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Adult Hunter Education:

By now some of you have heard about the Hunter Heritage Bill Act 168. This bill has many new ideas added into the bill. One of them directly affects how the Hunter Education Program works. The bill required the DNR to offer an Adult Only Hunter Education Program. The program requires the DNR to put a Hunter Education Program online and then allow adults to log in and complete the training. Once completed the option was given to the DNR to either test the student further or allow them to graduate. So we opted to test the adults. Every adult must come in and complete a version of the student test and also complete the Field Test.

The Adult must complete the following:

1. Log into www.huntercourse.com and complete course. Cost is \$24.95.
2. Get their WI DNR Customer ID Number.
3. Schedule their time with the Adult Only Test-out Course with the instructor by email.
4. Attend Date and complete the 2 tests. Everyone is done within 1 hour. Cost of \$10.00.

We have hired certified Hunter Education Instructors to do this program. No other instructor is allowed to do this course.

IHEA Orange Action Sets:

Where are my guns?

Some of you have turned in your Orange gun sets to have them recalled by Remington. When Remington took the guns they repaired and returned them in a very timely manner. When we got them back we loaded them into a trailer to test and return to you. I then got a second call from Remington telling me that they needed all of the guns back. They were telling me of a second recall they had on the same guns. So they were all loaded back into a semi and sent back to Remington. As of August 8, 2012 111 of the gun sets are back and will be tested with the intent of having them back in your hands by Labor Day.

Hiring Updates:

Hunter Education Administrative Assistant-Full Time:

Congratulations to Brenda Von Rueden. As of June 4, 2012 she has accepted the full time promotion and has hit the ground running. If you need help in the Hunter Education Program please feel free to call her at 608-267-7509.

**Two New RSWs (Recreational Safety Wardens)
join the team: Heather Gottschalk and Jason
Roberts:**

Heather was hired as a Conservation Warden in 1994 with majority of that time being stationed in Beaver Dam covering western Dodge and eastern Columbia Counties. Heather has worked continuously with external partners to develop and promote youth and women in the outdoors. She has put on Pheasant and Turkey Learn to hunts for the past 7 years and participated in numerous other waterfowl LTH's. Heather has served on a multitude of committees and currently serves on the Operation Guidance Comm., Strategic Planning Comm., and is Chair of the K-9 Committee. Heather is Vice President of the Dodge County Friends of NRA who raise funds for youth shooting sports, a founding member of the Friends of Poynette Game Farm, an active member of Dodge County Executive LE Association, and is the SCR representative for the WI Conservation Warden Association (WCWA).

Outside of her life as a Conservation Warden, Heather continues to ride as Mounted Patrol Officer with the WI State Fair Police. As a 19 year member of this unit she responds to major gatherings such State St., Mifflin St., Capitol Protests and most recently the opening night riots at the State Fair Park. She also enjoys her horses by trail ride and competing at a national level in team penning. Heather enjoys the plentiful waterfowl and goose hunting opportunities in Dodge Co. with her friends and of course her lab Eider.

Heather will cover the following counties;
*Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago, Calumet,
Marquette, Green Lake, Fond du Lac and Dodge.*

Jason graduated in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science degree (Conservation Biology) and a minor degree in Criminal justice at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. After college, Jason was hired as a wilderness ranger for a summer season with the US Forest Service in Oregon and later with the Bureau of Land Management in Alaska. After returning in 2000, Jason enrolled in the local law enforcement academy and was hired as a LTE park ranger at Lake Kegonsa State Park. In 2001, Jason served as the deputy conservation warden for the Southeast region and worked with that team until 2002 when he was offered a position as a full time Conservation Warden. Jason was initially assigned to the Lake

Michigan-Racine field station where he spent the first five years of his career. In 2006, Jason transferred to the Walworth County field station where he has since served as the local Conservation Warden. Jason has worked tirelessly with the Hunter Education program and has put on hunting and shooting events each of the last 10 years as a Conservation Warden. Jason has organized sharp-shooter events as well as pheasant, turkey and small game hunts with many of our hunter education instructors, as well as our recent hunter education graduates. Jason lives in the Elkhorn area with his wife Gina and their Vizsla, Gunner.

Jason will cover the following counties;
Milwaukee, Racine, Walworth, and Kenosha.

