

HUNTER EDUCATION NEWS & IHEA JOURNAL



DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT
EDUCATION SECTION

FIREARMS SAFETY / ADVANCED
HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Q and A On the Future of Firearms Safety Hunter Education

There is a lot of misinformation being passed around amongst instructors without first exploring the facts.

- ◆ Q. Is the Department trying to do away with of the classroom course?
- ◆ A. The traditional classroom course is NOT GOING AWAY! We value this proven format of instruction and the Instructors who provide it.
- ◆ Q. Is the online course option a good alternative?
- ◆ A. The Online (HunterCourse.com) option provides students with a quality learning experience. It exceeds statutory standards for knowledge based learning objectives. This is a high quality learning method and is used by 34 States and 12 Canadian Provinces. It is a fully approved method of instruction for anyone 11 or older. When used with the new range day format it provides an exceptional experience. If you haven't looked at the course; go to HunterCourse.com and check out the Minnesota version.
- ◆ Q. Why was the field day modified to scenario based learning?
- ◆ A. This should have been done years ago. Many instructors have been using variations of this for sometime. The scenario based field day allows the student to experience real hunting and gun handling situations, just like they will encounter in the field with their friends and family. Instructors critique students on muzzle control and their decision making in shoot-don't- shoot situations along with all the other mandatory activities we currently do thru scenarios rather than demonstration/station-based activities. This format allows online/classroom students the hands-on they need to succeed.
- ◆ Q. Why are we going to Student Self-Certification to pay DNR course Fees?
- ◆ A. Governor Pawlenty directed all state agencies to identify how technology could be used to reduce state operating costs. The Department directed our Safety Training Section to use technology to reduce our operating costs. Having students self-certify and pay online using the DNR web site, will considerably reduce our cost of providing several of our programs. These include Firearms, Snowmobile and ATV safety. Our cost for printing of certificates, providing patches, mailing and staff time involved with processing rosters and fees collected will be reduced considerably. There is much more about this new form and process on pages 5 and 6 of the newsletter.

CAMP RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT? Victim/shooter was sitting preparing to clean his Glock handgun. To start the dismantling process requires pulling the trigger. The gun fired shooting thru his left hand, the Glock Manual on his lap, then thru his left thigh. Victim should have read the manual before starting. It says make sure the magazine is removed and the chamber is empty! Make sure the firearm is pointed in a safe direction THEN pull the trigger! Many things went wrong here... All were preventable...

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Reminders from Ripley/Notices/Special Offers

Please remember that you **MUST** submit your order for supplies at least 30 days prior to the start date of your class. This insures that you will receive your supplies well before the starting date. Please check your supplies immediately upon receipt and notify us if there is something missing.

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Please remember to check the age of your students prior to the start of your class. Several rosters were again received with students who could not lawfully be in the class because they were too young.

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Please call or e-mail us with any questions or comments that you have. Your comments and suggestions help us to provide better service to you and your students.

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So far in 2011 over 6,000 students were certified in Hunter education Youth Firearms Safety.

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SPRING CLEANING

Please take time to inventory any remaining supplies you have. Organize and determine what you need or don't need for your next supply request.

IHEA INSTRUCTOR DISCOUNTS

Over 23 companies can be found on the IHEA web site that offer Instructor Specials on equipment.
www.ihea.com

Instructor Organizations

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IMPORTANT **Attention Firearms Safety** **Independent Study Instructors** **(16 and Older Course)**

The IHEA online course has been replaced with the HunterCourse. The process for certification remains the same. Students will be required to present their HunterCourse Range and Field Day Voucher and MN specific exercises before being allowed to take the exam and participate in Range Day activities. Your students will be better prepared because of this change.

Please Help!!
The Independent Study Instructor List on our website needs to be updated. Please go to: http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/firearms_isa/index.html and click on the volunteer instructor (pdf) to access the list. Please find your name and verify the information. Email any phone number or email address changes to: donna.schulz@state.mn.us if you wish to be removed from the list, please send Donna an email.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Our E-MAIL
Address Has Changed
To:
enforcement.education@state.mn.us

Just drop dnr out of the previous address or all new e-mails to staff.
Call if you have questions....

Each Conservation Officer has computer projectors and DVD/VCR players for you to use for your course. Some also come with computers. Please take advantage of this user-friendly equipment. Bring technology to your classroom.

