



fowl TALK

ARE YOU READY TO BECOME A DU

Volunteers come to Ducks Unlimited for a variety of reasons. Many are waterfowl hunting enthusiasts who attend a local event and see like-minded sportsman having fun hosting their banquet. They like the chance to win a gun, decoys, prints and other items. Many enjoy participating in the auctions. These sportsmen may feel this is an opportunity to network with fellow sportsman to share their love of our waterfowl heritage. While these are all reasons to attend and volunteer ultimately they want to pay forward to future generations of waterfowl sportsman so they can witness the majesty of waterfowl migrations filling the sky!



Volunteer?

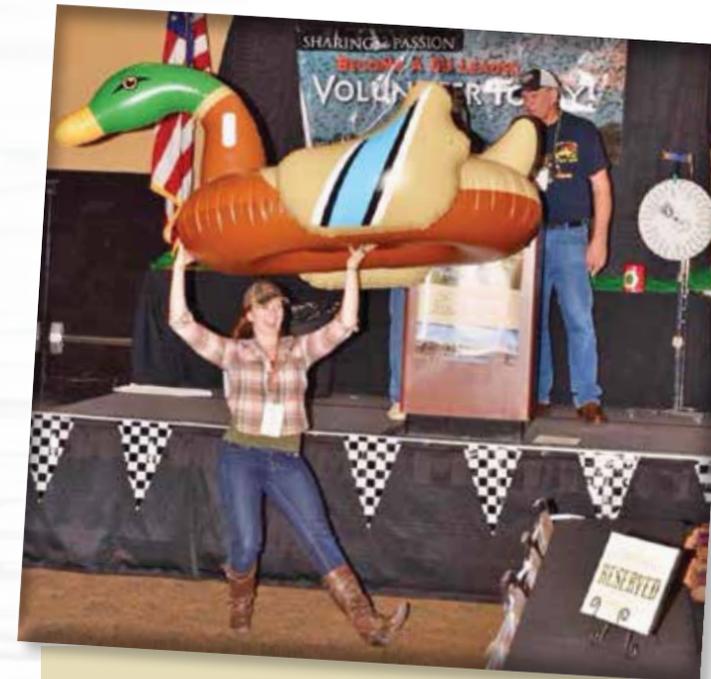
If this describes how you feel, then it is time to step up and join your local DU Committee or if there is no local chapter then help start a new chapter in your town!

We have 45 active chapters in South Dakota. The communities where these chapters exist are as diverse as the volunteers who serve these chapters. We have chapters in the largest cities to chapters in towns with populations of less than 100 people. There are chapters comprised of hardcore duck hunters and chapters with volunteers who have never hunted waterfowl. Volunteers can assist in a variety of ways, whether it is selling tickets to the banquet, directing publicity, collecting prizes, or helping set up for night of the banquet. There are many ways volunteers can step forward to help host a successful banquet. Each volunteer brings their own unique abilities to the committee.

The volunteers from SD come from careers ranging from all backgrounds, such as teachers, farmers, law enforcement, medical, construction, electricians, salesman, engineers, lawyers, artists, bartenders, mechanics, managers, carpenters, dentists, chiropractors, students and many more professions. The one thing they share is the commitment to protect our precious wildlife habitat for future generations.

If you would like to join your local committee or if you are a current volunteer who would like to step up to become a Zone Chair or District Chair, please call Don Thorpe at 605-630-8696. Or email dthorpe@ducks.org.

Ducks Unlimited Inc. is the world's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving North America's continually disappearing waterfowl habitats. Established in 1937, Ducks Unlimited has conserved more than 14 million acres thanks to contributions from more than a million supporters across the continent. Guided by science and dedicated to program efficiency, DU works toward the vision of wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow and forever. For more information on our work, visit www.ducks.org.



DU NEEDS YOU!

For those of you that are not aware, Ducks Unlimited (DU) is a North American conservation organization. DU was founded more than 80 years ago by a group of duck hunters concerned about what was happening to our environment. Ducks Unlimited's mission is to fill the skies with waterfowl for today, tomorrow and forever. To be able to do that it is become critical to manage our wetlands and water quality.

With this in mind, take some time when you travel around the Midwest and take notice of and witness directly what is happening to our land. We have come to a critical stage right now where we must invest more than ever into the focus of conservation and habitat. Without doing so, we will lose the opportunity to expose our children and grandchildren to our hunting heritage. It is our duty to take care of the things that we love and appreciate.

Ducks Unlimited recently achieved a huge milestone in South Dakota. To date, through the use of grants and agriculture partner matches, DU has invested more than \$100,000,000 into conservation related activities in South Dakota alone. This opportunity would not have been available without the generosity of our volunteers, members, major donors and partners.

A special thank you to Midwest Hunt Fish Magazine for allowing us to share our message. We hope to see you at future Ducks Unlimited event For more information go to www.ducks.org.

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WHAT CAN YOU DO:

volunteer

Take time to volunteer for your favorite organization and reach out to friends and family to recruit new volunteers.

mentor

Take a kid hunting and spend time in the outdoors. There is no greater joy in life than mentoring the youth and educating them on our passions.

be vocal

Let your local, regional, and federal politicians know how important conservation is to the future of a healthy landscape. Your voice in Washington D.C. helps to motivate our politicians and will move mountains. You will be amazed what a simple phone call or email can do.

invest

Many organizations of all types need funding for their individual missions. We understand that everyone has a limited supply of funds they can contribute. Do your research and invest your charitable contributions into organizations that wisely use funds. Ducks Unlimited continues to be highly recognized for their use of funds towards conservation that will help to sustain habitat for all types of wildlife.



HELP WANTED

DU Needs Help in the Following Locations

- Redfield
- Mobridge
- Sisseton
- Clark
- Hot Springs
- Wall
- Union County
- Beresford
- Philip
- Platte