

April 3, 2018

Dear Parent:

Your child has expressed interest in Hunter Education, a course taught at Elmwood Schools. DNR-certified instructors Dave Hoffman and Jeff Pickerign are volunteering to teach the course with help from Chris Segerstrom and Tom Knegendorf. For anyone born after January 1, 1973 to purchase any hunting license (other than a mentored-hunt) in Wisconsin, they must first pass a Hunter Education course.

Our course begins at **8 am on Monday, July 16th in the Elmwood Agri-Science Classroom**. Here is our schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Begin</u>	<u>End</u>
7/16/2018	Monday	8:00 am	Noon
7/17/2018	Tuesday	8:00 am	Noon
7/18/2018	Wednesday	8:00 am	Noon
7/19/2018	Thursday	8:00 am	Noon
7/20/2018	Friday	8:00 am	11 am

We may adjust the schedule due to extreme weather or other unforeseen circumstances. This schedule and other related information will be posted online at: <http://www.elmwood.k12.wi.us/faculty/pickerignj/huntereducation.cfm>. Participants may bring snacks to enjoy before class or during our breaks.

Successful graduation from this course requires a commitment from your child and your involvement will only help. A mature attitude is a must for safe gun handling. Hunter safety and individual responsibility will be emphasized. **Therefore, irresponsible behavior will not be tolerated.**

Participants are provided a state approved study guide that we follow for instruction. Prior to the first day of class, each student should read the first three chapters and complete the related study questions located near the back of the book. **Please take time to read the student manual.** Help your child find time to do this activity and do it together- it contains material valuable for both of you. Also, an online study guide is located at the website listed above.

We strongly encourage you, or another responsible adult, to help your child learn how to safely handle and shoot the firearm they will use for the field test. Therefore, we will send home practice targets. Under direct supervision of a responsible adult, each child should use a .22 caliber rim-fire rifle to shoot several rounds into each target. Please include a parent signature on each target and return them anytime prior to our last class. Let us know if this presents a problem.

The required field test will likely be during class on the morning of Friday, July 20th and held at the Elmwood Rod and Gun Club. However, we may move it to school if weather does not cooperate. To graduate, a participant must meet these requirements:

1. Prior to the first class, contact the DNR and get a **DNR Customer ID number**. You may call the DNR customer service line from 7am to 10pm at 1-888-936-7463 or go to the website listed above for a link to apply online.
2. **Complete and return an official registration form**. It must have the DNR Customer Id number as well as proper signatures. Submit all copies of the form along with the \$10 registration fee to Mr. Pickerign by Friday, April 27th.
3. Attend all classes. **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY**. Only emergency situations will be excused but at the discretion of the instructors.
4. Display a **SAFE ATTITUDE** at all times.
5. **Pass both tests** (written and field) with a minimum score of 80% on each. Please help your child prepare for these tests.

Graduates receive a lifetime certificate that allows them one free season of small game hunting privileges from their twelfth birthday to March 31 of the next year, the ability to purchase hunting licenses, a hunting hat, and an embroidered patch. Note: Students who do not pass must wait 60 days before enrolling in another hunter education class.

If you approve of your child's participation, then complete and **return the registration form with \$10** (cash or check made payable to **Elmwood Hunter Education**) in by Friday, April 27th. You may contact Jeff Pickerign by phone at (715) 639-2721 or email at pickerignj@elmwood.k12.wi.us. Dave Hoffman may be reached at (715) 232-9379.

Thank you,

Jeff Pickerign and Dave Hoffman