

# NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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Dear Camper,

Thank you for signing up for the DEC **'Hunter 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 hunter 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#Hunter> From the website, you can download the hunter education manual at no cost. The file size for the manual is very large, so please only print out the homework sheet.



Hunter 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 an 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 don't

receive a copy of the manual in the mail, you will receive one at camp.

The NY Hunter Education course is required to purchase a hunting license in New York. The course covers the necessary safety techniques and responsibilities that a hunter must know when using a gun, muzzleloader, crossbow or bow to pursue wild game. **Additional Requirements:** *the minimum age to take part in the course is eleven while the minimum age to hunt in NY is twelve. After successful completion of the course, students will receive a **certificate of qualification** necessary for purchasing a first-time hunting license.*

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

Thank you,

Jackson Patterson  
Camps Administrator