



Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow

Hunting Awareness & Conservation Education

Firearms and Equipment Handling

Goal: To provide a safe experience of handling, loading, and unloading firearms of the five basic actions, and their associated safeties, and handling a muzzleloader and various pieces of archery equipment.

To confirm the best shotgun fit, introduce participants to the proper mounting and stance when shooting a shotgun, and discuss the location and use of the safety mechanism(s).

To provide an up-close hands-on experience with various parts and pieces of ammunition.

Objectives: After this block of instruction the participant will be able to:

1. Handle each of the five basic firearm actions, as well as a muzzleloader and archery equipment.
2. Describe loading and unloading of the five basic firearm actions.
3. Match firearms and their proper ammunition.
4. Identify the basic components that make up cartridges and shotshells.
5. Locate and understand the importance of safeties.

Why This Is Important for a Natural Resource Professional

Understanding safe firearm handling is a critical element for safe hunting and shooting. Understanding gauges, calibers, and the lethality of various firearms is critical in establishing hunting regulations and will make professionals knowledgeable and more credible with hunters.

This information will assist in establishing credible hunting regulations that will be supported by hunters.