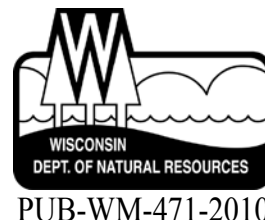




# Hunting Opportunities for Youth 2010



## Hunter Education

Hunter Education is offered statewide throughout the year with most classes in February-April and July-September. Visit the DNR website at [dnr.wi.gov/org/es/enforcement/safety/hunted.htm](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/es/enforcement/safety/hunted.htm) for more details.

## Hunting Mentorship Program

The Hunting Mentorship Program was implemented to allow any person the opportunity to hunt with a mentor without needing to first complete Hunter Education. A mentored hunter must be at least 10 years old, possess the appropriate hunting license, permits and tags, and must hunt within arms reach of a mentor who is 18 years of age or older. The mentor must have a current valid hunting approval, and completed a hunter education course if born on or after January 1, 1973. Visit the following website for more complete information on rules: [dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/hunt/mentor.htm](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/hunt/mentor.htm)

## Learn to Hunt Program

The Learn to Hunt Program is an educational opportunity designed to help novice hunters, both youth and adults, have a high quality, safe, and rewarding hunting experience under the guidance of experienced hunters.

Many of these Learn to Hunt events are sponsored by local conservation clubs and organizations under the supervision of the Department. See DNR website at [dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/hunt/learnhunt.htm](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/hunt/learnhunt.htm) for more details and upcoming programs in your area.

## Learn to Deer Hunt-Buckhorn State Park

For hunters ages 10 and up who have two years or less of hunting experience. Application must be sent by July 15. Successful applicants and their chaperone are required to attend a workshop in order to participate in the hunt. The workshop is one day and successful applicants will be assigned to either the August 21 or the 22 workshop. The deer hunt is on November 6 and 7. Visit the Buckhorn website for an application and complete set of rules at [dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/specific/buckhorn/hunt.htm](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/specific/buckhorn/hunt.htm)

## Learn to Deer Hunt-Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center

Note: A student who has participated in the Sandhill youth deer hunt program is not allowed to participate in the Buckhorn hunt and vice versa.

Youth (12-15) and Beginner Adult (ages 16 and over) Learn to Hunt Deer Workshops are one day and run from 8 am to 5 pm. The Beginner Adult workshop is on September 25. Several youth workshops will be held during the month of August. Applications must be post-marked by May 31. All participants must be enrolled in or have completed a Hunter Safety course. The hunt is tentatively set for November 6 and 7.

Visit the Sandhill website for a complete set of rules and applications for all programs at [dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/rec-lands/sandhill/outdoorskillscenter.htm](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/rec-lands/sandhill/outdoorskillscenter.htm).

### **Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center offers several other workshops that include:**

#### **September 18 & 19-Trapper Education Workshop**

For ages 12 years old and up. Required by law for first-time trappers. Two-day course provides hands-on learning about humane and efficient manners of trapping. \$25.00 fee includes 3 meals, dorm stay, and manual. Bring your own lunch on Saturday. Register by September 10. See Sandhill website above.

## **Wisconsin Outdoor Education Expo**

This youth expo is a completely free opportunity for kids of all ages to enjoy hands-on activities that will teach them about archery, fishing, dog training, firearm safety, wildlife and conservation heritage. This year's expo will be held at the Dodge County Fairgrounds in Beaver Dam on May 13 and 14, 2010.

Please visit [www.wisexpo.com](http://www.wisexpo.com) for more information.

## Youth Hunt Weekends

For wild turkey, white-tailed deer and waterfowl, one weekend each year (prior to the normal hunting season), has been set aside for persons 10-15 years of age (resident and non-resident) to gain experience. All youth hunters need to have successfully completed a Hunter Education Program (unless participating in the Hunting Mentorship Program), hold all required permits and tags, and be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian 18 years of age or older. The adult may not accompany more than two youth hunters.



### Spring Turkey Youth Hunt

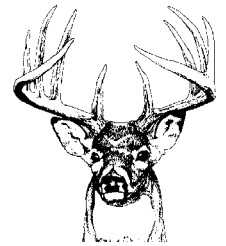
*April 10 and 11*

A spring turkey license, stamp and valid carcass tag is required. Youths can hunt regardless of what time period their permit is issued for, but may only hunt in the Turkey Management Zone designated on their permit. Bag limit is one male or bearded turkey in total during this two-day youth hunt. All other hunting regulations apply.

### Youth Deer Hunt

*October 9 and 10*

Youth hunters may hunt deer with a gun in all Deer Management Units except state park and non-quota units. A gun deer hunting license is required. The bag limit is one buck per Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag plus additional antlerless deer per Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag valid for the Deer Management Unit the youth hunter will be hunting. Youth hunters are exempt from Earn-A-Buck requirements during the October 10 and 11 hunt. All other hunting regulations apply.



### Youth Waterfowl Hunt

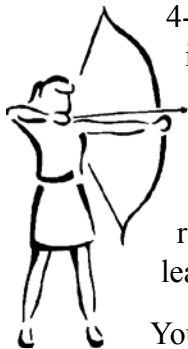


*Tentative dates: September 18 and 19 (Dates will be finalized in Mid-August)*

All license and stamp requirements are waived for eligible youth duck hunters on these 2 days. We expect the duck bag limit to be same as the regular season. Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration is required of all youth hunters and to harvest a Canada goose, the youth must possess a Canada goose harvest permit for the zone he/she is hunting in. All other hunting regulations apply.

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## 4-H Shooting Sports Program



4-H Shooting Sports programs are available to youth from third grade through the year following high school. Shooting Sports disciplines include archery, air pistol, hunting/wildlife ecology, muzzleloading, rifle, shotgun, and reloading.

The objectives of the program are to: 1) create an appreciation and understanding of natural resources, 2) teach youth firearm and archery safety, 3) develop self-confidence, personal discipline, responsibility and sportsmanship, 4) provide training for volunteer instructors, and show volunteer leaders how to plan and manage shooting sports clubs.

Youth may join the 4-H Shooting Sports program by contacting the 4-H Youth Development Educator in their County Extension Office. A list of competitive shoots, adult certification workshops, and additional information on the Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports program may be found at: [www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/index.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/index.cfm)

Wisconsin is also part of the **National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP)**, and will be holding a state tournament on March 26 and 27 in Wisconsin Rapids. To participate a student must have had NASP during school hours during the current year. Contact Dan Schroeder, the state coordinator, for more information at: [daniel.schroeder@wisconsin.gov](mailto:daniel.schroeder@wisconsin.gov).