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**THE BULLSEYE BULLETIN**  
**WISCONSIN HUNTER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER**

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***A note from our Section Chief;***

***Todd Schaller:***

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The word “REPEAT” is buzzing around the football world and the Green Bay Packers. I’m excited to say “REPEAT” is exactly what happened with the 2011 deer gun season, the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive fatality free 9-day deer gun season. The Packers star is Aaron Rodgers, the Hunter Education program stars are the Volunteer Instructors who give so much towards making hunting safe in Wisconsin.

Another highlight since the last Newsletter is all the work of past and present Volunteer Instructors since the program started in 1967. It is amazing that during the fall of 2011 the Wisconsin Hunter Education program certified its’ ONE MILLIONTH student. Based on 1,000,000 certified students it is easy to see why we have a downward trend in the number of hunting incidents. Education is a huge part of that downward trend with a key part being, hunters practicing what they’re taught.

Recently passed legislation of Wisconsin Act 51 changed Wisconsin’s firearm transportation laws and went into affect on the opening day of the 2011 Deer Season. As an agency we were not part of the Act 51 however, as you know it does have some impacts on the Hunter Education program.

The Hunter Education program will continue to teach that unloading and placing a firearm in a case is a good idea and when transporting firearms in or on a vehicle provides additional protection for the firearm. We will be changing the Hunter Education exams to reflect the law changes. Until this occurs please keep this change in mind when correcting question #39 on the written exam and appropriately modify the standards for question #24 on the field exam. Please remember that as Instructors, we can teach proper firearm handling however once the students leave the course they have the personal choice as to how they will transport their firearms.

For more information on the new firearm transportation law visit; <http://dnr.wi.gov/> and search on “Act 51”

We continue to get questions about the Carry Concealed Weapon and we’re also working to learn and understand the change and how it impacts the HE program. One question has been in reference to a student holding a valid CCW permit that is also carrying a firearm in the course. As such and unless the course location prohibits CCW based on proper signing or type (school ...) we cannot prohibit the legal carrying of a CCW or open carry.

For more information on the CCW law visit: <http://dnr.wi.gov/> and search on “CCW”

Based on progress with our hiring process we should have the new Hunter Education Administrator onboard by the next newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS on two great milestones and thanks for all your work in making hunting safe in Wisconsin.

***A note from your Hunter Ed Program Assistant:***

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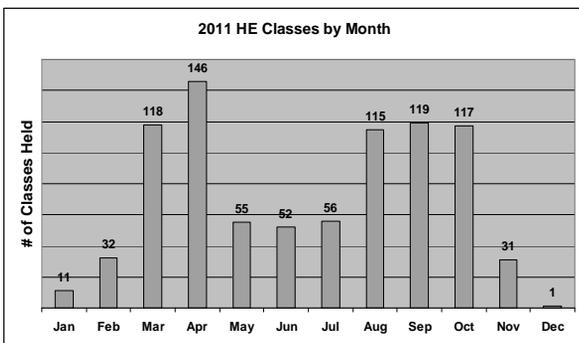
The hunting season is here and gone and so are the holidays. I hope your season was joyful and filled with many memories. May your new year be filled with much joy, happiness and success. I look forward to working with you in the coming year. Thank you for your continued dedication to Hunter Education!

These graphs are subject to change as there are still outstanding classes that haven't been sent to Madison.

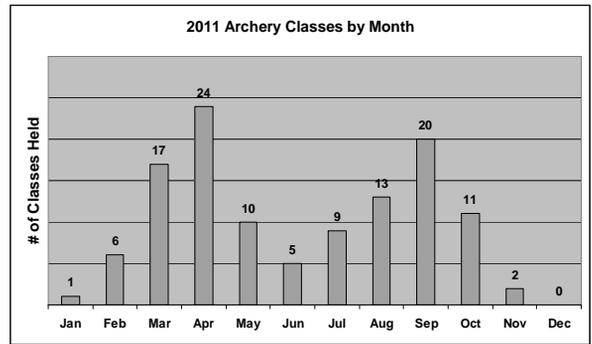
If you would like these charts e-mailed to you please contact me and I will send them to you.

