
Natural Resources Hunting Camp for Youth 2015 Program and Guidelines

The Hunting Camp for Youth is an outdoor experience where participants can have fun while learning how to hunt safely. To ensure that all participants have a positive experience we have set certain guidelines. This is a co-ed camp hosted in rustic lodges heated by woodstoves. There may be no running water or electricity so showers are unavailable and participants will have access to outdoor privies (outhouses).

- Food (including snacks) will be provided on both days. Please ask for the menu upon confirmation phone call from Natural Resources staff. For the safety of all the campers, no external snacks are permitted.
- Any participant who fails to co-operate with instructions or engages in any risky behavior endangering themselves or others will be dismissed from any further participation in the Hunting Camp for Youth.
- **If your child has any allergic reactions to food, plants, drugs, etc., please be sure to include this information on the registration form.**
- The forest is an environment where the participants will be confronted with unique conditions such as uneven terrain, cold, etc. Since most of the activity is outdoors, wear comfortable, warm and/or **waterproof** clothing to suit the weather. Substantial boots and/or **waterproof** footwear is essential.
- The participants registered for the camps will be meeting on day one at 9:00am sharp and should be picked up the following day at 6:00pm sharp (unless otherwise indicated). For directions to the various camp locations please contact the appropriate person or office with the information included on page five.
- Participants are expected to come prepared for all weather conditions and bring the items found on the equipment list. Food and water are provided.
- This is an alcohol and drug free event. Any participants not adhering to this policy will be dismissed from the camp immediately and parents/guardians notified.
- There will be Department of Natural Resources staff (male and female) on-site at all times. A vehicle will be on site at all times.

Sample Itinerary**Day 1 (9:00 am Start)**

- Snowshoe Hare habitat requirements
- How to make a rabbit snare
- How to set a rabbit snare and interpretive hike
- Making a survival kit (campers will assemble and get to bring home)
- Basic compass and navigation

SLEEP OVER ONSITE

Day 2 (8:00 am Start)

- Dispatching and cleaning rabbits
- Building a outdoor fire
- Shelter building
- Visit to local rifle range to shoot long guns, longbows, and crossbows
- Wrap Up / Overview

PICK UP IS 6:00 PM SHARP!

Equipment List – Hunting Camp for Youth

CAMPING SUPPLIES

- Back pack
- Any prescription or over the counter medications
- Garbage bag
- Flashlight
- Kleenex
- Sleeping bag (winter) or sleeping bag with extra blankets
- Sleeping pad
- Pillow or pillow case to fill with clothes
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant, other toiletries
- Book or playing cards for downtime
- Extra batteries for flashlight

CLOTHES

- Extra socks (wool)
- Extra underwear
- Extra pants

- Extra t-shirts (a couple)
- Sweater
- Raincoat
- Rain pants
- Winter Jacket
- Snow Pants
- Hat and Mittens (plus extras)
- Winter boots (waterproof)

COOKING SUPPLIES

- Fork
- Knife
- Spoon
- Mug
- Water bottle
- Bowl/Plate

OTHER

- Good Attitude!
- Binoculars or camera if you want

*All DNR staff will have a cell phone in case of an emergency. Please **DO NOT** bring personal cell phones to camp.

Contact Information

All registration information should be mailed to the office or individual representing the location of the camp of interest.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.



March 16 & 17 – McGowan Lake Depot, Harmony Mills (Caledonia)

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March 17 & 18 - Chaswood Educational Woodlot and Lodge, Middle Musquodoboit

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March 18 & 19 – McKean Lake ATV Camp, Aspen, Guysborough County

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Weather Watch

In the case of inclement weather participants will be contacted by 9:00pm the evening before to cancel the program. An assessment will take place at that time to decide on availability to rebook.