Hunter education needs you!

The Pennsylvania Game Commission needs knowledgeable and experienced individuals to teach both basic and advanced hunter education training programs.

- Do you have an interest and experience in hunting and/or furtaking?
- Do you have good organization, leadership and communication skills?
- Are you at least 18 years old?
- Are you a high school graduate or possess a GED?
- Do you have a positive attitude and support the Game Commission’s overall goals and objectives?

Why me?

Several thousand people volunteer as hunter education instructors in Pennsylvania. You too, can be part of a nationally-recognized program and your involvement can help further refine the program. You’ll enjoy being a volunteer instructor because:

- You’ll be passing your love of the outdoors on to the next generation.
- You’ll be serving your community.
- You’ll be promoting safe and responsible hunting and furtaking.
- You can choose your level of involvement.

What’s the commitment?

As a volunteer hunter education instructor, you’ll be teaching students with an easy-to-use, standardized curriculum for which all materials are provided. Classes average 10 to 12 hours and may take place over several days. Volunteer instructors should have the ability to give 16 to 20 hours each year. Annual instructor training events and the opportunity to teach advanced classes, such as Successful Bowhunting and Successful Furtaking are also available.

What are the benefits?

Some of the benefits you’ll enjoy are:

- Making new friends and hunting companions
- Exposure to new experiences
- Advanced training opportunities
- Discount offers from industry on hunting equipment
- Complementary magazine subscriptions
- Enhanced instructional and communication skills
Become part of our success!

Since 1959, Pennsylvania has conducted formal hunter education courses. The results of nearly four decades of training have been exceptional. With nearly two million students certified to date, statistics show hunting fatalities and injuries from firearms has declined by more than 80 percent. Hunter education is working and working well!

Pennsylvania’s Game and Wildlife Code requires all first-time hunting or furtaking license buyers, regardless of age, to successfully complete a Hunter-Trapper Education course before purchasing a license. If a person wants to hunt in other states, this training is most often required, too.

Apply today!

To request a volunteer instructor application packet, call the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s Hunter-Trapper Education Division at 717-787-7015 or click this link.