of an educational Osprey kiosk.
- **Habitat Trust Fund / Wildlife Trust Fund**
Financial support toward conservation land purchase and maintenance, including stewardship of the Allen Conservation Property.
- **Narrow Lake Conservation & Hunter Education Camp**
Continued commitment through funding, labor, and materials, including sponsorships for youth and women's wilderness programs.

Community & Organizational Support

- **Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights** – Monetary contribution
 - **Pat Hardy School** – Support for Fish in Schools (FinS) Program
 - **Alberta Hunters Education Instructors Association** – Support for WISE Foundation
 - **Alberta Bowhunters Association** – Fundraising donations
 - **Public Library** – Funding for a learning station
 - **Whitecourt Parent Link** – Funding for materials to build 21 bird boxes
 - **Whitecourt Food Bank** – Financial contributions
 - **Whitecourt Community Lunch Box Program** – Donation of fridge and support center supplies
 - **Lac Ste. Anne County Youth Program** – Fishing and archery demonstrations
 - **Whitecourt Christmas Hamper** – Financial contributions
 - **Local 4-H Clubs** – Labor, materials, and funding for Pheasant Raise & Release Project
 - **Whitecourt Cancer Fighters** – Fundraising support
 - **ATB Fundraiser (Stollery Children's Hospital)** – Financial support
 - **Whitecourt Fire Department** – Support for youth fire safety and awards night
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Advocacy & Provincial Involvement

- Drafting resolutions for regulatory and resource initiatives
 - Financial support for habitat purchases and improvements
 - Delegate participation (including youth) at zone and provincial meetings
 - Annual financial support and contributions to AFGA initiatives
 - Hosting Zone 4 meetings
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Support to Fish & Wildlife Agencies

- Assisting with fish stocking and water body assessments
 - Input on fisheries and wildlife management strategies
 - Financial support for special projects (e.g., bear collar programs)
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Archery & Firearms Facilities

Archery Range

- Annual maintenance and upgrades
- Outdoor and indoor 3D competitive events
- Youth instructional programs
- Available amenities: bag targets, 3D targets, broadhead range, cabin, fire pit, and primitive camping

Firearms Range

- Rifle and handgun target ranges
 - Annual maintenance and upgrades
 - Usage by members and agencies (RCMP, Fish & Wildlife, Air Cadets, Army Cadets)
 - Youth firearm safety instruction
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PAST ACTIVITIES

Community & Youth Engagement

- Town of Whitecourt Youth Summer Camp (fishing activities)
- Festival Park Pond cleanup
- Youth Inter-Agency Conference (archery instruction)
- Birdhouse, birdfeeder, bat box, owl nest box, and songbird nest box projects
- Whitecourt Little Big Fort – Donation of freezer, Shop Vac, fishing rods, and tackle
- Whitecourt Boys & Girls Club – Financial contributions

Donations & Support

- Whitecourt Hospital (ventilator training)
- Air Cadets (Military Tattoo sponsorship)
- Local schools and churches (food, equipment, and facility donations)
- Camp He-Ho-Ha
- Tennille's Hope Soup Kitchen
- Wellspring Family Resource & Crisis Centre
- Whitecourt Early Learning Child Care

Special Initiatives

- Crop for Wildlife Program
- Oilmen's Shootout (STARS Air Ambulance fundraiser)
- Fort McMurray Fire Evacuee support
- Alberta Centennial Celebration participation
- RCMP Fallen Four Memorial contributions

These are only some of the many activities and initiatives supported by the Whitecourt Fish & Game Association. New programs are continually being explored to better serve conservation, education, and the community.

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