**A BRIEF LOOK BACK AT 2011:**

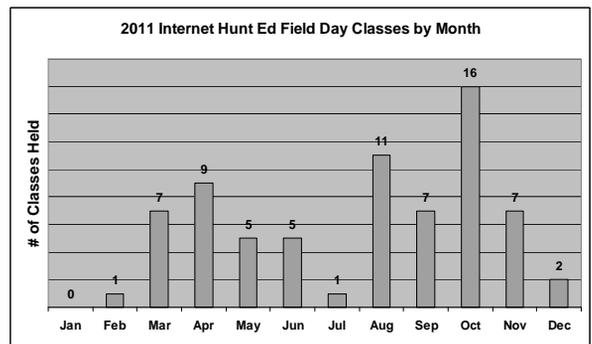
**Hunter Ed Classes held by Month**



**Archery Classes held by Month**



**Hunter Education Internet Field Days held by Month**



As of December 2, 2011 22,968 students have been certified in 2011 through attending a traditional hunter education course. 1,314 have been certified through attending either an internet field day course or one of our test out programs instructed by our RSW's. Additionally, 2,252 students were certified in the archery program.

You've helped recruit approximately 250 new hunter education instructors into the program this past year and 26 new archery instructors. ~ Thank You!

**FORMS ~ FORMS ~ FORMS ~FORMS**

**FORM 8500-130 Safety Course Registration Card ~ AKA "The START CARD"**

Your Safety Course Registration Card known as your "Start Card" (from number 8500-130) has been revised and is available online in an MSWord .doc or .pdf file. Please be sure to update your favorites or save the new form in place of your old form.

**FAQ's**

Q: Can I call and register my class over the phone?

A: NO

Q: Can I e-mail my “Start Card” to register my class?

A: YES           **E-mail start cards to:**

[DNRLESafety@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRLESafety@wisconsin.gov)

Please send them as an attachment in your e-mail.

Q: Can I still send my start card through the US Postal Service?

A: Yes

Q: What is the purpose of the “Start Card”?

A:

- 1) This is how you register your class with the DNR.
- 2) This is how you become insured through the State of Wisconsin if an incident would occur during your class.
- 3) Class materials are ordered when filling out this form.
- 4) By marking the “Class Full Field” Yes or No, will tell us if you want your class posted on the public DNR website. Yes means your class is FULL and it will ***not*** be posted on the public DNR website and NO means your class is not full and it ***will*** be posted on the public DNR website.

Keep in mind that this is not the only form available to you. Your roster forms are out there along with new instructor training forms, junior instructor application, the apprentice exam and the policy and procedures manual along with many other forms and teaching aids.

As always make your Recreational Safety Warden your first point of contact.

Here are some quick links to add to your favorites in your internet browser.

Safety Education Volunteer Instructor Corner Website:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/es/enforcement/instructor.html>

Volunteer Safety Instructor Forms:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/es/enforcement/instructorforms.htm>

Recreational Safety Warden Contacts:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/es/enforcement/Rswmap.html>

These are just a few of the sites, go take a look for yourself and as always feel free to call me with any questions.

### **INSTRUCTOR RE-CERT ~ ONLINE:**

One of your recertification options is to take the online instructor training course.

You need to contact your RSW or myself to obtain a payment voucher/coupon code. The website address has change and is no longer available on the IHEA website.

The new web address is

<http://www.ormtraining.com/>. Click on Hunter Education INSTRUCTOR TRAINING and enter the code the WI DNR supplies to you.

There are still a lot of codes available if you choose to recertify using this option.

Happy New Year! ~Brenda

### ***Staff Updates:***

Natasha Fye- Bureau of Law Enforcement  
Madison, WI



Hey there! I am super excited to be working as program support for the Recreation Safety Section- specifically ATV, snowmobile, and hunter education programs.

I was born in Madison and grew up half hour northeast of Madison in Columbus, WI. I grew up outdoors whether it be outside my house on the river ice-skating or on the lake at my family’s cabin in northern WI. After high school I’ve moved around a bit including a few months hopping around California and a couple years in Anchorage, Alaska where I spent most my time

camping and trying not to get eaten by bears. I have a year left until I graduate with an Undergraduate degree in Entertainment Business online from Full Sail University in Winter Park, Florida.

The most notable thing about me is that I love the outdoors. That's what led me in search of a job with the Wisconsin DNR. Outdoor recreation is my passion whether it is white water river rafting, kayaking, hiking, sailing, four wheeling, biking, or snowboarding; you name it and I'm there! Implementing and encouraging safety in recreation is important to me. I am active on two committee boards including UW Hoofers Outing Club and the American Diabetes Association Tour De Cure Committee.

