WHAT'S NEW IN HUNTER EDUCATION

WISCONSIN DNR – BUREAU OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

POLICY CHANGES & UPDATES

In Hunter Education

New Policy – Hunter Education Course Length
The course minimum length is ten hours. Effective Jan. 1 2016 course length should not exceed 19 hours over 21 consecutive days.

New Policy - Exploding Targets
Targets that use a substance such as Tannerite or other similar mixtures of powders to create an exploding target shall not be associated with any hunter education activity.

New Policy – Live Fire (which includes the Internet Field Day)
There is no requirement to shoot a firearm or bow to pass a Hunter Education or Bow Hunter Education program. Live fire exercises are optional and if conducted are required to be done only under strict supervision and controlled areas.
If live fire exercise is conducted it shall follow the policy of the Hunter or Bow Hunter Education Programs.

New Policy - Hunter Education Field Exam
The Hunter Ed Field Exam is 20 questions, no more than four wrong to pass.
A student will fail, if the muzzle is pointed in an unsafe direction during testing or the student has their finger on the trigger or pulls the trigger during the testing.

Amended Policy – Years of Service Awards
All Years of Service Awards are mailed directly from Madison to Instructors with a letter of appreciation. Instructors are advised to contact their RSW or local warden if they'd like an in-person presentation at an upcoming class, event or Instructor Appreciation Banquet.

If you have questions regarding the Hunter Education program please contact
Jon King, Hunter Education Administrator.
608-575-2294 or e-mail jon.king@wisconsin.gov
OR
Brenda Von Rueden, Hunter Education Administrative Assistant.
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4 RULES OF FIREARM SAFETY

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Treat every firearm as if it is loaded

Always point the muzzle in a safe direction

Be certain of your target and what's beyond

Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot

WHAT TYPES OF COURSES DO WE OFFER

In Hunter Education

Option 1: Basic Hunter Education:
A classroom setting consisting of a minimum of 10 hours (possibly up to 19 hours). Hunter responsibility, ethics and firearms safety are stressed throughout the classes. These courses commonly include a Saturday or Sunday field day at the range. Cost is $10.00 and there is no minimum age requirement.

(Note: This field day cannot be used in place of the internet field day)

Option 2: Online Internet Hunter Education Course + Field Day:
Students are required to find an internet field day and register with a certified online hunter education instructor. After passing the online course, students must attend a **mandatory** field day including additional hands on training, written exam and practical exam.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Hunter Education Program accepts three online courses:
//www.huntercourse.com/usa/wisconsin/ ($24.95)
//www.hunter-ed.com/wisconsin/ ($24.50) or
//homestudy.ihea.com/ (free)

No other online courses are accepted at this time and there is no minimum age requirement to enroll in an internet hunter education field day course.
The course is written at a sixth grade level (12 year old) and can be difficult for students age 10 and under.

Note: In both the Internet Field Day AND Adult test out there is a $10.00 WI DNR fee which will also be required to obtain your WI DNR Hunter Education Certificate.

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NOTE:

Anyone born on or after January 1, 1973 is required to take a Hunter Education course.

In Wisconsin, a Hunter Education Certificate allows customers to buy either a firearm or an archery license. An Archery Education certificate without a Hunter Education Certificate only allows the purchase of an archery license in Wisconsin.

Hunter Education certification is accepted in all US States, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Austria, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland

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ADULT HUNTER EDUCATION

Option 3: Adult Online Internet Hunter Education:
Anyone 18 years of age or older at the time of the exam are required to find an adult only internet test date and register with a DNR employee. These tests are offered bi-monthly at WI DNR service centers throughout WI. This option requires completion of an online course accepted by the WI DNR. The two online options available are:

http://www.huntercourse.com/usa/wisconsin/ ($24.95) or
http://www.hunter-ed.com/wisconsin/ ($24.50)

A $10.00 WI DNR fee will also be required to obtain your WI DNR Hunter Education Certificate.

There are 5 regional contacts for the Adult Hunter Education Program:

Kate Teschler – NOR (715) 635-4267
Katelyn.Teschler@wisconsin.gov
Kim Cooley – NER (920) 360-2361
Kimberly.cooley@wisconsin.gov
Natalie Beacom – SER (262) 574-2115
Natalie.beacom@wisconsin.gov
Charles Earhart – SCR (608) 732-3194
Charles.earhart@wisconsin.gov
Linda Xiong – WCR (715) 839-3758
lindav.xiong@wisconsin.gov

Note: In both the Internet Field Day AND Adult test out there is a $10.00 WI DNR fee which will also be required to obtain your WI DNR Hunter Education Certificate.

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WHAT IS ADULT HUNTER EDUCATION?

Anyone 18 years of age or older can search for a hunter adult only class type on our WI DNR website: https://jc.activeoutdoorsolutions.com/wise_student/app/classSearch.do

Register with the instructor by following the class notes instructions.

The instructor will communicate what to expect during the test.

Show up at scheduled test time with photo id, internet field day voucher from the online course, and $10.00.

A twenty question practical exam will be given. There is no written exam.

The exam takes the average person 15 minutes to complete.

ARCHERY EDUCATION

Option 1: Basic Bow Hunter Education Course

A bow hunter education course which lasts a minimum of 10 hours. Cost is $10.00. No minimum age requirement

Option 2: Add-On Bow Hunter Course

This course is taken in addition to a Hunter Education course. Add-on bow courses must be taken with the same instructor group as the Hunter Education course was taken. It must be taken within the previous 12 months of the Hunter Education course. Cost is $10.00. No minimum age requirement.

Requirements

- To participate in the Bow Safety Add-on Course, students must have obtained a Hunter Education Course Certificate from the same Hunter Ed Group within the previous 12 months
- Minimum course length is five hours over two days
- Instructors must follow provided Bow Safety Add-on course agenda
- Course must be conducted by certified Bow Hunter Education instructors
- The Add-on Course is a separate course and as such is required to be recorded on a separate course roster, with separate student registration forms and course fees

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NOTE:

Wisconsin's Bowhunter education program is voluntary and a Bowhunter education certificate is not required to bow hunt in Wisconsin.

However, numerous other states, certain federal properties, and other countries do require a Bow Hunter Education certificate from a course approved by the National Bowhunter Education Foundation (NBEF) in order to bow hunt.

Wisconsin has adopted the NBEF program and the WNDR courses are acknowledged and accepted worldwide.

Visit the hunter safety web page:

http://dnr.wi.gov/education/outdoorSkills/safetyEducation.html#tabx3