



Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow

Hunting Awareness & Conservation Education

Hunter Safety and Education

Goal: To convey that safety is the foremost concern and responsibility of any hunting experience. To explain how state programs are developed, delivered, funded, and recognized across state and national boundaries.

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

1. Describe outdoor safety and education programs.
2. Explain the historic impact on hunting incidents, coupled with other influences.
3. Discuss funding of state outdoor education programs.
4. Describe the National Standards set by IHEA-USA for all state-approved hunter education courses and the concept of reciprocity.
5. Explain that some state and regional specific hunter education issues are not specifically addressed in "Today's Hunter".

Why This Is Important for a Natural Resource Professional

Understanding that outdoor education programs exist across the country, their development, delivery, and funding will make professionals more credible when talking with and about hunters. Understanding the role and effectiveness of hunter education programs will assist professionals when setting and changing policy.

Additional Resources:

Hunter education online tools and information are available from:

- <http://www.ihea-usa.org>
- <http://www.hunter-ed.com>
- <http://www.freshaireducators.com>
- <http://www.hetools.com>
- Most states provide on-line hunter education courses, customizing content for each state.