

Brenda Valentine to appear at Apopka, Florida, NWTF Banquet

APOPKA, Fl. — Join Brenda Valentine on August 21 in Apopka, Florida, at the National Wild Turkey Federation's Wekiva Springs Strutters Chapter Banquet. The chapter's annual event is the top performing NWTF banquet in North America and tickets are going fast!

Valentine's outdoor journey began in Tennessee and has taken her to the plains of Africa, the glaciers of Alaska and many places in between. Her exploits along the way earned her the title, The First Lady of Hunting™.

Doors open at 5 p.m. at Apopka VFW Post 10147, located at 519 S. Central Ave. The banquet will feature door prizes, raffles and auctions for dozens of guns, more than 60 hunting trips, wildlife art and more. Valentine will be available for photo and autograph requests during the event.

Dollars raised throughout the evening are directly contributed to NWTF's Hunting Heritage Super Fund, the lifeblood of the Federation's mission. The Super Fund is used to fund conservation projects and outreach events nationwide and is dependant upon successful local fundraisers like the one coming up in Apopka.

Each ticket includes dinner, NWTF membership and a one-year subscription to *Turkey Country* magazine. Tickets are \$75 for singles, \$140 for couples, \$300 for sponsors and \$50 for youth ages 17 and under.

As an NWTF National Spokesperson, host of "Turkey Call" on the Pursuit Channel and co-host of Bass Pro Shops' "Real Hunting TV" on the Versus network, Valentine travels the country proclaiming her love for the outdoors and support of the NWTF.

"The best part about being an NWTF member is that the Federation has something for everyone," said Valentine. "Male or female, young or old, it's rewarding to be a steward of North America's wildlife and habitat and that's what the NWTF is all about. Everyone who attends the Wekiva Springs Strutters Chapter Banquet is in for a great time."

Through dynamic partnerships with state, federal and provincial wildlife agencies, the NWTF and its volunteers have helped restore wild turkey populations across the country, raised and spent more than \$306 million, and conserved nearly 14 million acres of habitat for all types of wildlife.

The Federation also works to increase interest in the outdoors by bringing new hunters and conservationists into the fold through special outdoor education events and its Women in the Outdoors, Wheelin' Sportsmen, JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship) and Xtreme JAKES outreach programs.

For more information about the Wekiva Springs Strutters Chapter Banquet or to order tickets, call (407) 886-8010 or email wekivaspringsstrutters@att.net.