



**Colton Zirkle named Executive Director for  
Missouri Hunting Heritage Federation, Inc. (MHHF)**

*New Executive Director is lifelong Missouri resident with deep roots in Missouri's outdoor way of life and hunting traditions.*

**Kansas City, MO** – Missouri Hunting Heritage Federation, Inc. (MHHF) today announced that Colton Zirkle has joined the 501(c)(3) organization as Executive Director, effective June 13, 2022. Zirkle will focus on successfully carrying out and supervising activities that lead to the overall strategic, operational and financial wellbeing of the Federation.

“I am honored to accept this opportunity,” says Zirkle. “As a hunter, fisherman, trapper, and outdoorsman, my over-arching desire is to inspire fellow Missourians to protect and conserve our natural resources. This includes providing education and hands-on training to Missouri’s youth so they 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.”

Zirkle, who has a B.S. in Wildlife Biology and an M.S. in Entomology, has a long history of supporting Missouri conservation and working with youth. He joins MHHF from the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) where he helped recruit student leaders, promote events, and produce CFM’s electronic communications. His work included meeting Missouri state legislators, conservation partners and other state agencies to advance Missouri’s outdoor way of life.

Prior to joining CFM, Zirkle worked with the Missouri Department of Conservation, University of Arkansas and Roaring River State Park.

“Colton brings a unique blend of marketing, hunting, conservation and relationship management experience that MHHF needs in order to continue to grow and expand the Federation across the state of Missouri,” says MHHF president, Stacie Hubler. “We are fortunate to have someone with Colton’s credentials and passion overseeing the day-to-day operations of MHHF.”

An Eagle Scout since 2008, Zirkle is an active volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America. He is a life member of the National Rifle Association and Conservation Federation of Missouri. Additionally, he is a member of Missouri Outdoor Communicators and Quail Forever.

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MHHF is a 501(c)(3) service-oriented organization of volunteers who are passionate about Missouri's hunting history. MHHF 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 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.

Clinics are conducted throughout the year during Missouri's hunting and trapping seasons. Classroom courses and clinic activities are tailored to match the seasons. Hunter education, bowhunter education, and trapper education classroom courses are each taught by volunteer instructor members of MHHF certified by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC).

FOR CLINIC INFORMATION AND A SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS VISIT [mhhf.us](http://mhhf.us)



Colton Zirkle, Executive Director of the Missouri Hunting Heritage Federation.