

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Physical Activity Ratings

Please review the physical activity rating at the end of every class description:

Minimal = the class is not very physically demanding

Moderate = the class has a medium amount of physical activity

Rugged = fairly strenuous, may require hiking over uneven terrain

Note: the number behind the Physical Activity Ratings (*Moderate, 12*) is the maximum number of participants for each class session offered. Class registration is first register, first serve. No class changes after arrival.

BOW TUNING: A bow must fit the shooter. There are several things to consider when buying a bow for hunting. Arrows must be designed for the particular bow you select and must be the proper length for your draw length and the bow must be adjusted to the individuals draw. Sight, rest and nocking point must match the person using the bow. All these things allow the shooter to be more successful and thus have a happier hunting experience. *Moderate, 12*

BOWHUNTING, Basic: This class will include information on bow selection, fit, tuning, and necessary accessories for your bow. Instruction will be given on shooting techniques as well as hunting with a bow. You will have an opportunity to shoot on a 3D range with instructor guidance. Participants may bring their bows. *Moderate, 12*

INTERNET-BASED HUNTER EDUCATION: Receive your hunter education certification in only six hours of class time instead of the usual ten hours. Complete the rest of the class beforehand by taking the International Hunter Education Association's internet course at www.ihea.com. Print out and bring your completed quizzes to the class. **You must come to the Saturday night session** and the Sunday morning session to be certified. A score of 80% on the written test is required. *Moderate, 30*

MAP AND COMPASS: Not everyone is Daniel Boone and it can be easy to get lost in areas you are not familiar. Fog or darkness can make things look different and it is very easy to become turned around. This course will show you how to use a topographical map and compass to find your way in the woods. *Rugged, 12*

MUZZLELOADING, Basic: This class will introduce the student to the use of muzzleloader rifles. They will learn gun safety, how a muzzleloader operates, and how to use one in the hunting environment. Students will spend time on the range actually shooting muzzleloaders. *Moderate, 12*

PISTOL, Basic: You will learn how both pistols and revolvers operate. You will receive instruction in the fundamentals of pistol shooting and have the opportunity to shoot both semi automatics and revolvers. *Moderate, 12*

RECOVERY OF WOUNDED GAME: This class is designed to help the hunter recover wounded game that may have not been hit properly for a quick recover. Blood, bone and other signs will be discussed to show the participant what this sign is telling you. You will also be shown signs that tell you if it is better to wait or go and retrieve immediately. Participants will follow signs in the field to learn what kind of sign to look for. *Rugged, 12*

RIFLE, Basic: Classroom discussion of rifle parts, actions, marksmanship and the safe handling of firearms . Introduction of the scoped .22 rifle on the range with instruction in handling, shooting and marksmanship for the beginner and intermediate shooter. Also a hunting scenario woods walk weather permitting. Students may have the opportunity to fire one or two rounds with a centerfire rifle if they wish, time permitting.

Moderate, 12

RIFLE, Advanced: prerequisite: Basic Rifle or Va Big Game Rifle required

On the range discussion of safe handling of firearms also marksmanship, shooting positions and sighting in a scope. The goal of this class will be marksmanship with target practice at 25, 50 and 100 yards and practical experience sighting in a scope. Students may have the opportunity to fire a few rounds with a centerfire rifle if they wish, time permitting.

Moderate, 12

SHOTGUN, Basic: Students will be introduced to different shotgun actions, shot selection, and firearms safety. You will learn about patterning your shotgun. On the range you will have to opportunity to shoot at clay birds coming from different directions and speeds. Instruction will be given on shooting fundamentals to help you become a better wing shot.

Moderate, 12

SKEET: This shotgun game is an excellent way to hone your wingshooting skills for hunting season. This class will teach the basic fundamentals and rules of skeet. It is recommended that students who sign up for this class have taken a basic shotgun class. Bring your own shotgun if you like or use one provided. Other than during the class, your firearm must be unloaded and locked in your vehicle. *Moderate, 10*

SMALL GAME HUNTING: Most people start their hunting career hunting small game. Rabbits, squirrels and other small game give the new hunter more opportunities and quicker excitement than hunting larger game. Firearm selection, hunting techniques, and information about getting started hunting small game will be provided. *Moderate, 20*

SURVIVAL: This is an informative class about how to prepare when going into the field. The most important safety tool you have is your brain. Learn how to use it when things don't go as planned. Anyone can become lost, injured, or for other reasons have to spend an unplanned night in the woods. Learn how to do so comfortable and safely.

Rugged, 12

TRAP: This shotgun game is an excellent way to hone your wingshooting skills for hunting season. This class will teach the basic fundamentals and rules of trap. It is recommended that students who sign up for this class have taken a basic shotgun class. Bring your own shotgun if you like or use one provided. Other than during the class, your firearm must be unloaded and locked in your vehicle. *Moderate, 10*

TRAPPING: Trapping is a sport that can teach you a lot about our wildlife community. There are several fur bearers that can only be harvested and their population controlled by trapping. Learn the art of properly setting up a trap line and the care of the pelts from your harvest. *Moderate, 16*

TURKEY HUNTING SKILLS: In this class you will learn about the stages in the year of a turkey's life and how that will affect how you hunt them differently in the fall compared to the spring. Patterning your shotgun and shot size selection will be demonstrated. Clothing, blinds, and the wide selection of calls will be discussed with the opportunity to try some calls. Safety practices when turkey hunting will be discussed and scouting for sign.

Moderate, 20

WATERFOWL HUNTING: Many people love waterfowl hunting. The worst weather is the best waterfowl hunting weather which calls for extra safety measures around and in the water. In this class you will be exposed to the techniques used and the calling needed to be successful. *Moderate, 20*

WILD GAME COOKING: Culinary fun in the kitchen and on the grill. Try a variety of new recipes for venison and rabbit, along with complementary side-dishes. Taste-test a couple of exotic game treats too. Learn techniques and recipes for dutch oven and crock pot, grill and campfire, skillet and fryer. Bring a few of your own favorite game recipes to share, if you wish. And bring your appetite; there'll be plenty to eat! *Minimal, 16*