My long term goal is to work with a search and rescue program and in my spare time produce outdoor documentaries. My short term goal is to get my private pilots license and also jump out of a plane for the first time. Preferably not the same plane I'm flying.

It's been rather interesting here on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor working with all these hunters, me being a vegetarian and all. It's been really fun and I've been learning a lot. However if you're passing around your deer stew recipes, no thank you but I'll share my famous pumpkin pancakes recipe with you. I am really looking forward to getting to know and work with any and all of you here at the DNR so feel free to stop by for a quick hello or say hi if you see me around.

P.S. Go Badgers!

Kimberly Jo Cooley



Northeast Region -  
Recreational Safety  
Program Assistant  
Green Bay, WI

The RSW Program Assistant (LTE) is responsible for assisting the Law Enforcement Recreational Safety Wardens (RSW) by providing support services necessary for the implementation

of the Department of Natural Resources Recreational Safety Education programs which includes Hunter Education, Bow-Hunter Education, and Boat, Snowmobile and All Terrain Safety in the 16 counties of the Northeast Region (NER).

Kimberly Jo is from Lancaster, Wisconsin (Grant County) where she grew up on a 400 acre dairy farm.

She graduated from UW-Richland with an Associate's Degree for General Education Requirements and then graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Ecology; Information and Education with minors in Captive Wildlife Management, Biology, and Conservation Biology.

Internships included working on a white-tail ranch in Texas, Wildwood Wildlife Park in Minocqua, NEW Zoo, and Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary.

Kimberly has volunteered with the DNR for opening weekend deer registration stations/CWD testing, sorting/sexing pheasant chicks in Poynette and water fowl bag checks.

She loves to be outside, give live animal programs, and her favorite animal is a skunk!

Join us in welcoming both Natasha and Kimberly to our Recreational Safety Education Programs.

### ***Great Job to our Hunter Education Volunteers!***

Thanks to all of you for providing quality hunter education courses!



David Rasmussen and his instructor group, Eau Claire, WI Eau Claire County.

Mr. Rasmussen,

Just wanted to send a note to thank you and all of the instructors for the outstanding Hunter Safety

Course!! All of the instructors were terrific and the demonstrations were great! The Field Day was wonderfully hands-on and was very well organized along with all of the classes. A thank-you to the gentleman at the fire range and to the Conservation Warden as well. The value of the course is priceless and all of the time and talent of all of you is very much appreciated!! Zach and I loved Dennis - he was very entertaining.

As a parent, I found it good to be able to sit in on everything. I took Hunter Safety growing up but taking the course again was a good refresher and I learned many things that I don't remember learning before.

When I called to sign Zach up for the class I was very surprised at the cost of \$10 and so was everybody that I mentioned it to. It may be the best \$10 I've ever spent.

Thank-you again to all of you for your time and talent!!!

Debora Hudson

Chief Meloy and his instructor group. Saukville, WI Ozaukee County.

Chief Meloy,

Brandon, Paige and I would like to thank you the instructors as well as yourself for the time that all have committed to present the Hunter Safety Course.

Not only was the information detailed, organized and interesting, the group of instructors assisted in creating a course that held attention. Each and every one of the instructors took all the students under their wings, made sure students understood and would be able to pass the course. On a personal side, thank you to all for having the faith in me to pass the field test and the written test, I would have never guessed I would have tears in my eyes attending a Hunter Safety Course.

THANK YOU.

Carolyn, Brandon, Paige Steen.

Alan Scholl and the Fox Valley Hunter Education group!

Hello Mr. Scholl,

Just wanted to take a minute and thank you and your instructors for the excellent hunter's safety course we attended August 26/27, 2011 in Appleton.

I spent some time sighting in and target shooting with my son this past weekend and it was very clear that he was paying attention during your instruction. We had a safe and successful time shooting and are looking forward to the upcoming hunting season.

Many of the lessons presented during the course are things that I have been stressing to my son and his friends for many years as they have grown up, but it really does help for them to hear it from another adult and teacher. My thanks to you and your volunteer staff for our time spent together and for providing myself, my son, and his friend many new role models and positive experiences.

A safe hunt to all of you,

Luke S. Wuest

NER & SER Regional Lead Pilot

Aeronautics Section

Bureau of Forest Protection

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Ray Anderson and his instructor group have done it again! Dane county, Oregon, WI.

