

PARTICIPANT APPLICATION:		State of Wisconsin
LEARN TO HUNT BEAR PROGRAM		Department of Natural Resources
<p>Notice: Applicant must be 10 years of age or older and not have participated in an LTH Bear program or purchased either a Class A or Class B bear license in the past. Application must be filled out completely to be considered eligible for this program.</p>		
<p>All applications must be postmarked by May 27, 2016.</p>		
<p>Purpose: To provide a bear hunting experience to novice hunters who would not otherwise have the chance to experience bear hunting.</p>		
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:		
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Date of Birth:	Sex:	M F
DNR Customer ID #:		
<p>REQUIREMENT! All Learn to Hunt participants are required to obtain a Wisconsin DNR Customer ID Number before the Learn to Hunt event. Students will be required to provide that DNR Customer ID Number along with their personal information to the lead mentor. You can obtain a DNR Customer ID Number by calling DNR Customer Service at 1-888-936-7463 between 7AM and 10 PM daily. Note: Your customer ID is the same number you may have for hunter education or on a prior hunting or fishing license.</p>		
Street Address (NO PO BOX)		
City State Zip		
Email Address		
County of Residence:	Home Telephone	
FAMILY INFORMATION (Required for participants under 18):		
Father's First Name: Middle Initial Last Name		
Street Address (NO PO BOX)		
City State Zip		
County of Residence:	Home Telephone	
Mother's First Name Middle Initial Last name		
Street Address (NO PO BOX)		
City State Zip		
County of Residence:	Home Telephone	
<p>If you have participated in a Learn to Hunt Bear event as a student, purchased a Class A bear license, Class B bear license, or preference points in Wisconsin or another state, you are not eligible to participate. A record check will determine if you have ever applied for or purchased a Class A or B bear license, or preference point(s).</p>		

QUESTIONS: The following questions are used to gather further information on the applicant and to inform the applicant on the needs and commitments of the Learn to Hunt Bear program. Please circle the appropriate answer.

1. Have you participated in a Learn to Hunt Bear before? **Yes No**

2. Have you ever accompanied anyone on a bear hunt or dog training? **Yes No**

If yes, how often? **Once Occasionally Frequently**

3. Does anyone in your immediate or extended family hunt bear (parent or step-parent, aunt, uncle, grandparent or step-grandparent, in-law, cousin, etc.)? **Yes No**

If yes, how much bear hunting experience do they have? **Some A lot**

4. Are you familiar with the application process (preference point, drawing, wait time, etc.) required of most bear hunters? **Yes No**

If yes, what do you hope to get out of this program? **a. to learn more about bear hunting
b. to hunt bear sooner c. to be able to harvest a bear**

5. Do you own (or can you borrow) a shotgun or rifle suitable for bear hunting?
Yes No If no we can work with you.

6. Which hunting method would you prefer? (Circle One)
Hunt with Hounds Hunt over Bait Either

7. Have you passed a hunter education course (this is not required for eligibility in this program)?
Yes No

8. Will a member of your immediate family be able to attend this hunt with you?
Yes No

9. Are you willing to travel anywhere in the state to hunt?
Yes No

10. In an effort to make this a complete hunting experience you may need to travel to the area of the hunt to meet with your mentor to prepare for this hunt. Such things as setting bait and checking for activity on or around the bait is usually done a few times before the hunt. While hunting with hounds you may need to travel to the area to practice running the hounds ahead of the season.

Are you willing to travel to the area of the hunt more than one time to prepare for this hunting experience? **Yes No**

11. In addition to question 10, you will be required to attend a training day ahead of the hunt. Most of these training days will be on the Friday before the hunt, which is a Saturday and Sunday. Are you willing to pay costs associated with travel (i.e. food, gas, lodging, ammo, etc.)?
Yes No

12. In 600 words or less (200 words minimum) please explain why you are interested in the LTH bear program and what it will mean to you if you are selected. Please include in your description your desire to hunt and/or teach someone else to hunt, describe your outdoor experience, and previous exposure to hunting (if any).

Participant Signature (full name): Date:

Adult or Legal Guardian Signature (required if under 18): Date:

*Email address for contact: _____

I hereby release any individual or institution, including its officers, employees, or related personnel, both individually and collectively, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind, which may at any time result to me and/or my property because of compliance with this authorization and request to release information or any attempt with it.

Mail application to: LTH Coordinator LE8, 101 South Webster Street, Madison, WI 53707

Questions can be emailed to: **keith.warnke@wisconsin.gov**

If you qualify, your name will be placed in a pool of applicants and a drawing will be held by early June