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TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR COURSE

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Day One

8:00 – 8:30 AM	Registration, Introductions, Instructor Application, Acknowledgement/Release Form, Experience Survey and Pre-test, Instructor Course Training Report
8:30 – 9:15 AM	Review/Clarification TPWD Hunter Education Program, Policies, and Procedures, Classroom Procedures, Forms and Supplies Review
9:15 – 9:30 AM	Break
9:30 – 10:30 AM	Learning Process, Teaching Skills, Lesson Planning, Evaluating Students
10:30 – 10:40 PM	Break
10:40 – 12:00 PM	Teaching Methods - Ethics, Teaching the Disabled, Training Aids, Media Relations
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
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1:30 – 2:00 PM	Standards of Live Fire, Hunter Skills Trail Introduction
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Hunter Education Instructor:

Welcome to the ranks of the greatest volunteer effort within fish and wildlife agencies throughout North America!

The *Texas Hunter Education Program* is part of an international movement to protect the integrity and future of hunting. It is dedication by select citizens wanting to improve the *knowledge, skills and attitudes* of people who hunt and shoot sporting arms.

Involvement is the key! By accepting the job and role of a hunter education instructor, you will be coaching new and veteran hunters and shooters *to be safe, responsible, knowledgeable and involved* – the **purpose of hunter education**. Show them why it is an investment in the future of hunting.

Hunter education is a cause – a concern. Your involvement epitomizes the spirit of those who will forever continue the hunting heritage – passing on important values to future generations of outdoor men and women.

Thank you for dedicating your time and skills. We hope this program means as much to you as it does the tens of thousands of students the program certifies each year. If you ever have questions or need assistance, be sure to call our hunter education staff. They pride themselves on providing the best possible assistance for you to get the job done in your area of the state.

Good luck!

Sincerely,

Executive Director



Take a kid
hunting or fishing



Visit a state park
or historic site

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Austin, TX 78744
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**TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT
HUNTER EDUCATION**

INTRODUCTION

Welcome!

This Hunter Education Instructor Manual contains the things you need to know to be an effective hunter education instructor.

Your job is to pass on the knowledge and skills it takes to be a safe, knowledgeable, responsible and involved hunter and shooter – in short, to be an *ambassador* for hunting and the shooting sports. If the privileges of hunting and shooting are to survive into the future, hunters and shooters must act responsibly toward themselves, other hunters/shooters, landowners, non-hunters/shooters and to the resource itself – everything you learned in your hunter education student course!

“Voluntary adherence to an ethical code elevates the self-respect of the sportsman, but it should not be forgotten that voluntary disregard of the code degenerates and depraves him.”

Aldo Leopold, *A Sand County Almanac*

Hunter Education originated from a voluntary, proactive movement by far-sighted sportsmen and women in the 1940s and 1950s who wanted to elevate ethical codes and actions afield. It was a national effort to elevate the self-respect of all hunters who would listen and adapt their behaviors to meet higher standards. The problems of hunting and firearm accidents, violations and disrespect were met head on by those who had the desire to pass on these standards. In over 50 years, the result has been one of the most successful programs ever spawned by conservation organizations and fish and wildlife agencies.

We are glad you want to continue this positive movement, especially as we begin a new century and endure many more pressures to our wild lands and to the hunting heritage in which fewer children are raised. Yours is a cause – a mission! The more you choose to be involved in this effort, the more proud and satisfied you will feel.

PHASES OF HUNTING

- Shooting
- Limiting Out
- Trophy
- Method
- Sportsman/Mellowing Out

Give Back (YOU!)

**TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT
HUNTER EDUCATION**

SUMMARY

PURPOSE:

Produce safe, responsible, knowledgeable and involved hunters and shooters

GOALS:

- Promote firearm, sporting arm and hunting safety
- Promote hunting ethics and compliance to hunting regulations
- Combat poaching
- Promote wise use of sustainable resources and the outdoor landscape
- Enhance hunting traditions and values

BENEFITS:

- Reduction of hunting accidents
- Reduction of hunting violations
- Enhancement of outdoor behaviors
- Continuation of the hunting heritage

ACTIONS:

- Teach firearm safety, particularly to young people
- Teach basic hunter education, particularly to those mandated by law
- Teach advanced hunter education, particularly to families
- Teach outdoors/wilderness skills, particularly to non-hunters
- Teach new instructors and monitor local efforts (“area chiefs”)
- Communicate to the media the positive side of hunting, the shooting sports and the outdoors
- Be professional – an ambassador for hunting/shooting sports



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Dear Instructor Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the **Texas Hunter Education Program**.

