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Dear Camper,

Thank you for signing up for the DEC **'Bowhunter Education Course'** during your stay at a DEC Summer Camp. Please be aware that classes may be cancelled due to low enrollment.



This course requires you to complete homework before arriving at camp. Two to four weeks before your week at camp, you will receive a bowhunter education manual in the mail that includes the homework sheet in its center. You can also find the manual on our website at: <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hunting/hunter-education/courses-certifications#Bowhunter>. From the website, you can download the bowhunter education manual at no cost. The file size for the manual is very large, so please print only the homework.

Bowhunter education participants usually camp outdoors, onsite, after completing the course.

Please note: While this course is taking place, campers not enrolled in the class typically go offsite for any overnight backpacking trip.

The homework should take several hours to complete. You will **not** have the opportunity to finish the homework while at camp. **If you arrive at camp without the completed homework sheet, you will be unable to participate in the course.** Please bring the manual with you for reference during the class. If you do not receive a copy of the manual in the mail, you will receive one at camp.

The NY Bowhunter Education course is required for hunters who use a bow and arrow to hunt deer or bear. While this course is not required for hunting deer with a crossbow, or for using a bow and arrow to hunt small game or turkey, DEC encourages you to take this course to learn bow and tree stand safety techniques. **Other Requirements: a DEC Hunter Education Course is required in addition to this course to obtain a bowhunting privilege. The minimum age to take part in this course is eleven while the minimum age to hunt in NY is twelve.**

We appreciate your interest in the Bowhunter Education Program and look forward to our week with you this summer.

Thank you,

Jackson Patterson
Camps Administrator