More Product Discounts
Hunter Safety Systems
Fall Arrest Harness
1-877-296-3528

Alan Madison Productions DVD/Videos 1-887-404-3311

Henry Repeating Arms Company
.22 rifles both Lever and Bolt action
718-499-5600 or
www.henryrepeating.com

Federal Cartridge Company Has training aids available for purchase. For more info, contact Ryan Bronson at 763-323-3872 or
ryan.bronson@atk.com

WORD FIND CONTEST WINNERS
In the last edition, we started a contest to encourage everyone to read this important newsletter. The words to find in the previous edition were: CHANGE, ADOPT and ADAPT. Six instructors were correct with 30 times these word were found in the newsletter. All will receive a \$10.00 Gander Mtn. Gift Certificate. Congratulations to:

David Dux #20905
Jonathan Keranen #20085
Susan Foix #17693
Marti Oeltjen # 14516
Terry McNaughton #17159
Charles Foix # 15332

This editions 2 find words are:
DNR , Self-Certification
As you read thru the 8 page newsletter count the above 2 words. Five names will be drawn from all correct entries. Send your answer along with your name and instructor number to:
enforcement.education@state.mn.us

Only 1 entry per instructor. Entries will close on July 1st 2011.
Reading Newsletters Can Be FUN !!!



Improved DNR Web Site and New Messaging Service



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
www.mndnr.gov



In this ever changing electronic age we live in, it's becoming ever harder to keep up with unending changes in formats and communication delivery methods. Our Education and Safety Training pages on the DNR web site are very extensive to cover all the programs we offer along with the pages used to provide services to instructors...We are always playing catch-up in providing quality up-to-date services the public demands.

Over the past 18 months Safety Training staff have made changes to documents style, look, and process we provide on the MN DNR website at mndnr.gov. If you look at the website frequently you might have noticed these changes. There are changes to the instructor training pages and instructor resource pages. These are designed to make our site more user friendly for potential new instructors for all of our programs. The new tab format should be easy to follow and understand. There have also been enhancements for student and parents also. We always encourage instructors to order supplies and make notification of upcoming courses in their communities via our web site at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/index.html>

A new automatic e-mail service is now up and running.

The listserv process we had for the past 10 years was replaced by Gov Delivery. If you haven't seen an e-mail from us in a while it's probably because you didn't make the transfer to the new site. We encourage All instructors to again sign-up for **Instructor News** on the instructor pages of the website at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/email.html>. In addition to signing up for instructor information you now have a menu of other DNR notifications that you might be interested in, these include:

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| General MN DNR news and newsletters | Special interest topics |
| DNR Volunteer News | Aggregate Mapping |
| Education News | Burning Permits |
| Fishing Newsletter | CPL Grant Program |
| Forest Heath Newsletter | Forestry Education |
| Hunting Newsletter | Fire Danger Restrictions |
| School Trust Lands News | Hydropower News |
| Sales | Metallic Mineral Lease Sales |
| Land Sales Information | Monthly Data Releases |
| Metallic Mineral Lease Sales | Preference Rights Leases |
| Nursery Sales Information | Regulations |
| Preference Rights Leases | Rocks & Minerals |
| State Timber Sales | State Forests |
| Surplus Equipment Auctions Information | State Forest Closures |
| | Weekly Streamflow Report |

New Student Self-Certification Form and Process

Starting immediately you will be receiving the **NEW Student Registration-Parental Release and Self-Certification form** with your supplies. This Form replaced the previous Registration and Parental Release form. (Throw the old forms away) Use the new form just as you have in the past. However, you no longer collect the DNR \$7.50 course fee. The Student/Parent pays the DNR Course fee online by following the instructions on their Yellow copy (see page 6). This form is no longer a Temporary Certificate. Students are to only receive the Yellow Copy upon successful completion of the course. Please be sure that the **Instructor Number** is legible, because the student/parent will be required to enter this number as part of the self-certification process.

Please continue to fill-out rosters A and B and send to Camp Ripley within 5 days of completion of your course. **DO NOT** send any fees if you are using this form. Instructors can still collect up to the \$7.50 for additional supplies and materials for the course.

IMPORTANT Review the New Self-Certification process with the Students and Parents at the start and end of your course. It's very important that everyone understands the new process.

*****Instructors are reminded to send Rosters A/B to Camp Ripley within 5-days of completion of the course.**

*****No DNR course fee should be included.**

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FIREARM SAFETY HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM
Student Registration-Parental Release
and Self-Certification Form

Minnesota DNR – Division of Enforcement – Safety Training Section

Important: By law, you are not required to furnish all information requested below. However, to generate a DNR Safety Training Identification Number, which will become public record, the below information is required.

I hereby give permission for the below named student to attend the Minnesota Firearm Safety Hunter Education Program as specified, and agree to furnish all of the information as requested. NOTE: The Firearm Safety Hunter Education Program requires shooting of live ammunition.

It is understood that permission to attend the Firearm Safety Hunter Education Program involves instruction by Minnesota Safety Training Instructors, as well as the use of these privileges of attendance. I hereby waive any claim or cause of action of any nature arising as a result of, or in connection with, the instruction or use of the aforementioned facilities by the below named student, or arising from his or her presence on or about the said facilities of the said organization, its instructors or representatives.

*****IMPORTANT: CERTIFICATION IS NOT VALID UNTIL YOU COMPLETE ALL COURSE REQUIREMENTS. THIS DOCUMENT IS SIGNED BY A CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR AND YOU FULLY COMPLETE THE SELF-CERTIFICATION AND FEE PROCESS*****

The information provided below must be complete and accurate. This information will be used to generate a DNR Safety Training Identification Number and DNR Number, which is the student's lifelong safety certificate number.

FULL Legal First Name:

FULL Middle Name:

Last Name:

DATE OF BIRTH: / / (Ex.: 06/06/1998)

EMERGENCY CONTACT #1 (not required)

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:

Does this student have special needs or behavior problems the instructor should be aware of? Yes ___ No ___ If yes please contact instructor.

Emergency Contact: Telephone #

Signature of Parent, Guardian or Adult Participant (required) Date

Once signed by your instructor, this document certifies you have fully completed eligibility to be certified in Minnesota DNR Firearm Safety Hunter Education. Your next and final step to complete your certification is to go online and enter your information and make payment to the DNR Licensing System to obtain an original Firearm Safety Certificate. *****IMPORTANT*** CERTIFICATION IS NOT VALID UNTIL YOU COMPLETE THE SELF-CERTIFICATION AND COURSE FEE PAYMENT PROCESS. See instructions on reverse.**

Use this Certificate #: Certificate Number:

This is to certify that the above named student successfully completed all instructional components of the Minnesota DNR Firearm Safety Hunter Education course. This Document must be signed by a DNR Certified Instructor to be valid. This document is valid for ONE YEAR from the date of completion.

Instructor Signature: Instructor Number: Date Completed: / /

Student Training Record (circle one)	Additional Fee	Pass Written Exam	Pass Field Day Requirements	Class Attendance:
YES/NO	YES/NO	YES/NO	YES/NO	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

The following information is provided voluntarily to assist the variety of individuals on an equal basis through our education programs:

Ethnic Background: Codes: AA - Asian American; SL - African American; H - Hispanic; C - Caucasian; NA - Native American; O - Other Code: _____

Disability: Codes: E - Enrolled; H - Hearing; M - Motor; MV - Multiple; S - Sight Code: _____

DISTRIBUTION: WHITE - Instructor CANARY - Student

Use a copy of the students Birth Certificate to verify correct **FULL LEGAL NAME** and DOB.

Verify **AGE** of the Student Prior to the beginning course date! Are they 11 or older prior to your course beginning date?

A Social Security Number is **NOT REQUIRED** to complete this form. The student only provides SSN information when Self-Certifying online.

All Students must have a Fully Completed and Signed/Dated Form prior to starting the course.

Upon Full Completion of the Course, the Instructor will again verify all information is correct, sign/date and immediately give the Yellow Copy to the Student.

Each new form has a unique pre-printed number required for verification when Self-Certifying. The instructor number is also required** PLEASE MAKE SURE THE NUMBER IS LEDGIABLE***for student verification when Self-Certifying.

IMPORTANT: Remind students and parents that they are not fully certified until they complete the Self-Certification Process listed on the Back of the form. *Review the Instruction and Process with parents and students again before they leave your last session !!!*

Self-Certification Student and Parent Instruction Page

Review this page with both parents and students. Make sure they understand that their certification is not complete until they fully complete the instructions and pay the course fee online or by calling the phone number listed in the instructions. Please review the instructions at the first class and after the student receives their yellow copy at course completion. Remind them to complete this process immediately after class or the following day.

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IMPORTANT: YOUR CERTIFICATION IS NOT VALID UNTIL YOU COMPLETE THE SELF-CERTIFICATION AND FEE PAYMENT PROCESS. To receive your Firearm Safety Certificate, to exercise the privileges granted, you must complete the following process immediately after course completion.

*****Please follow all the instructions carefully*****

Instructions:

1. Have a parent or guardian assist you. An online payment method will be needed to complete the process.
2. From a computer with internet access with a printer attached, log onto www.mndnr.gov.
3. Click on [Buy a License](#). Click on [Safety Training Self Certification](#). *(It is recommended that you first download Adobe Acrobat Reader before continuing.)*
4. On the [Customer Identification Page](#), you must first search for your record in the database.

Enter any combination of the following information: [Social Security Number and Date of Birth](#) or [Customer DNR #, Date of Birth and last 4 digits of your Social Security Number](#) or [Firearm Safety #, Date of Birth and last 4 digits of Social Security Number](#).

5. **If a record exists for you**, check your **Full Legal Name and Date of Birth** for accuracy – also make address and other changes as needed by clicking on [EDIT CUSTOMER INFO](#). Click on [SUBMIT](#) to save your changes. *Proceed to Step #8.*
6. **If a record does NOT exist for you**, Click on [Create New Customer](#). Click on [Individual Customer](#). Enter your Social Security # and Date of Birth and click on [Continue](#).
7. On the Customer Identification Page, **(use the information you filled out on the front side of this form)** enter all the required information (You **MUST** use your **Full Legal Name and Date of Birth** as entered on this form) and click on [Submit](#).
8. Review your information – Full Legal Name and Date of Birth - edit as necessary. Click on [Safety Training Self Certification](#). From the list, select [Firearm Safety Hunter Education Cert.](#)
9. Enter the [Certificate Number](#) and [Instructor Number](#) as it is shown on the front side of this form. Click on [Add to cart and begin checkout](#). You will need a method of payment – Visa, MasterCard or E-Check - to pay for your certificate.
10. Click on [Proceed to Checkout](#). Enter payment Information and click on [Submit](#). Click on [Prepare license\(s\) for printing](#).
11. **Print your Safety Training Certification Certificate.** Laminating your certificate will increase its durability. You may **SAVE** your certificate on your computer for future use.

NOTE: If you do not have access to a computer and/or the Internet, you may call the DNR License Center at 651-297-1230 from the Twin Cities metro area Monday thru Friday from 8 am – 4:30 pm, or toll free at 1-877-348-0498.

*Please remember that state law requires you to provide your Social Security Number when purchasing a hunting or fishing license.

IMPORTANT: If you do not complete the above steps, there will be NO record of your completion of the firearm safety course and you may be subject to re-taking the course. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact the DNR Enforcement Safety Training Office at 1-800-366-8917.

Reminder to Complete
SELF CERTIFICATION
Process Immediately after
Course Completion!!!

Ligon to DNR web site
www.mndnr.gov
click on BUY A LICENSE

[Customer ID Page](#)
[Search Instructions](#)
Locate and Correct if Needed

[Create New Customer Record](#)
Follow Instructions
Use FULL LEGAL NAME and DOB
and Correct ADDRESS

[Information Review](#) and
Certification Type Selection

[Enter Certificate](#) and
[Instructor Number](#) from Form
Add to Shopping Cart

[Proceed to Check-out](#) and
[Make Payment](#)
VISA/MASTERCARD/E-CHECK

Print and Save Your Certificate

Phone Option for Students
without Computer/Internet
Access

2012 IHEA Heritage Hunt contest forms are in the New Hunters Handbook

Look for the 20th Annual Edition that you will find in your supplies. The contest form is on page 69. Keep our lucky streak going....In the past 8 years MN has won 5 times. Please encourage your students and instructor team to fill-out the card and mail it in...It could be a group activity as you discuss your class plan or planning a hunt. Don't Forget You Could Be The Next Winner... If you mail it in...?

Are you feeling lucky???
Register to win your spot on the dream team!
The IHEA annual Heritage Hunt contest is truly a hunt of a lifetime. You could be a winner!

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2011 Hunter Education Firearms Safety Education of The Year

Michael Neault from Barnum was selected as the 2010 Instructor of the Year.

Mike was very humbled by his selection, he's that kind guy. His enthusiasm and drive to provide hunter education opportunities for youth and adults is exceptional. When he had issues with availability of a local range, he built his own range on his property along with a field day site equipped with all the props needed to conduct both classes for both classroom and online students. He and his wife Linda are mentors for hundreds of students from all around the Barnum area. Congratulations Mike!!!



Cell Phones, MP3 Players, etc.

Technology can be a distraction in the classroom. If schools don't allow cell phone use in the classroom neither should we. They are an unnecessary distraction to all students and instructors.

All classroom name tents should now have an additional rule added to them.

Rule #5: NO Electronic devices are allowed to be used during class or the field day. This includes phones, MP3 players or similar devices...