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In 1972, Texas started with a voluntary program and progressed to more than 1200 dedicated instructors certifying an average of 12,000 students each year. In 1987, the Texas legislature decided it was time to make education mandatory for young hunters. This action brings more students to the classroom and puts the burden on all of us to make sure we educate them properly. We now have more than 2,900 instructors, which include game wardens, volunteers and professional educators, who certify an average of 30,000 students per year. You can see by the increasing numbers, we do need dedicated individuals to keep pace.

Involvement is the key! By accepting the role as a Hunter Education Instructor, you will be sought by eager young hunters, parents, and even some who, unfortunately, "have to take the course." Show them why it is an investment in the future of hunting. Then, even the "have-to" students will appreciate the time you've spent with them.

Please take time to carefully read and follow the "**Instructor Procedures**" and "**Job Description.**" Complete the application and take it, along with the enclosed "yellow sheet" interview form, to your local game warden. The yellow sheet interview form must be completed by the game warden and submitted with the application for processing. By passing on your knowledge and skills, we will all realize the joy of safe and responsible hunting.

Sincerely,

Terry Erwin
Hunter Education Coordinator

Attachment



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hunting or fishing



Visit a state park
or historic site

HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE	Hunter Education Instructor
RESPONSIBLE TO	Hunter Education Staff
JOB DESCRIPTION	Instructs students of all ages in the Hunter Education program as prescribed by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
QUALIFICATIONS	<p>Applicants for the position of Hunter Education Instructor must be at least 21 years of age, of reasonably good health, high integrity, pass a written examination and submit to an oral interview by a game warden.</p> <p>A background check will be conducted on applicants, and those failing to meet certain standards may be denied certification. Teaching experience is highly desirable. Other valuable experience includes: hunting, gunsmithing, safety specialties, public speaking, etc.</p>
PARTICIPATION REQUIRED	Must teach one course and recommend five or more students for certification with at least ten hours of instruction each year. If done, credentials are automatically renewed for one year.
PRECERTIFICATION TRAINING REQUIRED	Graduation from a state-certified Hunter Education student course. (Note: N.R.A. training course cards not accepted but desirable.) Graduation from the Department's instructor training workshop.
IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROVIDED	Voluntary in-service workshop attendance as provided by the Department on a yearly basis.
EVALUATIONS	Periodic classroom evaluations may be made on instructors by a game warden, Area Chief Hunter Education instructor and Hunter Education Staff as well as evaluation forms completed by the students. Instructors will be provided student, self and team-evaluation forms for instructional improvement.
REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATION	<p>Any person failing to teach and certify five students during their yearly certification period will be placed automatically on the roll of inactive instructors. There may be extenuating circumstances, such as prolonged illness, which would prevent the instructor from holding a class. In this event, a letter of explanation with a request that credentials be renewed should be sent to the Hunter Education Coordinator.</p> <p>The Department may decertify instructors for violating provisions of the Hunter Education program, falsifying records or acting in a manner which is detrimental to the program.</p> <p>Appeals to the revocation process should be directed to the Education Director, who will forward it to appropriate Division Director(s), for a final decision.</p>

PROCEDURES FOR BECOMING A TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR

STEP	WHO	PROCEDURE
1	Applicant	Obtains, reads and completes Hunter Education Instructor Application . (Application and game warden “yellow sheet” interview form may be obtained by calling or writing TPWD.)
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4	Game Warden	Gains background information and completes “yellow sheet” interview; conducts background investigation check and sends it with application through appropriate channels to Hunter Education Coordinator in Austin.
5	Hunter Education Staff (Austin Office)	Reviews and processes application. If accepted, applicant’s name and address is sent to nearest Regional Hunter Education Staff, Area Chief Instructor or retained in Austin.
6	Hunter Education Staff Area Chief Instructor	Contacts applicant and sets up a minimum twelve-hour instructor’s hands-on training workshop. Applicant completes pre-test, hands-on training, teaching presentation and final examination and evaluation during workshop.
7	Hunter Education Staff Area Chief Instructor	Evaluates and completes applicant’s training report (recommendations and record of test scores) and returns it to Austin office with instructor workshop sign-up sheet.
8	Austin Office	If applicant passes all screening procedures, Austin office certifies as an instructor.
9	Austin Office	Mails instructor congratulatory packet with letter, name tag, instructor patch, Instructor I.D. card and other pertinent information.



