

Registration Form & Information

UP Predator Challenge Rules

These rules are established to make the hunt enjoyable, challenging experience for all participants. All participants are expected to hunt in a sportsman's like manner observing all federal, state and local laws. Failure to abide by these rules will result in disqualification of entire team and forfeiture of registration fees.

UP Predator Challenge, the organizers, sponsors, and West Branch Sportsman's Club are not liable for accidents or damages to participants. All participations must sign a Liability Waiver to participate, those refusing to do so will not be allowed to compete and forfeit registration fees.

Teams will consist of 1 to 2 people.

1. Contest will begin Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 7:30 pm and will end Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 2:00 pm. **No Early Starts. MANDATORY HUNTER CHECK IN AT Skandia Township Community Center, 224 Kreiger Drive, Skandia and return to West Branch Sportsmen's Club, 1888 Engman Lake Road, Skandia before 2:00pm. GATES WILL BE LOCKED AT 2:00pm no exceptions.**
2. No road kills will be accepted.
3. All participants must have current State of Michigan appropriate hunting license(s) and abide by all game laws. (Fox and Bobcat require Fur Harvesters license)
4. Any predator with trap or snare marks will be disqualified.
5. Predators must be harvested in Michigan.
6. All predators will be registered at West Branch Sportsmen's Club, 1888 Engman Lake Road, Skandia.
7. Appointed judges will have final determination of any discrepancies and disqualifications.
8. No minors under legal hunting age are allowed to hunt, accompany hunters, or participate in any way. Minors over legal hunting age must register with an adult team member, they will not be allowed to hunt alone or with another minor. Minors must have a Liability Waiver signed by parent or legal guardian to participate.
9. Use of dogs is prohibited. Calling, stalking, and baiting are only acceptable methods.
10. All participants must have paid registration and signed liability release form to participate in hunt.
11. Winners are determined by point system:

Bounty for Each Animal:

*BOBCAT 30 PTS

*COYOTE 25 PTS

*FOX 20 PTS (no preference to species)\$20 bounty/except money winners

In the event of a tie, total weight of all predators will determine the winner. If total weight does not break tie, then first to check in will win the tie.

\$40 Entry Fee Per Hunter

Acknowledgement of Participant Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk, and Release of Liability.

I understand that during my participation in this UP Predator Challenge hunt, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards and risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which are inherent in each hunt and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the hunt. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the dangers of serious personal injury, property damage, and death ("Injuries and Damages") from exposure to the hazards of travel and the UP Predator Challenge has not tried to contradict or minimize my understanding of these risks. I know that Injuries and Damages can occur by natural causes or activities of other persons, animals, team members, or third parties, either as a result or negligence or because of other reasons.

I understand that risks of such Injuries and Damages are involved in hunting such as UP Predator Challenge and I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my own person and for others around me in the face of such hazards. I further understand that on this hunt there may not be rescue or medical facilities or expertise necessary to deal with the Injuries and Damages to which I may be exposed. In consideration for my acceptance as a participant on this hunt, and the services and amenities to be provided by the UP Predator Challenge in connection with the hunt, I confirm my understanding that:

I have read any rules and conditions applicable to the hunt made available to me; I will pay any costs and fees for the hunt; and I acknowledge my participation is at my own choice.

The Hunt officially begins and ends at the location(s) designated by the UP Predator Challenge.

-The Hunt does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to and from the hunt, and I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel.

-If I decide to leave early and not to complete the hunt as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave and waive all liability against the UP Predator Challenge arising from that decision.

-This Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforced for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and fully enforceable.

-To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to **WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY** the UP Predator Challenge, its officers, volunteers, sponsors, and judges from **any and all liability** on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries and Damages, even if caused by negligence of the UP Predator Challenge its officers, volunteers, sponsors, or judges, in any way connected with this hunt.

-I further agree to **HOLD HARMLESS** the UP Predator Challenge, its officers, volunteers, sponsors, and judges from any claims, damages, injuries or losses caused by my own negligence while a participant on the hunt.

