

FUR TAKERS OF AMERICA



Trapper "Red" Educating the Public

We are a leader in trapper education - Join with us in learning and teaching the knowledge, skills, and benefits of trapping.

We are working to protect our rights to trap - We work with other groups such as the United States Sportsman's Alliance (USSA), International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, International Trapper's Federation, Fur Institute of Canada and the National Trapper's Association. We also monitor the Best Management Practice (BMP) Committee to promote and protect our trapping rights.

We also have a Pro-Active Action Committee whose purpose is to provide assistance to states in keeping and/or restoring the right to trap.

We are conservationist proud of the important benefits that trapping provides to the environment, wildlife, and man.

- Reduced disease (suffering of animals)
- Help protect endangered species by removing their predators
- Help protect crops, livestock, and people
- Providing a renewable resource to the fur industry - providing jobs to many.
- Help protect the ecosystem from the ravages of over population.

JOIN FUR TAKERS TODAY!

You can be part of the history and future of our Great American Heritage - Fur Trapping.

If you are a trapper or are interested in trapping then you should join the FTA. Trapping is an activity for everyone: men, women, young and old.



Preserving Our Heritage

To Join or More Information Contact Us At:

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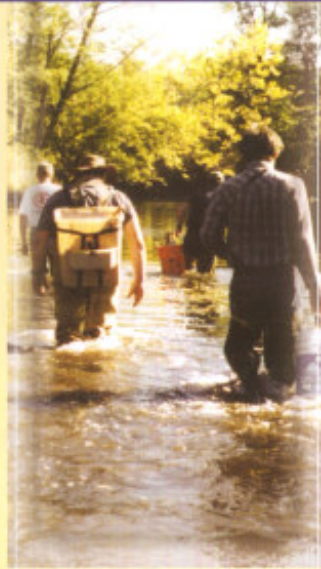
You may download a membership blank on our Website:

www.furtakersofamerica.com

Complimentary copies of the Fur Taker Magazine may be requested by contacting us through our Website.

Fur Takers of America was founded in 1968 and incorporated in the State of Missouri. The FTA is a not-for-profit organization, run almost exclusively with volunteers.

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Preserving Our Heritage While Protecting Our Future

CONSERVATION • TRAPPING • EDUCATION

An American Heritage

Furs were the first goods shipped from America. The trade started in the early 1500's and continues today! 500 years later Dutch, English, and French fur traders and trappers were the first explorers that opened up the new country. For over 300 years the main business across most of the continent was related to fur. Later as farming and ranching began, trappers also helped to protect crops and livestock, thus providing another service toward the prosperity of a growing country. Today trappers continue to take the excess that nature provides, protect crops, and also play an important role in modern wildlife management.



Fur Takers of America is about fur and trapping. We are proud to be trappers and want to ensure the future of this great American heritage. The Mountain Men taught each other how to trap and traveled in groups to provide protection against the Indians. Today, the animal rights activists and their supporters are our biggest threat. Many celebrities, magazines, TV news commentators, etc., gladly join in the attack. But, we are also threatened by a modern society that leads to fewer and fewer people that understand the natural cycles of life and death or the benefits of hunting and trapping. As our numbers decrease, we must join together to teach others how to trap, share the experiences and fun, and also to share in the efforts to protect our rights to continue to trap and wear fur.



Red Fox - From Field to Fashion.

FUR TAKERS OF AMERICA OFFERS

A Monthly Magazine "THE FUR TAKER"

is also an education tool that keeps our members informed about upcoming events, and about anti-fur/trapping activities. The magazine includes how-to articles on trapping, hunting, and related outdoor activities. Reports from FTA Officers, Committees, Chapters and Affiliates are also included. Complimentary subscriptions are being sent to schools and organizations.



An Annual Convention - The NORTH AMERICAN FUR TAKERS RENDEZVOUS

is held in a different location each year. Trappers from all over the country come to participate in an assortment of fun and educational activities. These include live demonstration by experts on trapping, skinning and fur handling, predator calling, etc. Also, there are trap setting contests, a fund raising auction (lots of fun), and more. Lots of trapper supply dealers and a flea market setup for trappers are also a big attraction.



Lessons from the Pros at the FTA National Conventions.

A Brotherhood of individuals, sharing in both the joys of trapping and the challenges of protecting our rights to trap. Trappers love what they do and love to talk trapping and fur hunting with other trappers. Whether 8 or 80, the passion and joy of taking a beautiful fur is always there. It is this passion that gets a school kid up before daylight to leave the outdoors in the coldest and worst time of year with great hope and excitement. It is this passion that stirs excitement in every trapper at the first hint of a cool fall breeze.

The FTA Trappers College is the only one of its kind in the world. The college provides six days of in the field, hands-on training with some of the best trappers in the world serving as instructors. The field experience is backed up with classroom instruction to provide the most extensive training for both beginners and experts.



Trappers College Demonstration Includes "Catch and Release" - Nice Baiter!

The College has been a tremendous tool in helping to train not just trappers, but also Wildlife Officers and Professional Wildlife Managers. A reasonable fee is established each year to cover the instruction, room, and board.

Instruction includes:

- Professional Trapping Techniques
- Land and Water trapping
- Skinning and Handling
- Drying, Grading, and Marketing Fur
- Wildlife Biology - Behavior and Habits
- New Trap Types and Techniques
- Wildlife Diseases and Human Risk
- Furbearer Management
- Population Dynamics
- Trap Repair and Modification
- Building Structures
- Trapline Troubleshooting
- And more.