Mandatory Boater and Hunter Education Programs Volunteer Instructor Application

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MUST CHECK: Boater Education Hunter Education Bowhunter Education

Please complete application and give to your local game warden: _____
If you do not know your nearest game warden, please call your local TPWD office or (800) 792-1112.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender M F

Drivers License number _____ Social Security number _____

Phone: home (_____) _____ work (_____) _____ cell (_____) _____
Home phone will be used with scheduled course information unless otherwise notified.

E-mail: _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

OPTIONAL: White Hispanic Black American Indian/Alaskan Asian/Pacific Islander

PLEASE CHECK ONE: (Note: Must have passed a state-certified student course to be accepted.)

I have **NOT** passed a state-certified Boater Hunter Bowhunter Education student course.

I have passed the Texas certified Boater Hunter Bowhunter Education student course.

I have passed another state's certified Boater Hunter Bowhunter Education student course.
(Please attach a photocopy of certificate.)

I have been a Boater Hunter Bowhunter Education Instructor in _____ (state).
(Please attach a photocopy of certificate.)

I fully understand that a game warden will complete a background check on me prior to my appointment as an instructor. If appointed, I will contribute the necessary time to the TPWD Mandatory Education Program(s) for which I am applying. I accept my responsibility as a certified instructor and will not knowingly certify any person who has not met the minimum age and training requirements.

WARNING: Knowingly making false certifications or false student documentation may constitute a 3rd Degree Felony under the penal code punishable by fine not to exceed \$10,000.00, confinement not to exceed ten years, or both fine and confinement.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

You will receive a computer-assigned Instructor ID Number upon certification.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department maintains the information collected through this form. With few exceptions, you are entitled to be informed about the information we collect. Under Sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are also entitled to receive and review the information. Under Section 559.004, you are also entitled to have this information corrected.

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Dear Assistant Instructor Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the **Texas Hunter Education Program**.

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Please take time to carefully read and follow the “Assistant Instructor Procedures” and “Job Description.” **Complete the application and take it, along with the enclosed “yellow sheet” interview form, to your local game warden.** The yellow sheet interview form must be completed by the Game Warden and submitted with the assistant application for processing. By passing on your knowledge and skills, we will all realize the joy of safe and responsible hunting.

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HUNTER EDUCATION ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE	Assistant Hunter Education Instructor
RESPONSIBLE TO	Hunter Education Staff, Supervising Instructor
JOB DESCRIPTION	Assists with instructing students of all ages in the Hunter Education program as prescribed by Texas Parks Wildlife Department.
QUALIFICATIONS	<p>Applicants for the position of Assistant Hunter Education Instructor must be between 15 and 20 years of age, of reasonably good health, high integrity, pass a written examination and submit to an oral interview by a game warden.</p> <p>A background check will be conducted on applicants, and those failing to meet certain standards may be denied certification. Teaching experience is highly desirable. Other valuable experience includes: hunting, camping, first aid, safety specialties, public speaking, etc.</p>
PARTICIPATION REQUIRED	Must assist with recommending five or more students for certification with at least ten hours of instruction <u>each</u> year. May assist any active instructor with courses. Assistant receives same incentive points as instructor assisted. Note: By remaining active until age 21, Assistant attains full Instructor status.
PRECERTIFICATION TRAINING REQUIRED	Graduation from a state-certified Hunter Education student course. Graduation from TPWD's Hunter Education Instructor Training Workshop.
IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROVIDED	Voluntary in-service workshop attendance as provided by the Department on a yearly basis.
EVALUATIONS	Periodic classroom evaluations may be made of Assistant Instructors by supervising instructor, a game warden, Area Chief Hunter Education Instructor and Hunter Education Staff as well as evaluation forms completed by the students. Assistant Instructors will be provided student, self and team-evaluation forms for instructional improvement.
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1	Applicant	Obtains, reads and completes Assistant Hunter Education Instructor Application . (Assistant application and game warden “yellow sheet” interview form may be obtained from supervising instructor, or by calling or writing TPWD.) Note: <i>Must have supervising instructor’s signature and parent/guardian approval and signature on application.</i>
2	Applicant	Reads the Assistant Hunter Education Instructor Job Description . NOTE: Assistant applicant must successfully complete a state-certified hunter education student course. Attach photo copy to application if <u>not</u> a Texas student certification card. (N.R.A. firearm safety training course certifications do not constitute a state-certified hunter education course.)
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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender M F