**Welcome Heather and Jason!
New Support hired for the RSWs
(Recreational Safety Wardens):**

The following list of LTEs (Limited Term Employees) has started working for your regional RSW (Recreational Safety Warden). The goal is to take a little work off them to help make the RSWs more available to you and the other programs that they work in. Some of these names you will recognize and others are new. From time to time you may get a phone call, email, or letter from them.

Please welcome our new and existing LTEs to the recreational safety team:

Kimberly Cooley - Northeast Region assisting
Jeremy Cords and Heather Gottschalk

Katelyn Teschler - Northern Region assisting Jeff
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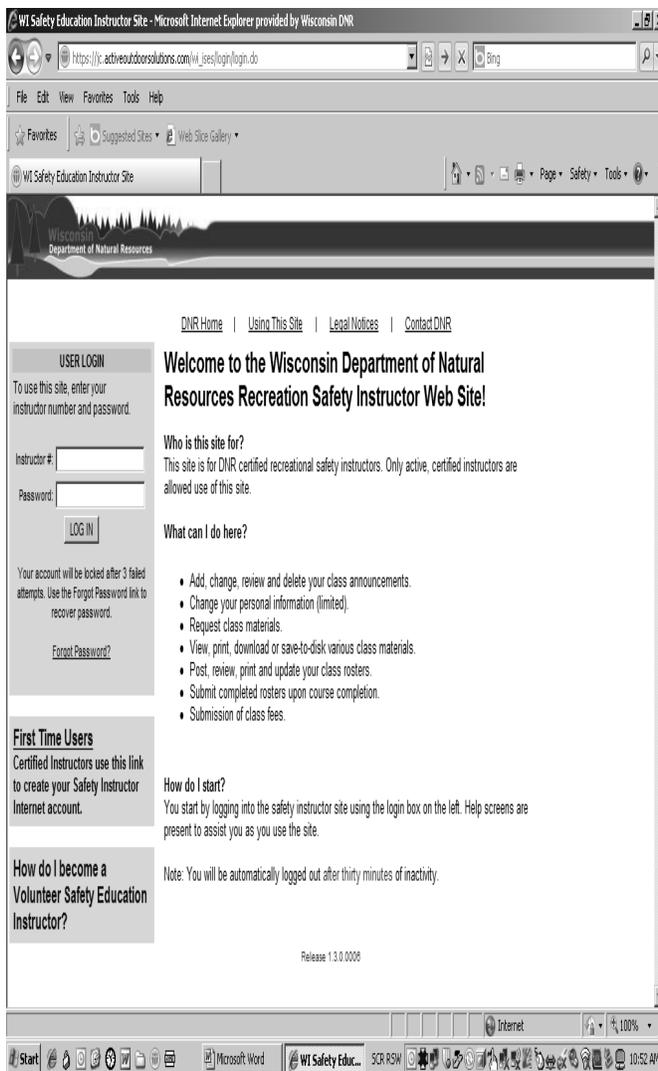
Natalie Beacom – Southeast Region assisting
Kyle Drake and Jason Roberts

John Karcher - South-central assisting Catherina
Nooyen

Ramona Worden - West Central assisting Bill
Yearman

Welcome Everyone!

Online Instructor Database Update: Are you using it yet?



https://jc.activeoutdoorsolutions.com/wi_ises/login/login.do

We now have a system that allows an active instructor to update the instructor profile, register a course, manage the roster and submit course fees online. It is called the "Instructor Interface", a site that is connected and managed within our current license system with Active Outdoor being the site vendor. As with any new website we're still working through a few glitches but we'll work through those. Bottom line, this system will make the job of an instructor easier and also reduce data entry and error corrects by DNR staff.

Couple key element with using the instructor interface system.

1. If using the system you should use it from start to finish.
2. If something prevents this from occurring be sure to attach a note to the hard copy roster and fees so when received in Madison we know it was started online. *Why??* – if the roster is created using the online system and then you submit a hardcopy roster/fee it creates a duplicate roster in the system. 1st is from the online system and 2nd when the hardcopy roster is data entered.

If you're a lead instructor and interested in learning more about the system contact your local Recreational Safety Warden.

