



## **Introduction**

The Pennsylvania Game Commission has adopted the Explore Bowhunting Curriculum as part of its efforts to recruit, retain and reactivate hunters in the Commonwealth. Explore Bowhunting was designed by the Archery Trade Association. The curriculum includes 23 different activities to teach students a variety of skills that will not only help them become better hunters, but develop an overall appreciation for wildlife and nature. This program is expected to bridge the gap between the National Archery in the Schools Program and Hunter-Trapper Education and provide students with many of the skills necessary to become a certified hunter in Pennsylvania. The Game Commission will work with schools in the coming year to develop the pathway necessary for students to achieve this goal.

## **Application process**

This application is for schools interested in implementing the Explore Bowhunting Program in their classrooms during the 2014-2015 school year in partnership with the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Archery Trade Association. The Pennsylvania Game Commission will select schools to implement the Explore Bowhunting program. Schools will be selected based upon information provided in the attached application. Selected schools could receive a full equipment kit and teaching materials to conduct the program in their classrooms. Schools are expected to begin teaching the curriculum this school year. The Game Commission will arrange training opportunities for teachers to participate in some of the activities and learn to implement the program successfully in their school.

If you are interested in implementing this program in your school, please complete the attached application and return it to agency staff. Prior to completing this application, please remember:

- Teachers are encouraged to seek certification as an Explore Bowhunting Instructor prior to completing this application. To find a training workshop, visit <http://www.register-ed.com/programs/101>.
- Teachers are expected to first seek approval from supervisors and/or school boards prior to completion of this application and program's implementation.

Please complete the application in full. Incomplete applications will not be processed. The Pennsylvania Game Commission reserves the right to deny any application containing false or inaccurate information. If you have any further questions, please contact Samantha Pedder at [sapedder@pa.gov](mailto:sapedder@pa.gov) or 717-787-4250 x 3327.

# Application for Equipment for Pennsylvania's Explore Bowhunting Program

## Applicant Information

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School/Name of School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this school currently enrolled in:

- National Archery in the Schools Program
- Hunter-Trapper Education in Schools Program

## Agreement

**1. The applicant agrees to incorporate the Explore Bowhunting program into their curriculum for a minimum of three (3) years. If the below certified teacher(s) move, the cooperator agrees to have the new teacher(s) trained ensuring the program continues.**

- a. Number of teachers certified as Explore Bowhunting instructors: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Names of certified teachers: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c. If no teachers are certified, please contact [sapedder@pa.gov](mailto:sapedder@pa.gov) to set up a training.  
Training date is: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. The applicant agrees to enroll a minimum of 50 students in the Explore Bowhunting program each year.**

- a. Grades targeted to teach program: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Approximate number of students expected to participate: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Approximate number of students in entire school: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Please briefly explain your plans to incorporate Explore Bowhunting in your school:  
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**3. The applicant agrees to complete all applicable reports and will submit them in a timely manner to the Pennsylvania Game Commission Explore Bowhunting coordinator.**

- a. Applicant agrees to register participants through the agency's Event Manager System prior to the completion of each school year.

- b. Applicant agrees to complete end-of-year teacher survey for duration of program to assist the Pennsylvania Game Commission in the development and implementation of the program.
  - c. Applicant agrees to complete any other reports as necessary to evaluate and improve the Explore Bowhunting program.
- 4. The applicant agrees to administer the Explore Bowhunting program as outlined by the Explore Bowhunting Curriculum developed by the Archery Trade Association (recommended minimum of two weeks of class time).**
  - 5. The applicant agrees to maintain the Explore Bowhunting equipment and ensure its safe and working condition prior to students' use.**
  - 6. The applicant agrees to distribute any materials or information supplied by the Pennsylvania Game Commission to the students. Information could include program announcements, handouts, etc.**
  - 7. The applicant understands that by agreeing to implement this program in their school, they assume full liability and responsibility for the program and its participants.**

Failure to adhere to the terms of this contract may result in termination of the applicant's participation in the Pennsylvania Explore Bowhunting program. Upon termination, the applicant is responsible for returning all equipment and materials to the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

By signing below, the individual certifies that they have the authority to adhere the school and/or school district to the terms of this agreement and all information provided on this application is complete and accurate to the best of their knowledge. The applicant also agrees to teach the Explore Bowhunting program in Pennsylvania and agrees to work with the Pennsylvania Game Commission and Archery Trade Association to implement and improve the program throughout the term of this agreement.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return completed application to Samantha Pedder by email to [sapedder@pa.gov](mailto:sapedder@pa.gov), by mail at 2001 Elmerton Ave, Harrisburg, Pa 17110 or by fax to 717-772-0542.**