



# Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow

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## Hunting Awareness & Conservation Education

### Reflections on the Hunt

**Goal:** To convey that hunting is a complex of sensory, emotional, and philosophical elements that are more personal than social in nature and that are difficult to express adequately; that, for most hunters, hunting tends to be more than meets the eye, or ear, of non-hunters.

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

1. Frame or favorably refine their perspective about hunting based on their subjective experience.
2. Reflect on the sensory elements of the hunt and begin to understand why hunting is so enjoyed by and so important to hunters.
3. Explain that hunting is much more than killing.
4. Explain that most hunters paradoxically venerate the animals they hunt and kill
5. Recognize and appreciate the unique and sometimes conflicting sense of accomplishment that comes from being a hunter.
6. Articulate their observations, feelings, and reservations about their hunt and about hunting in general.

#### Why This Is Important for a Natural Resource Professional

Understanding the full range of senses, emotions, and satisfactions derived from hunting will allow managers to develop programs that meet these multiple, and highly variable, satisfactions. In addition, being able to explore and discuss the full array of aspects involved in hunting, including those that may not meet the high ideals established by CLFT participants, will assist managers to understand these issues and become aware of effective methods to discuss them with future constituents.