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Local CNY NWTF Chapter Announces a New Name: **Salt City Long Spurs Chapter**

Formally known as the Central New York Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF), has officially changed the local chapter name to **Salt City Long Spurs Chapter** of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF)

Entering into the chapter's 18th year of activities & service, the chapter's board of directors and committee made the name change to better reflect the community it operates in, and to add a little character to the group. In the early years, the Central New York Chapter represented a very large area of Central New York including Oswego County, upper Cortland County and lower Jefferson County. Local chapters have since been established in these outlying areas that provide more local representation. The new name represents a part of the heritage of Onondaga County, and the City of Syracuse which is the core area that the chapter services and represents. Part of the new name also represents a coveted trophy attribute of the male wild turkey. The chapter's leadership in conservation projects, outdoor education, outreach programs for youth, women, and the disabled will continue in accordance with its mission statement.

About the Salt City Long Spurs Chapter NWTF: Founded in 1989 as a Local Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. The Salt City Long Spurs Chapter represents NWTF members in and around Onondaga County, the City of Syracuse, and surrounding communities. Each year the Chapter hosts Jakes (youth) events, Women In The Outdoor (WITO) events, facilitates wildlife habitat projects in conjunction with NYSDEC & Cornell Cooperative Extension, sponsors seminars & calling contests, and distributes over 1,500 lbs of corn to be left standing for wildlife each year. The Salt City Long Spurs Chapter works together with the New York State Chapter and National to benefit the wild turkey resource.

For more information on the Salt City Long Spurs Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation, call (315) 463-5545; on the web at www.saltcitylongspurs.org or e-mail questions to sclnwtf@earthlink.net

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About the NWTF: In 1973 when the National Wild Turkey Federation was founded, there were an estimated 1.3 million wild turkeys and 1.5 million turkey hunters. Thanks to the work of wildlife agencies and the NWTF's many volunteers and partners, today there are an estimated 5.6 million wild turkeys and approximately 2.6 million turkey hunters. Since 1985, more than \$164 million NWTF and cooperator dollars have been spent on over 21,000 projects benefiting wild turkeys throughout North America.

The NWTF is a 550,000-member grassroots, nonprofit organization with members in 50 states, Canada and 11 foreign countries. It supports scientific wildlife management on public, private and corporate lands as well as wild turkey hunting as a traditional North American sport.

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