I understand and intend that this assumption of risk and release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns. I agree to hunt in a sportsman like manner, obeying all local, state and federal laws, it is my responsibility to avoid hunting while intoxicated or under the influence of controlled substances. If I hunt with a minor (under age 18), I affirm I am their parent or legal guardian. I am responsible for their safety and adherence to all game laws. I assume all liability for their participation in the hunt. I have read this document in its entirety and I freely and voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries and Damages and not withstanding such risks. I agree to participate in the Hunt.

I have read, I understand, and I agree to the Rules of the 2026 UP Predator Challenge.

Team Name (optional) _____

Hunter #1 _____ Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State & Zip Code: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

MANDATORY Signature: _____

☐ **CHECK IF MINOR** T-Shirt Size:
Date of Birth: ____/____/____ M L XL XXL 3X

Hunter #2 _____ Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State & Zip Code: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

MANDATORY Signature: _____

☐ **CHECK IF MINOR** T-Shirt Size:
Date of Birth: ____/____/____ M L XL XXL 3X

\$40 Registration Fee per Person:

Includes Early Bird drawing, entry if received by January 23rd 2026.
Add \$5.00 for heaviest coyote (optional)

**Mail To:
UP Predator Challenge**

P.O. Box 118 Skandia, MI 49885

**Register & pay online!
A \$2.00 Fee Paying VIA Square
www.westbranchsportsmensclub.com**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

THURSDAY, January 29, 2026

4:00 pm - 7:30 pm Hunt Check-In

*Skandia Township Community Center
224 Kreiger Drive, Skandia*

****MANDATORY HUNTER CHECK IN****

Registration, first come first serve
Hunt begins after registration/check-in!

SUNDAY, February 1, 2026

11:00 am - 2:00 pm Hunter Weight-

In West Branch Sportsmen's Club Hunt

1888 Engman Lake Rd, Skandia

GATES CLOSE AT 2:00 PM SHARP!

1st Place \$800

2nd place \$400

3rd place \$200

4th place \$100

*\$5 option per person (\$10 per team) for
heaviest Coyote*

Bounty \$20 Per Animal

Exception Money Winners

TRIFECTA \$50.00 1Coyote,

1 Fox, 1 Bobcat.

Mark Your Calendar For

Next Years Hunt

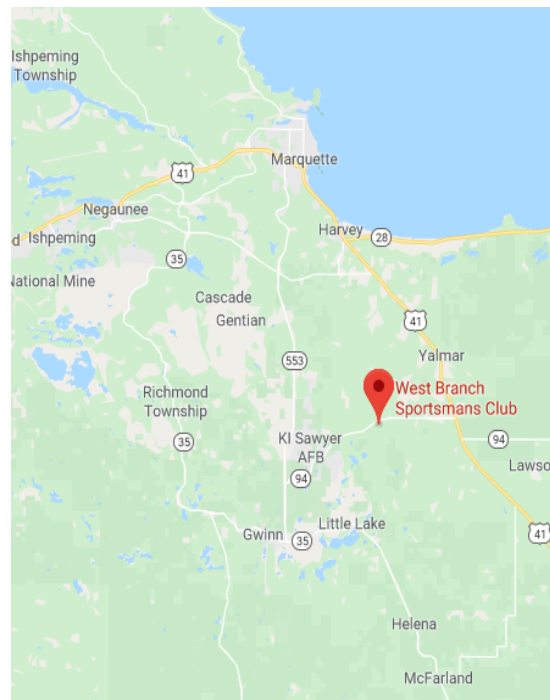
January 21st-January 24th, 2027

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:
WEST BRANCH SPORTSMENS CLUB**

DIRECTIONS:

FROM MARQUETTE: Take US 41 South, turn right on M94 East, go approximately 3.5 miles, Turn Left on Engman Lake Road, go 1 mile to Club, follow signs.

FROM RAPID RIVER: Take Us 41 North, turn left on M94 East, go 3.5 miles, turn left on Engman Lake Rd, go 1 mile to Club, follow signs.



West Branch Sportsmen's Club:

1888 Engman Lake Road,
Skandia Michigan, 49885

For more Information, Online
Registration, and Schedule of Events,
please visit us online at:

www.westbranchsportsmensclub.com

Or call John Conrad 906-250-7781

The Original 24th Annual

2026 UP Predator Challenge

January 29th -February 1st 2026

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Michigan 49885



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