

How To Become A Volunteer At The Owl Brook Hunter Education Center

The mission of the Owl Brook Hunter Education Center is to promote hunting and trapping as well as to educate individuals in the knowledge, skills, and behaviors needed to become safe and responsible hunters, trappers, and stewards of the state's natural resources. Volunteers of the center play a vital role in presenting this message to visitors and in insuring that the heritages of hunting and trapping are passed onto the next generation.

The Hunter Education Program (H.E.P.) manages the Owl Brook Hunter Education Center (O.B.H.E.C.) and both are a part of the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department. The H.E.P and O.B.H.E.C. operate on a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency using monies generated from The Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Program. Volunteers literally make Hunter Education and the Center possible. The H.E.P. derives its funding primarily through volunteer instructor time donated while conducting the state's three mandatory programs. The Center also relies on volunteer time and, as with the H.E.P., that time is money. Here is how it works.

For each hour a volunteer works a dollar amount is assigned, in turn that amount is used to release "matching" funds from the Federal Program on a 3 to 1 basis. In other words, if a volunteer gives us \$1.00 in time the Federal Program will give the center \$3.00. It is through these funds that we are able to operate. So, the volunteer and his/her donated time are why we can function and spread the above mission about hunting, trapping, and wildlife management

Volunteers of all kinds are needed to make the center a success. Instructors are needed to teach the programs three mandatory courses, hunter, bow hunter, and trapper education. There are many other volunteer opportunities available including: range supervision, trails and grounds maintenance, interpreters, activity leaders and assistants, receptionist, and more. No matter what amount of time you can give or in which role you choose to participate, you will be a valued asset to the center. To become a volunteer:

1. Stop by the center, located along Perch Pond Road in Holderness to find out more about volunteer opportunities or call 536-4921 or 536-1290 to have a Volunteer Enrollment Form mailed out to you. An application may also be down loaded from the Department webpage, www.wildlife.state.nh.us.
2. Complete a Volunteer Enrollment Form and arrange an interview with the facility manager. A criminal background check will need to be run as part of the enrollment procedures and before a volunteer may be accepted.
3. After the successful completion of the background check and the personal interview, the volunteer candidate will need to attend a Volunteer Orientation. This will be to meet other volunteers and receive the Volunteer Handbook.

So, if hunting and trapping are important to you and you would like to see their heritages passed on to future generations, please get involved with the Owl Brook Hunter Education Center today!

Owl Brook Hunter Education Center Volunteer Enrollment Form

Thank you for your interest in the Owl Brook Hunter Education Center's volunteer program. The center's goal is to promote and educate individuals in the knowledge, skills and behaviors needed to become safe and responsible hunters, trappers, and stewards of the state's natural resources. We are looking for people committed in passing on the heritages of hunting and trapping to the next and current generation. Any amount of time and commitment to keep this center open to the public is appreciated.

Please take a moment to fill out the information on this form. If you have any questions, please stop by the center for a visit, or call Sean Williamson, Facility Manager at 536-1290.

Today's Date: _____

Personal Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Are you currently a certified hunter, bow hunter, or trapper education instructor? _____
(Not required to be a center volunteer)

When do you prefer to volunteer? (Please check preferences)

Regularly___ Occasionally___ Mornings___ Afternoons___ Weekdays___ Weekends___

Are there specific days in which you would prefer **(p)** or not prefer **(np)** to volunteer?

Sun___ Mon___ Tue___ Wed___ Thur___ Fri___ Sat___

Approximate number of hours you would be willing to volunteer during the week: _____

Best means and time to contact you: _____

Have you ever had a Fish & Game violation in this or any other state?___ If yes, please explain.

(over)

Volunteer Activities/Tasks You Would Be Interested In

Please check all areas for which you would be interested in volunteering.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Ed. Course/Field Day* | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bow Hunter Ed. Course/Field Day* | <input type="checkbox"/> Trails/Grounds Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapper Ed. Course/Field Day* | <input type="checkbox"/> Archery Course Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Study Field Day* | <input type="checkbox"/> National Hunting & Fishing Day Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzleloading | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Hunting Topics (Please list below areas of interest) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle (.22's) | <input type="checkbox"/> BOW (Becoming An Outdoor Woman) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun | <input type="checkbox"/> Receptionist/Interpretive Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handgun | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness Survival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Map & Compass Classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please list below) |

Other: _____

* Must become or be a certified instructor

Background Check

Since volunteers are in contact with the public, the Hunter Education Program requires that all volunteers be investigated through a background check with the Bureau of Criminal Records. This check will be conducted every two (2) on current volunteers. Your signature below acknowledges your consent to this procedure.

Also, in signing below you agree to uphold, support, and promote the missions of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and the Hunter Education Program.

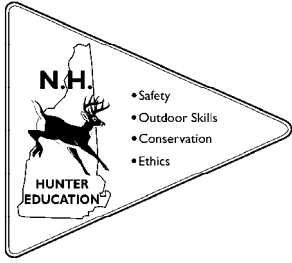
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only:

BCI – date out: _____

BCI – date returned: _____ Results: _____

Applicant Accepted: _____ If no, explain in detail on Volunteer Rejected/Dismissed Form



New Hampshire Fish and Game Department
11 Hazen Drive
Concord NH 03301

HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM CRIMINAL RECORD RELEASE AUTHORIZATION FORM

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY, ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED

NAME _____
LAST MAIDEN/ALIAS FIRST MI

ADDRESS _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

DATE OF BIRTH _____ HAIR COLOR _____ EYE COLOR _____ SEX _____

DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER _____ STATE _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
(Optional)

My signature below certifies that I am the individual listed above and the information provided is true

YOUR SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Signed under penalty of unsworn falsification pursuant to RSA 641:3