E-mail #1: On Saturday, 01 October 2011, my son and I attended a hunter safety class in Oregon. Naturally we had no idea as to how the day would start or end but we wanted to take full advantage of the opportunities of learning about hunter safety. The class presented by Mr. Ray Anderson and his team of volunteers was amazingly well organized, well taught and moreover very informative. After spending 6 years in the army, I thought I knew a lot about firearms but my knowledge paled in comparison to what these ladies and gentlemen knew and how they disseminated information so that even the 12 and

13 year old kids could understand it so easily. Being that this was my first hunter safety class that I attended I have nothing to compare it to but overall this team did an excellent, excellent job and I truly appreciate them for giving up so much of their time to teach us. Awesome job!

E-mail #2: I recently took the Hunter Education course In Oregon WI (#53599). The instructors for the course were wonderful and very helpful. They made the course interesting and I learned a lot from the online course as well as from the instructors during the hands on experience. It is a wonderful thing that these instructors do to offer their time to teach the joys and safety of hunting!! I had a fun time and will never forget the experience and knowledge I have gained.

E-mail #3: Hi Ray:

It was a pleasure to meet you and on behalf of my son we truly thank you and your team for a fantastic job. We had a great time, learned a lot and are now looking forward to enjoying the outdoors more.

My best,  
Ernest

Way to go everyone! Keep holding those great classes!

## ***What happens after Hunter Education?***

Eli and Katya ~ new graduates of the WI DNR Hunter Education Program Eli and his first nub buck that he rattled in himself during the mentor hunt.

Dear Mr. Anderson,

Thank you for a great hunter safety field day. I learned so much about safety and hunting and had a lot of fun. I really liked shooting the clay pigeons. I love to go hunting and have been



pheasant hunting twice and I went deer hunting this weekend. I am sending you pictures. I harvested my first pheasant last weekend and shot a nub buck that I rattled in yesterday during the mentor hunt. I can't wait to go hunting again!

Thank you and all the people who helped teach me about hunter safety at the Oregon Sportsman Club. What a cool place. You guys really are great.

Your friend,  
Eli Koperski



Jim Sheahan and his nephew Josh during the Youth Mentored Hunt.

Hello Chief,

I hope all is well.....

I took my nephew Josh out during the Youth Mentored hunt two weeks ago (see above picture)

We sat together, and I have to say he remembered and constantly went through all the hunter safety rules you taught him.....he made me very proud.

He passed on two yearlings early Saturday morning and a nice 8 point buck as he was unsure of the shot.

He did tag this nice doe with an impressive 90 yard shot on Sunday morning.

He did help clean and butcher the deer, and then enjoyed some fresh back straps on the grill for lunch.

A day I will never forget!!!  
Hope to see you soon

**Free Admission to Certified  
Instructors and  
First Year Hunter  
Ed Graduates at  
the 2012  
Wisconsin Deer &  
Turkey Expo!**



Certified hunter education instructors will receive free admission to the 2012 Wisconsin Deer & Turkey Expo, to be held March 30 – April 1 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. All you have to do is show certification proof at the ticket window when you arrive. This is an on-going gesture from Target Communications, the Expo's producer.

“Instructors work hard. You are an important cog in the wheel that keeps hunting safe and enjoyable, and in hunter recruitment and retention,” said Glenn Helgeland, Target Communications president. “We’re pleased to be able to thank you in this manner for your efforts.”

In addition, all first-year hunters -- those who have passed a hunter education course within the past year -- also get free admission. All they need to do is present proof of course completion at the ticket window. This is a one-year offer, offered every year to first-year hunters. To qualify as a first-year hunter, the student must have passed the course between January 1, 2011, and March 29, 2012.

For details, go to the Expo's web-site <http://www.deerinfo.com/> and click on the Wisconsin show logo.

**EDUCATE - DEMONSTRATE –  
OBSERVE – CONGRATULATE**

Now is the Time to Take the Leap into EDOC.

The EDOC hands on lesson plan training has been around and encouraged for about 10 years now. Since this lesson plan process began it has constantly been refined and updated. Lesson plans have been edited, fleshed out and many new

lesson plans created. All through the development process many instructors have taken the initiative to add their input into the evolution of the lesson plans. The result is a pretty darn good library of lesson plans for instructor groups to use in the Hunter Safety courses.

