

KANSAS HUNTER EDUCATION

Since the beginning of the Kansas Hunter Education Program in 1973, The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has relied on volunteers to teach the course. It is this core of dedicated volunteers that has made this program extraordinarily successful.

Your interest in becoming one of these dedicated volunteers is appreciated. This pamphlet is designed to acquaint you with the duties and responsibilities that volunteer Hunter Education Instructors take on, as well as what is expected of the volunteers.

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Becoming a Kansas Hunter Education Instructor



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WHAT ARE HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS?

Hunter Education volunteer Instructors are representatives of the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks and the Hunter Education Program. As importantly, they are representatives of the tradition of the hunt. They are expected to be professional level instructors who are knowledgeable about all aspects of the Hunter Education Course. Instructors are expected to be ethical and responsible hunters who can pass on the traditions of the hunt in a manner that brings credit to the sport and to those who participate in the hunt. Instructor conduct, in and out of class, must be above reproach.

Volunteers become Instructors for many different stated reasons: contribute to the community; desire to work with young people; desire to pass along the tradition to the next generation of hunters; desire to teach the ethics and responsibilities of the hunt; concern for the future of hunting; appreciation of the natural world and many others. Most often the unstated reason involves a deep love for the hunt and all that goes with it that must be shared and passed on.

After 1 July 2007, all new instructors will be classified as Hunter Education Instructor Class 2 once they have completed all the pre-certification training. Class 2 Instructors are authorized to teach all subjects in a Hunter Education class, to include live fire and field exercises. Class 2 Instructors are not authorized to organize any classes.

Being an Instructor involves a commitment to spend the time and personal resources necessary to become certified, remain certified and most importantly to make yourself available to assist other instructors in the conduct of Hunter Education classes. The Hunter Education Program does not reimburse Instructors for the time spent in training or conducting classes and does not routinely reimburse you for the cost of using your personal vehicle.

WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM INSTRUCTORS?

You can expect to spend three hours in preparing for every hour that you teach and additional time spent assisting with class set up, administration, class control and whatever else might be needed.

You will be expected to portray a favorable image of hunters, hunting, and Hunter Education; to be a positive role model for the students as well as the community at large. Any action that brings discredit can result in revocation of instructor certification.

Certification as a Hunter Education Instructor requires the following:

When all these steps are completed and upon passing a detailed background check you will be certified as a Hunter Education Instructor Class 2.

1. Submit an application to the Hunter Education Section in Pratt.
2. Pass an initial background check.
3. Complete an on-line Policies and Procedures course.
4. Attend a New Instructor Orientation Course.
5. Assist in teaching a Hunter Education Course. Be evaluated by and receive a recommendation from an Area Coordinator, Organizing Instructor or other designated individual.

Full details of the requirements for completion of each step will be provided by the Hunter Education Section upon acceptance of your application.

REQUEST AN APPLICATION?

Program Applications are available by calling the Hunter Education Section at 620-672-5911, by mailing the attached request or on-line at http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us/news/other_services/education/hunter

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I would like to make application to become a volunteer Kansas Hunter Education Instructor. Please send an application to:

Name

address

city, state, zip code