



Game Warden's Interview for Volunteers in Boater, Hunter and Bowhunter Education Programs

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TO THE GAME WARDEN: This form and interview serves two main purposes:

- Background check/review for the department
- Develop a rapport and first-contact with applicant in your area

PROCEDURES

- Use this standardized form and conduct interview after an education volunteer applicant has contacted you. **You are also encouraged to recruit volunteer instructors in your area.**
- Set up a personal interview in uninterrupted and comfortable surroundings.
- Read opening statement and make applicant feel comfortable. Maintain eye-to-eye contact and warm, friendly attitude. Conduct interview (questions 1-16).
- Conduct background check, including questions 17-23.
- Send through appropriate channels to Austin, **Attn: Hunter and Boater Education Branch, Communications Division.**
- Austin education staff will process and arrange an instructor's course for the applicant. Once the applicant successfully completes the course, he/she will be sent a congratulatory packet upon being certified.

Note: Austin staff or area chiefs may contact game warden to conduct interview(s) in conjunction with an instructor's course if convenient to both the applicant and game warden.

GAME WARDEN'S GENERAL OPENING STATEMENT

The purpose of this interview is to give the department some insight into your qualifications for becoming a volunteer instructor for the mandatory boater and/or hunter education programs, including bow hunter education. Once this interview is completed, it will be sent to the statewide program coordinator for processing.

APPLYING FOR: Boater Education Hunter Education Bowhunter Education

APPLICANT INFORMATION (For Game Warden Use Only)

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

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

E-mail _____

Drivers License number _____ Social Security number _____

Date of interview _____

Interviewed by _____

Printed name

Signature

GENERAL EXPERIENCE

1. What is your educational background?

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| a. High School | d. Advanced Degree |
| b. GED | e. Vocational/Trade School; specify: _____ |
| c. College | f. Other: _____ |

2. Have you had special training in related fields (i.e., Red Cross, first aid, CPR, etc.)?

3. Do you have expertise or experience training the physically or mentally handicapped?

4. For what institutions/organizations have you instructed?

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| a. Public/private school | g. Junior ROTC/Armed Services |
| b. Community education | h. U.S. Power Squadrons or Coast Guard Auxiliary |
| c. Colleges | i. American Sailing Association |
| d. Sunday school | j. Industry/vocational/trade |
| e. Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts/4-H | k. Other: _____ |
| f. Summer camps | l. Other: _____ |

5. Do you speak any foreign languages with fluency? If so, please list: _____

6. To what hunting, conservation or boating organizations do you belong?

7. With what group of people do you find easiest to communicate?

8. How would your best friend describe you?

9. Why do you want to become a volunteer instructor for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department?

10. What one thing will give you the most satisfaction as a volunteer?

11. Any comments?

COURSE-RELATED EXPERIENCE

BOATER EDUCATION

12. What boats have you operated?
- a. Inboard motorboat
 - b. Outboard motorboat
 - c. Inboard/outboard motorboat
 - d. Sailboat
 - e. Personal watercraft (jet ski, etc.)
 - f. Canoe, kayak, raft
 - g. Commercial
 - h. Others: _____

13. With what topics are you most familiar?
- a. Preparation
 - b. Navigation/rules of the road
 - c. Regulations and water safety laws
 - d. Registration and ownership
 - e. Accidents and investigations
14. In which water sports are you most active?
- a. Motorboating/powerboating
 - b. Sailing
 - c. Rafting, canoeing, kayaking
 - d. Personal watercraft use
 - e. Swimming
 - f. Scuba diving
 - g. Fishing
 - h. Wind surfing
 - i. Water skiing
 - j. Others: _____

HUNTER AND BOWHUNTER EDUCATION

12. What species have you hunted?
- a. Deer, elk, antelope, big game
 - b. Turkey
 - c. Quail, pheasant, upland game
 - d. Dove
 - e. Waterfowl
 - f. Rabbit, squirrel, small game
 - g. Others: _____

13. With what sporting arm do you hunt?
- a. Rifle
 - b. Shotgun
 - c. Handgun
 - d. Bow and arrow
 - e. Muzzleloader
 - f. Crossbow
14. In which shooting sports are you most active?
- a. High powered rifle
 - b. Small bore rifle
 - c. Silhouette
 - d. Trap
 - e. Skeet
 - f. Sporting clays
 - g. Handgunning
 - h. Archery
 - i. Muzzleloading
 - j. Others: _____

15. Have you ever been convicted of a hunting, fishing or water safety act violation? Yes No
If so, please describe: _____
16. Have you ever been convicted of a violation of the Texas or any other State/Provincial Penal Code? Yes No
If so, please describe: _____

GAME WARDEN'S CONCLUDING STATEMENT

On behalf of the department, I want to thank you for your interest, time and trouble in consenting to this interview. Once it is sent to Austin, you should be hearing from an Education Program staff member in one to four weeks. Do you have any questions? Please respond or refer to Austin at (512) 389-4999.

TO BE COMPLETED BY GAME WARDEN AFTER INTERVIEW

- 17. Applicant's community reputation is: a. excellent b. good c. poor d. unknown
- 18. Applicant's work record and reliability are: a. excellent b. good c. poor d. unknown
- 19. General appearance of applicant is: a. excellent b. good c. poor
- 20. Voice quality and clarity is: a. excellent b. good c. poor
- 21. Ability to express him/herself is: a. excellent b. good c. poor
- 22. Use of proper language is: a. excellent b. good c. poor
- 23. Additional comments:

I recommend this applicant be certified as a Boater Hunter Bowhunter Education Instructor

I do not recommend this applicant be certified as a Boater Hunter Bowhunter Education Instructor
State reasons why: _____

I defer recommendation to Austin-based Law Enforcement Division and Education staff for further review and investigation.

Game Warden (printed name)

Signature

Date

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Received by (printed name)

Signature

Date

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.