



Thank you for signing up for one of our Hunter Education courses during your camper's stay at a DEC Summer Camp!

You can check which course you signed up for in your registration confirmation email and on the [registration website](#). Only one course (hunter, bow, or trapper) is offered [per camp, per week](#).

Things to know before your camper arrives for their week.

- This course has required homework to be completed before camp and brought to check-in.
 - The homework should take several hours to complete and there is not an opportunity to complete the homework during camp.
 - **If campers arrive without the completed homework sheet, they will be unable to participate in the course.**
- About two to four weeks before your session starts you will receive the manual for your course which will include the homework.
 - You can download the manual and complete the homework at any time, for no cost, from the DEC's [webpage](#) for Hunter Education Program Courses and Certifications.
 - Please bring the manual to camp. If you do not receive one in the mail, there will be copies available at camp.

Hunter Education

- This course is required to purchase a hunting license in New York State.
- 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.
- The minimum age to take this 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](#).

Bowhunter Education

- Required for hunters who use a bow and arrow to hunt deer or bear.
- 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 taking this course to learn bow and tree stand safety techniques.
- **Note:** A DEC Hunter Education course is required in addition to this course to obtain a [bowhunting privilege](#).
- The minimum age to take this course is eleven while the minimum age to hunt in NY is twelve.

Trapper Education

- Required to [purchase a trapping license](#) in NY.
- This course teaches the necessary safety techniques and responsibilities as a trapper when setting traps to catch wild game.

While the hunter education courses are taking place during the camp session, campers not enrolled in the class typically go off-site for an overnight backpacking or paddling trip. Campers enrolled in a hunter, bow, or trapper education class instead will usually camp outdoors on the camp property after completing the course.

We appreciate your interest in participating in one of these programs and look forward to our week at camp!