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Predator Contest to Raise Funds for Niemann-Pick Disease Research in Honor of Local Family

Saltville, VA (February 15, 2012) – Lewis & Clark Outdoors of Chilhowie will sponsor a Predator Hunt Contest on Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25, with proceeds to benefit the National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation (NNPDF).

The Predator Contest is being planned in honor of Alisha and Amber Casey, daughters of Diana and James Casey of Saltville. Both girls have been diagnosed with the rare, genetic Niemann-Pick Disease Type C (NPC). NPC is a lysosomal storage disorder characterized by abnormal cholesterol and lipid processing at the cellular level. The disease is progressive and currently has no cure.

The Predator Contest will assign points for bobcats, coyotes and foxes. All predators must be hunted (not trapped), and taken within the designated hours of the hunt. There will be a minimum of two hunters per party, and no more than three hunters per party, although an additional cameraman may accompany a hunting party, if desired. Hunting may be done anywhere, and hunters must abide by all Virginia game laws.

The hunt will start at 6:00 p.m. on February 24, and hunters may register in advance anytime that day. The closing check-in will be at 11:00 p.m. on February 25. The entry fee is \$25.00 per hunter, payable at Lewis & Clark Outdoors, 1227 E. Lee Hwy., Chilhowie. First prize will be a \$25.00 gift certificate to Cracker Barrel Old Country Store and Restaurant. Contact Matthew Lewis at 276-646-3637 or stop by Lewis & Clark Outdoors for more details and complete contest rules.

The National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation (NNPDF) was established in 1992, when six families from across the nation met to establish a foundation to raise money for family support services and research. Since then, the Foundation's membership has grown to over 400 families, and nearly \$5 million has been applied toward research. As a result of this research, the gene responsible for Niemann-Pick Disease has been identified, and experimental therapies are being tested.

The NNPDF's Web site (www.nnpdf.org) provides education and awareness to a broad international audience. To further support families dealing with the day-to-day issues of caring for a family member with a terminal illness, the Foundation offers an annual Family Support and Medical Conference. The 2011 conference was held in Norfolk in August.

Community-sponsored fundraisers such as this Predator Contest support the research essential to winning the battle against Niemann-Pick Disease. The NNPDF funds postdoctoral fellowships that seek to find the cause of, and treatments for, Niemann-Pick Disease. The Casey family, like many families across the country affected by NPD, look forward to the day when no more lives will be lost due to NPD.

In addition to its work within the United States, the NNPDF provides support to the Canadian Chapter of the NNPDF, and collaborates with international Niemann-Pick Disease organizations.

For more information about the National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation, visit www.nnpdf.org or contact the NNPDF office at 920-563-0930.

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