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Dexter, Missouri - It's July and local duck watchers know it's time for the 7th Annual Greenwing Event at Otter Slough.

The Dexter Chapter of Ducks Unlimited and the Missouri Department of Conservation provide this unique opportunity each year during late July at Otter Slough Conservation Area.

The 2015 event is Saturday, July 25th and begins at 7:00 a.m. This event is free and open to the public.

They will meet in the large parking lot next to Cypress Lake. Department of Conservation biologists are going to demonstrate electrofishing techniques in Cypress Lake.

Everyone in attendance will have a front row seat while fisheries biologists run a shocking boat along the shoreline. Meanwhile, MDC staff and Ducks Unlimited volunteers will be checking traps for mourning doves and wood ducks.

Any ducks and doves trapped that morning will be brought to the headquarters to be banded and released.

They hope to capture enough birds to allow each youth to help band and release their own dove or duck. If you have attended past events, you know that trapping ducks and doves can be unpredictable. They currently have mourning doves and

wood ducks hitting bait sites regularly so keep your wings crossed.

Regardless of trapping success, this will be an excellent opportunity to spend some quality family time in the outdoors and meet Conservation Department and Ducks Unlimited folks in person.

They have a couple of other activities planned, which are sure to be fun for everyone, and Ducks Unlimited has provided some nice items for the kids. The day's activities should be completed by 10:00 a.m. depending upon weather and trapping success.

For more information please contact Mark Reed at 573-421-3240, Otter Slough at 573-624-5821, or Mike Wilburn at 573-421-3713.

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