Many of the instructor groups are using these lesson plans and taking advantage of the hands on EDOC teaching/learning process. Once the instructor groups try these lesson plans they love the process. By using the lesson plans instructors are finding out that their lesson presentations are more organized, thorough and in most cases a lot more fun to teach. One thing that I have noticed over the years is that if the instructors are confident and having fun the students are having fun. If the students are having fun learning they are learning more and retain the lessons longer.

Here is a list of the agendas and lesson plans developed for instructors to take advantage of the EDOC style of teaching.

- Basic/Extended Hunter Safety Course Agenda
  - Blood Trail & Deer Tagging
- Add On Bow Hunter Safety Course Agenda
  - Fence Crossing
- Plat Book & Asking Permission to Hunt
  - Ethics
- Firearm Actions
  - Firearm Carries
- Location of Safety
  - Shooting Positions
- Zones of Fire Inside
  - Zones of Fire Outside
- Tree Stand Safety
  - Compass Course

After 10 years of development of these lesson plans there has been widespread acceptance by the instructors who use them. Without exception once an instructor group switches to the EDOC style of teaching, using the lesson plans, they wish they had started using the lesson plans sooner. After 10 years of refinement the Hunter Safety Program has a high confidence level that using the lesson plans and EDOC style will improve the course instruction and learning. Unfortunately there are still many instructor groups who do not use these lesson plans or the EDOC style of

instruction. We are at the point now that there is an expectation for Hunter Safety Instructors to fully take advantage of the EDOC process of learning and use the lesson plans available. It is hard to change sometimes, and the lesson plans can appear intimidating and time consuming. But if you stick to the recommended 10 students/instructor ratio that allows small group instruction the lessons go pretty fast. Using the new agendas and getting advice and training from your RSW will help a lot. If you are still not convinced take this advice from your fellow instructors who made the leap into EDOC and lesson plan use. Try EDOC and the lesson plans, you will be glad you did and mad that you didn't try the lesson plans sooner.

Thank you for all you do. Your service to the hunting public is invaluable and we all appreciate your efforts. Safe Hunting is NO Accident.

Thanks, Jeff Dauterman

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## ***News from W.H.E.I.A.***

**<http://wihuntered.org/>**

December 3, 2011 – The 2012 Hunter Education Conference will be held on Saturday April 21 at the Holiday Inn & Suites, Rothschild, WI. Save the date and plan on attending. This statewide instructor event will be an excellent opportunity for you to share and discuss hunter education. For those of you still needing to be recertified, this event is on a weekend and will qualify for your continuing education requirement!

Conference registration forms will be available from the Instructor Corner of the DNR Website, the WHEIA website, or by calling the WHEIA secretary at: 715-664-8639.

Check in will be Friday night & Saturday before the conference. Updates to conference information will be posted to both websites and in the next Bullseye Bulletin.

Preliminary Agenda

9:00 AM Conference open.

Morning, general sessions

- Meet the new HE Administrator
- HE Program Update
- New firearm rules and regulations
- 2011 Hunting Accidents
- Mini-Manual
- Ask-A-Warden, Q & A time

Afternoon workshops (pick 2 of the 3)

- DNR's "new" Class Admin program (laptops will be available for hands on training)
- HE Tools 2011, Using video's in presentations
- Conducting Internet Classes

Evening session

- WHEIA dinner, Hunter Education Awards, Recognition of Instructor of the Year, proposed bylaw changes, election of officers, and fund raising raffles.

For Hotel contact information:

Holiday Inn & Suites

1000 Imperial Ave

Rothschild, WI 54474

For Reservations:

Telephone numbers: 715-355-1111 or 888-272-2792

Ask for Wisconsin Hunter Education code = WHE

For review of hotel details and information

Web address: [www.holidayinn.com/wausauwi](http://www.holidayinn.com/wausauwi)

A block of rooms has been reserved until March 23, 2012 at the rates of \$72 for a single and \$82 for a double. Beds are all queen size. Bring a friend to share expenses.

Instructor recognition! If you have someone you would like to nominate for the 2012 Instructor of the Year Award, send their name and supporting reasons to our WHEIA address, PO Box 24 Stevens Point, WI 54481. We will accept nominations up to March 31, 2012. Nominees will be recognized at the Hunter Education Conference.

To contact WHEIA, use the contact WHEIA tab at <http://wihuntered.org/Contact.html>

Pearl Holmstadt ~Secretary WHEIA