Madison Area Safe Hunters Group receives Hunter Education Administrators' Award:



Madison Area Safe Hunters Group 2012

Standing, left to right as you view the picture: Ray Anderson, Steve Spaeni, Jamie Ruiz, Mike Hay, Phil Maier, Dawn Hay, Ken Heim, Nels Swenson (in back of) Ann Kasten (red shirt) Jim Mainguth, Tom Thoresen, Anthony Lindsey, Rhonda Ledin, John Glennon, John Karcher, Catherina Nooyen
Kneeling: Todd Schaller; Center sitting: Monica Kamal

Madison Area Safe Hunters Group was presented the 2011 Hunter Education Administrators' Award on Saturday August 4th for their willingness to change, and their desire to improve themselves. They have gone from teaching the traditional course to strictly teaching the one day internet field day. They continuously ask their students for feedback to help improve their courses. Ray Anderson leads this group and said:

"Your presentation of the 2011 Hunter Education Administrator's Award to our MASH Group was a very nice surprise. We are honored to have received this prestigious recognition. The award is the culmination of much teamwork and commitment by all instructors in our group. Thank you all" – Ray Anderson

Congratulations to the Madison Area Safe Hunters Group.

~ The Hunter Education Team

A message from FPGF (Friends of Poynette Game Farm) :

Friends of Poynette Game Farm (FPGF) is a 501c(3) non-profit organization (applied for) dedicated to supporting the goals and mission of the WI DNR State Game Farm. FPGF financially supports the pheasant stocking program and youth and novice hunting programs. FPGF recognizes and values the importance of providing hunting opportunities to youth and novice hunters or families interested in hunting. It is widely known that hunting participation significantly increases with the involvement of a mentor, someone knowledgeable about the outdoors and willing to teach and guide a youth or novice hunter in the field. Beginning in September 2012, FPGF will host 4 FREE Learn to Hunt pheasant programs at the MacKenzie Environmental Education Center in Poynette, WI. The goal of the mentored hunting programs is to develop and train LTH program leaders that will provide youth and novice hunting events in their local community. The goal is to support 25 events statewide by 2016. Additional information about FPGF can be found at www.friendsofwihunting.org or by calling the State Game Farm office at (608) 635-8120.

Instructor Vest Orders:

If you haven't received your instructor vest please send your orders or instructor group orders in by e-mailing brenda.vonrueden@wisconsin.gov. E-mail your instructor number, full name, size of vest, and where you would like the vest shipped to. The vest runs small so order a size larger than what you would normally wear.

A message from Tim Lawhern:

New Times, New Changes, New Faces
From: Tim Lawhern – Administrator, Division of Enforcement & Science

After almost 18 years as the Hunter Education Administrator the opportunity to serve the DNR from another position came along. As most all of you know in 2011 I was promoted to my current job and left the hunter education program. While

I'm not directly involved anymore in the day-to-day decisions you can rest assured that Hunter Education will always be on my radar. We advanced a long way during our tenure together; doubling the number of volunteer instructor, creating and delivering the world's first alternative delivery course, utilizing mass media like radio, TV and the Weather Channel to promote safe and responsible hunting to name just a few accomplishments; none of it possible without your support and continued dedication. Thank you to all of you that served as volunteer instructors and staff in the hunter education program along with me. Those years will forever remain a significant source of satisfaction in my life. But now, the reins have been turned over to another as they inevitably would be. All things come to pass and my time as the administrator of hunter education has come to a close.

Jon King is the new Hunter Education Administrator for Wisconsin. I've known Jon since he came to the DNR a number of years ago. We worked closely together on many things in the hunter education program. I'm hopeful that his years shadowing me in the program will serve him well but I am also hopeful that he will bring new ideas to the program. As many of you have heard me say in the past, change is inevitable but growth is optional. I am confident that with your help Jon can continue the tradition of leadership that our program has shown for many years. Give Jon the same commitment and support you so graciously offered me. If there ever has been a time when the "iron was hot" it's now. You have a strong supporter of hunter education in a high level position within the DNR that understands what volunteers and staff mean to the tradition of hunting in Wisconsin. So, make hay while the sun is shining as they say.

As Jon's program assistant he has the luxury of having Brenda VonRueden. Brenda now works full time for the hunter education program and no doubt will continue her excellent support for the program.

If you get to Madison please do drop by and say hello. My office is on the 8th floor and the door is open . . . most of the time.

Remember, Safe Hunting Is No Accident!

Tim

