

Lee Vogel

*Missouri Hunting
Heritage Federation*



Mike Sauber helps a MHHF Clinic student prepare for a waterfowl hunt.

Your name, title, and position with the organization?

Lee Vogel

Co-Founder and Past President of the Missouri Hunting Heritage Federation, Inc.

I currently serve as an at-large director on the board and organize one of our waterfowl clinics each year.

I am a life member of MHHF. Who are the members of your family? Are they involved in volunteering also?

My wife Allison Darling is also a life member. She has supported our board as an organizational consultant.

In addition, Bud Cornelius, Michael Sauber, and Nathan Bellmann are active members of the *Lake Winnebago* community. How long have you lived in the community? What is your favorite thing about living here? Allison and I bought an unimproved lot on South Shore Drive in 2015. We built our home and moved in June of 2019. When our home was still under construction I joined the *Lake Winnebago* Sailing Club. We came to events at the Arrowhead Yacht Club. We were invited to participate in the first two annual Poker Runs. I would say our favorite thing is the sense of community. You don't find that just anywhere. We've made terrific friends here, not only our near neighbors but from all over LW! Non-profit organization name or cause & contact information.



Missouri Hunting Heritage Federation, Inc.

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What is the goal/mission of your organization?

Missouri Hunting Heritage Federation, Inc. (www.mhmf.us) is a service-oriented organization of volunteers who are passionate about Missouri's hunting history. MHMF introduces youth to an outdoor way of life featuring our hunting tradition, the shooting sports, and the enjoyment of being in Missouri's natural landscape through free week-end-long hunter education clinics throughout the state of Missouri. Through education and hands-on training, youth learn how to safely handle firearms, gain an understanding of wildlife conservation, and are introduced to the many enjoyable aspects of Missouri's hunting heritage. What services and/or programs are offered? Please see the pdf file: 2019 TriFold Brochure How are you involved with the organization? How long have you been involved? Allan Hoover (deceased) and I started MHMF. We were both volunteer hunter education instructors for the Missouri Department of Conservation. We noticed that many of our class graduates lacked the access to land or an experienced mentor to take them hunting. Allan and a few of the other instructors recruited some of their hunter ed. class graduates and took them on a mentored turkey hunt in 2006. It was successful and they decided to do more. This was the genesis of our current hunter education clinic.

In December 2007 we held our first board of directors meeting and formally created the organization. I was elected board president and Allan became our first executive director. We received our 501(c)3 Missouri not-for-profit designation in April of 2008.



Lee Vogel observes as a MHMF Clinic student demonstrates her knowledge of sight, safety and action of a firearm.

Today Allan's daughter, Stacie Hubler is our board president.

587 families have participated in our clinics to date.

Our 100th clinic will take place this weekend, April 9 & 10. Why did you choose to launch or volunteer for this specific organization or fundraising effort?

Archeological findings have traced humans hunting in this part of the country that is present day Missouri going back at least 10,000 years.

The hunting tradition is going the way of the Jedi Knight. Each year more hunters retire from the field than the number of young people taking their place.

At the same time, there is strong evidence that children today are not getting the health benefits, knowledge, and experience associated with spending time outdoors in the natural world.

Through the clinic experience, we're hoping to pique their curiosity and show them the incredible world beyond the video screen. Describe any fundraisers or events that support the organization. We will be holding our 11th Annual "Shoot for the Future" Sporting Clays Benefit at Powder Creek Shooting Park Saturday, September 24th.

www.mhmf.us How can others in your community get involved? People interested in sharing their experience can support us as hunter education instructors and/or hunt mentors, but there are other opportunities to participate in our clinics and events with no hunting experience needed.

We rely on private landowners for a secure location to stage our youth hunts. Most of these folks see us only once or maybe twice a year but it's greatly appreciated.

Of course, supporting the organization through sponsorships, grants or attending our fundraising is a great help.

We are currently looking to fill a paid, full-time position of executive director.

Is there any other information you would like to share about your organization or group? It's probably the most fulfilling effort I've ever made. Seeing the look on a young man's face when he "powders" his first clay target or on a young lady when she carries her first turkey back to basecamp, it's incredible. You can see how their perception of themselves and the great outdoors has changed.