

MENTOR APPLICATION:		State of Wisconsin 4100-217
LEARN TO HUNT PROGRAM-BEAR		Department of Natural Resources
Notice: Applicant must be 18 years old or over.		
Purpose: Mentors have a very important role in the Learn to Hunt Program. They must be a trusted person who is a good role model. It is very important that the LTH -- participants are not exposed to individuals who may jeopardize their safety.		
First Name:	Middle Initial	Last Name
Date of Birth	DNR Customer ID#	
Street Address (NO PO BOX)		
City State Zip		
County of Residence:	Home Telephone	
The following questions are used to assist us in matching you with a participant		
1. What deer management unit do you bear hunt in?		
1a. What adjacent deer management unit connected to the unit above do you most frequently bear hunt in?		
Please circle one or both of the following: Do you prefer to hunt with? Hounds or Bait or Either		
As a mentor, I understand the goals and expectations of the Learn to Hunt Program. I also understand the responsibilities I assume as a mentor in promoting the future of hunting through the Learn to Hunt Program. Knowing the goal, responsibilities, and expectations I agree to meet them and model them through my participation as a mentor in the Learn to Hunt Program.		
I agree that the department may make appropriate inquiry into my criminal history, character, and background to determine the suitability for my proposed activity.		
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.		
Signature(Full Name)		Date
Mail To: LTH Program LE8, RSW Jon King, 101 South Webster Street, Madison, WI 53707		
LE USE ONLY:	CCAP:	Viol. Compact Coord. Signature
OTHER:	Central Office RSW Signature	
Approved	Denied	Other:

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Bear Hunting Group This portion should also be filled out to identify the group that you will be working
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with for the Learn to Hunt Bear Program. Please make sure that all of the names listed below have filled out the first page of the application and have submitted it so they can be considered as a mentor. This information will allow us to keep in contact with your group.

Name of Group: Create a name for your Mentoring Group

Group Leader			Date of Birth	Phone
First Name	Middle	Last Name		
First Name	Middle	Last Name	Date of Birth	Phone
First Name	Middle	Last Name	Date of Birth	Phone
First Name	Middle	Last Name	Date of Birth	Phone
First Name	Middle	Last Name	Date of Birth	Phone
First Name	Middle	Last Name	Date of Birth	Phone
Junior Mentor First Name	Middle	Last Name	Date of Birth	Phone

Mentor Application - Learn to Bear Hunt

Thank you for your interest in becoming a mentor in the Learn to Hunt program (LTH). The Learn to Hunt Program is a great way to recruit new hunters into the sport of hunting. It's also a chance for you to give something back to the sport you enjoy. Being a mentor is a great experience, but carries with it some responsibilities. If you are going to be a LTH mentor, it's very important you understand the goals of the program. The expectations for LTH mentors flow directly from the desire to achieve these goals.

Four Major Goals of the Learn to Bear Hunt Program

1. To provide a bear hunting experience to youth or novice hunters who would not otherwise get that chance to hunt bear other than through the Learn to Hunt Program. The goal is to provide a bear hunting experience to people outside the bear hunting community by reaching out to those who currently do not bear hunt and do not have a connection to those who do. It is not the purpose of the Learn to Bear Hunt Program to provide a means of gaining additional bear harvest tags or increasing hunting opportunity for individuals or groups of mentors who currently hunt bear.
2. To provide a safe and memorable first-time introductory bear hunting experience through experienced mentors who conduct themselves in a safe, legal, ethical, and responsible manner so as to enhance the image of hunters and the sport of hunting. The hunts should be conducted as if everything that happens before, during, and after the hunt is something everyone would be proud of being on the front page of the paper.
3. The primary purpose of the Learn to Bear Hunt program is to emphasize the educational and experiential aspects of bear hunting for novice hunters. While harvesting an animal is a great culmination of the hunt, it's not the ultimate goal. The goal of the LTBH program is to help the student experience a first-time quality bear hunt under the direction of experienced mentors. A well-rounded bear hunting experience includes: learning about the habits of bear, checking baits for sign, gaining knowledge of tracking and handling hounds, proper shooting techniques, and firearm safety. A successful event will result in:
 - a. An appreciation for the role of hunting in conservation and the skills needed to be safe, successful, legal, responsible and ethical hunter.
 - b. The importance of the social aspects of the hunt that results from hunting with family and friends.
 - c. An understanding of the ethical and legal responsibilities that go along with being a hunter, and the importance individual hunter behavior has on the image of all hunters and the hunting tradition.
 - d. The novice hunter leaves with the desire to become a hunter, or alternatively, the novice hunter leaves with an experience that results in them not becoming an anti-bear hunter.
4. To provide an opportunity for experienced bear hunters to contribute to overall conservation efforts by giving something back to the hunting heritage through recruiting the next generation of safe, legal, ethical and responsible hunters to carry on the bear hunting tradition.

Why is a background Check Done?

Mentors have a very important role in the Learn to Hunt program. They must be trusted people who are good role models. It is very important that LTH participants are not exposed to individuals who may jeopardize their safety. It is also important that mentors who are chosen enhance the image of hunters and the sport of hunting. LTH mentors must be of such character and background to ensure aspiring hunters learn the safe, legal, ethical, and responsible way to hunt.

