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Hello and Happy New Year! We are happy to be sending this letter out to announce the 2010 Coyote hunts. This will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual open contest and 2<sup>nd</sup> annual youth hunt. We are excited about this and we hope you will be also.

**This years OPEN CONTEST will be February 13<sup>th</sup> and the YOUTH HUNT will be February 20<sup>th</sup>.** We are proud to announce that the open hunt will be held in **honor of TCHA member Lynn Howell**. Lynn served our country in Iraq and we here at TCHA are so grateful for his service and wanted to recognize him for his service to keep our freedom to even be able to have such a hunt.

2009 has been an eventful year for the TCHA. Last years 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Youth Coyote Hunt was a huge success, we are proud to say that 40 kids ranging in age from 7 to 16 entered the hunt, weather conditions made for a tough day but everyone still had a great time. In the spring of 2009 we hosted a youth shooting day, the kids brought their favorite coyote rifle & practiced at targets from 25 to 200 yards. After everyone had finished shooting we were able to enjoy a meal and fellowship with other hunters & their families.

The TCHA has teamed up with the National Predator Hunters Association (NPHA) for this years hunt, we will offer entry fee discounts for members of either organization. The entry fees are \$15 for TCHA / NPHA members and \$20 for NON-Members, hunters under the age of 16 will not have to pay an entry fee. For more information about the NPHA go to [www.thenpha.com](http://www.thenpha.com)

The hunt will award monetary prizes to the top 3 teams; many prizes will also be given away from the many sponsors we have secured this year. We have added 2 new things to the hunt this year. There will be a small silent auction and a raffle for a gun/scope combo. The proceeds from the auction and raffle will be used to sponsor one youth in West TN that would like to participate in a sporting event such as trap/skeet shooting. This youth will be decided at a later TCHA meeting. Concessions will be provided again at minimal costs.

The check in will be at Gibson Co. Fairgrounds in Trenton and the check in time of 6:30pm will be enforced with no exceptions. This allows our judges plenty of time to finalize the results. The temperature probe will again be used and our judges will disqualify anyone they feel has cheated. The 2x2x4 block system is again in effect with the addition that the mouth must be zip tied shut once the block is inserted. If your animal is not tagged properly, the judges have the right to refuse the animal. Check in will be similar to last year and we ask that you abide by the check in process.

You will find enclosed the entry form for the hunt and a breakdown of the rules. The deadlines for entry will be February 3rd and no late entries will be accepted. Please mail it to the address on the form. This allows the officers plenty of time to prepare for the hunt and ensure check in can run smoothly for the hunters. Member forms are also enclosed for those who need to renew or would like to join. Existing membership expires February 28<sup>th</sup> 2010. You can mail it to the address on the form or bring it to the hunt.

We look forward to having another successful hunt. If you have any questions, please contact one of the officers.

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