Drivers License number _____ Social Security number _____

Phone: home (_____) _____ work (_____) _____ cell (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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(Please attach a photocopy of certificate.)

I fully understand that I must be recommended by a Certified, Active TPWD Instructor, and will be investigated prior to my appointment as an ASSISTANT instructor. If appointed, I will work directly under the supervision of a Certified Instructor in TPWD's Recreation Safety Programs. I accept my responsibility as an ASSISTANT instructor and will adhere to the high standards of the Department.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN: I, the undersigned, being the parent or legal guardian of the Assistant Instructor Applicant named above, do hereby consent to the Assistant Instructor's participation in the TPWD's Outdoor Education Programs and direct supervision of the Certified Active Instructor listed below in the performance of duties as an Assistant Instructor.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

CERTIFIED ACTIVE INSTRUCTOR: I recommend the above named Assistant Instructor Applicant for appointment as an Assistant in TPWD's Outdoor Education Programs. I further assume all responsibility for the actions of the Applicant in the performance of their duties.

Instructor Signature _____ I.D. # _____ Date _____

You will receive a computer-assigned Assistant Instructor ID Number upon certification, also to be used upon turning 21.

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HUNTER EDUCATION MUTUAL AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

AND

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 20____, by and between Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the _____, (District or School) each acting by and through duly authorized officials:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the dissemination of information contained in the hunter education course furthers the respective lawful purposes of the parties hereto:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants hereof, the parties hereto:

1. The District or School shall offer classes for students twelve years of age and older in a TPWD-approved hunter education course. The course is that required in the Texas Hunter Education Program as described in Parks and Wildlife Code Sec. 62.014 and implementing regulations.
2. The teacher for any such course shall be TPWD certified; and
 - a. Must have successfully completed an approved student course (10 hours); and
 - b. Must have successfully completed an instructor's program orientation (12 hours); and
 - c. Must successfully complete game warden interview; and
 - d. Be approved by the District or School.
3. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will supply materials for such courses as follows:
 - a. For each student - a hunter education manual, registration form and, upon successful completion, a shoulder patch, decal, temporary student card and original student certification card.
 - b. Visual aids as they become available.
 - c. Instructor manual, outline and final report form.
 - d. Forms and materials produced by TPWD for use in the program. These materials include (but are not limited to): wildlife management and conservation literature, evaluation techniques, targets, TPWD publications, regulations and publicity forms.
4. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will make available to the District or School, consultants for teacher training and orientation; the local game warden is an additional resource who may be contacted.
5. The teacher certified as an instructor of hunter education shall fulfill the following responsibilities:
 - a. Insure that all classes taught conform to approved TPWD course requirements.

- b. Insure all student registration and instructor final report forms are properly completed and returned to TPWD with the correct student fees within seven (7) days of certification date.
 - c. Submit supply order forms for initial or replacement classroom material, manuals, patches and decals to TPWD at least one (1) month prior to first day of course.
 - d. Insure proper distribution of material to students.
 - e. Upon terminating the program, return all course materials to TPWD.
6. This agreement is terminable upon sixty (60) days written notice by either party.
7. The course fee of \$10 per student will be charged to consenting students of the District or School and remitted to TPWD. (Instructors may retain \$5 per student to be used for training aids or supplies for courses.) Those students who choose not to participate in TPWD's certification program (but are attending because of the school's curriculum) shall return the hunter education manual at the end of the course and will not be considered enrolled students in the program. However, all students participating in and successfully completing the course are encouraged to pay the fee and gain certification for possible use and/or need at a later time.

THIS AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE as of the date first written on page one (1) of this agreement.

