



Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow

Hunting Awareness & Conservation Education

Hunting Methods and Equipment

Goal: To ensure that participants are aware of common methods of legally harvesting game animals in North America, as well as the motivations, opportunities, skills, and differences for hunting with rifles, shotguns, handguns, muzzleloaders, common archery equipment, crossbows, and other emerging technologies.

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

1. Describe the use of various methods and equipment while hunting.
2. Explain firearms suitability and legality for hunting.
3. Describe various ways that hunters make decisions on a particular method of take they will use for a single outing or an entire season.
4. Understand how various external and internal factors influence a decision on a particular method of take.
5. Describe other equipment and accessories often regulated while hunting, trapping, and fishing.

Why This is Important for a Natural Resource Professional

Hunters choose to use a variety of equipment to harvest game and fish based on opportunity, personal choice, regulations, and tradition. Natural resource professionals should be aware of the various methods and regulated equipment used to harvest game animals. It is important that professionals understand how various methods are used in the field by hunters and the reality of their potential impact to wildlife resources. This may ultimately assist understanding and determining the management goals of specific game species, policy development, and the motivations of hunters in specific areas and at specific times.