Make this rule clear to students and parents. Use could result in confiscation of the device or expulsion. Use the example of distracted learning demonstrated in the "LAST SHOT" as a reminder to your students. Don't forget to turn yours to vibrate...You don't want to set a bad example...



Please call Camp Ripley and update any change of address or phone numbers. 1-800-366-8917



Minnesota Volunteer Safety Instructors Association

An Invitation to All FAS, MBEP, AHE Instructors 2011 Training Academy / Rendezvous to be held August 5-7 at Deep Portage Learning Center Event sponsored by MVSIA and FAHE

Everyone is invited to our 2011 Training Academy / Rendezvous to be held August 5-7, at Deep Portage located east of Hackensack. Co-sponsored by the Minnesota Volunteer Safety Instructors Association (MVSIA) and The Friends of Advanced Hunter Education (FAHE) this will be a fun weekend of discussions, training seminars, shooting and fellowship. We will have use of the center's rifle range for our shooting demonstrations and competition.

If you can make it Friday evening, we will have a Potluck dinner starting at 6:00 – bring your favorite wild game dish to share! Saturday will include the DNR instructor certification for the New Range and Field Day option for both Firearms Safety and Bowhunter courses and several other break-out sessions. Sunday will include the FAHE shooting competitions.

We have set the schedule so you can just attend the main events on Saturday or make a fun weekend of it. There is space for over 100 people, so come along or bring your whole instructor team and join the fun. We need your registration to us by **June 29th, 2011**... The **first 50 registrations** will be put into an **Early Bird Drawing** for a special door prize.

This year we are also offering the NRA Range Safety Officer program as an optional class. The RSO course teaches how to safely conduct and manage a firearm shooting range based on the NRA standards. This is an eight-hour course, so attending this will preclude attending any of the other courses offered on Saturday. To cover the cost of the NRA materials, there will be an additional cost of \$25 for the attendees (quite a bargain). Completion of this course will certify you as an NRA Range Safety Officer.

If you wish to camp in the Deep Portage (gravel) parking lot, you need to contact Deep Portage to make arrangements. Please let us know if you will be camping instead of sleeping in the dorm rooms (this does not reduce the registration fees). Deep Portage's phone number is 218-682-2325.

Questions on the program, registration form or housing call Steve Morin at 952-881-1407, Marv Ziner at 612-382-0093 or send an email to "registration@mvsia.org". More information is available on our web site at **MVSIA.ORG**. See you there!!

REGISTRATION FORM

Instructor Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone#: _____ Email: _____

- Attending Saturday only [] (\$30 – includes Saturday lunch)
- Attending Saturday and Sunday [] (\$80 – includes 1 night lodging and 3 meals)
- Attending Friday through Sunday [] (\$100 – includes 2 nights lodging and 4 meals)
- Attending DNR certification course [] (need to know how many are attending)
- Attending NRA RSO certification [] (\$25 additional cost to cover NRA materials)

Make checks payable to: MVSIA
Mail to: P.O. Box 24105
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Websites and Information

INSTRUCTOR WEB PAGE:
**www.mndnr.gov/safety/
instructors/index.html**
**Register your class online
& sign up for the "Listserv
Mail Service"!**

VISIT ORGANIZATIONS ON THE INTERNET

Ranges MN [www.dnr.gov/
shooting_ranges/](http://www.dnr.gov/shooting_ranges/)
Ducks Unlimited: ducks.org
IHEA: www.ihea.com
NBEF: www.nbef.org
NSSF: www.nssf.org
MDHA: mndeerhunters.com
www.pheasantsforever.org
www.ruffedgrousesociety.org
Saf. Club: www.sci-dc.org
N.W.T.F. www.nwtf.org

Adaptive Equipment for Dis-
abled Hunters,
www.disabledhunters.org
Izaak Walton League:
www.iwla.org
Ducks at a Distance Waterfowl
ID Guide:
[www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/
tools/duckdist/index.htm](http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/
tools/duckdist/index.htm)
Bird Wing ID: [http://
digitalcollections.ups.edu/
slater/](http://digitalcollections.ups.edu/
slater/)
Turn In Poachers:
www.turninpoachers.org
To access the volunteer discus-
sion section of the IHEA web-
site, go to www.ihea.com
1. Username = "volunteer"
2. Password = "huntsafe"
To access the instructors re-
source section of the IHEA
web site, go to www.ihea.com

1. Click on Instructor Resource,
2. User Name is "instructor"
3. Password is: "gohunt"

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