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

By: _____ TERRY_ERWIN _____
 Hunter Education Coordinator (Printed Name) Date
 (Signature)

By: _____
 Superintendent or School Principal (Printed Name) Date
 (Signature)

By: _____
 Hunter Education Instructor (Teacher) (Printed Name) Date
 (Signature)

By: _____
 Hunter Education Instructor (Teacher) (Printed Name) Date
 (Signature)

By: _____
 Hunter Education Instructor (Teacher) (Printed Name) Date
 (Signature)

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT
HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP

RELEASE & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Release made this _____ day of _____, 20____ by

_____ whose address is
(Name)

(Street, etc.)

_____, Texas _____
(City) (Zip)

In consideration of the permission by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department granted to the above named individual to participate in a Texas Hunter Education Workshop activity at

_____, Texas,
(Location/Facility) (City)

I hereby release and discharge Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, its agents, employees and officers from all claims, actions, demands and judgments which I, the undersigned, may have or claim to have against TPWD or its successors for all personal injuries, known or unknown, and injuries to property, caused by or arising out of the above described activity.

I authorize any photos or videos taken of me during this or any future hunter education workshops or related activities to be used for newsletters or other publications within the Hunter Education Program.

I acknowledge I have received a copy of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Hunter Education Program Instructor Manual, and have been instructed in the Program, Policies and Procedures on the above date.

I fully understand and agree to follow all TPWD Program Policies and Procedures as set forth by the guidelines in this Hunter Education Instructor Manual. I further understand that any violation of the policies or procedures found within the Instructor Manual, its periodic amendments, or failure to perform my duties at a level which meets or exceeds the standards set forth by the TPWD Hunter Education Program, may lead to revocation of my Hunter Education Instructor certification.

I, the undersigned, have read this release and acknowledgement and understand the terms herein. I execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

In witness hereof, I execute this document on the day and year shown above.

(Signature)

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department maintains the information collected through this form. With few exceptions, you are entitled to be informed about the information we collect. Under Sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are also entitled to receive and review the information. Under Section 559.004, you are also entitled to have this information corrected.

EXPERIENCE SURVEY

Name: _____

1. I am an experienced hunter (over 10 years) Yes No
2. I have hunted mostly:
 Elk/Deer Turkey Waterfowl Pheasants/Quail
 Doves -Small Game Hogs/Javelina Exotics
 Others: (list) _____

3. As a hunter, I would rate myself a/an:
 Professional Amateur Novice Beginner

4. I have hunted with: Rifle Shotgun Handgun
 Archery Crossbow Black Powder

5. I am certified in other firearm/hunting programs: (list)

6. I compete and/or am an avid participant in the following shooting sports: (list)

7. I have coached in the following sports (any sport): (list)

8. I belong to the following civic organizations: (list)

9. I belong to the following conservation groups: (list)

10. I am certified to teach the following: (list)

11. Additional Experiences/Qualifications:

PRE-TEST

1. What is the International association established solely to provide hunter education support to states and provinces?
 - a. Hunter Safety Alliance
 - b. National Rifle Association
 - c. International Hunter Education Association
 - d. National Shooting Sports Foundation

2. What 1972 amendment to the Pittman-Robertson Act earmarked funds for hunter education?
 - a. Wallop-Breaux
 - b. Dingell-Hart
 - c. Dingell-Johnson
 - d. Pittman-Breaux

3. The Mandatory Hunter Education law can be found in which Texas Code?
 - a. Health & Safety Code
 - b. Penal Code
 - c. Education Code
 - d. Parks & Wildlife Code

4. What is the grandfather date established for the Texas hunter education program?
 - a. January 1, 1949
 - b. January 1, 1968
 - c. September 2, 1971
 - d. September 2, 1984

5. What is the minimum age for certification in Texas?
 - a. 10 years of age
 - b. 12 years of age
 - c. 14 years of age
 - d. no minimum age

6. Purpose of hunter education is:

7. Name three benefits of hunter education.

8. Learning is a change in behavior because of the acquisition of
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

9. Best learning/teaching style used in hunter education is:
 - a. doing/coaching
 - b. hearing/lecturing
 - c. seeing/demonstrating
 - d. touching/filming

10. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's toll-free phone number and Web site address is:
