

ALABAMA HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS NEWSLETTER



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Hunter Education Instructor Training Workshops

There are four hunter education instructor training workshops scheduled for the near future. Please review the list of upcoming workshops and inform any potential instructor candidates of the dates and locations. All workshops are scheduled to begin at 6:00 PM.

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| August 9, 2010 | Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office
30571 Five Rivers Blvd., Spanish Fort, AL 36527 |
| August 16, 2010 | Alabama Cooperative Extension System Office
120 Court Street, Grove Hill, AL 36451 |
| August 24, 2010 | Shelby County Sheriff's Office
380 McDow Road, Columbiana, AL 35051-9618 |
| August 26, 2010 | Macon County Farmer's Coop
Hwy 14, Notasulga, AL |

"Nobody who ever gave
his best regretted it!"
George Halas

"Associate with men of
good quality if you
esteem your own
reputation. It is better
to be alone than in bad
company."

George Washington

"Many of life's failures
are people who did not
realize how close they
were to success when
they gave up"

Thomas Edison

Upcoming Treestand Safety Workshop

Representatives from the Treestand Manufacturer's Association and the National Bowhunter Education Foundation will conduct a Treestand Safety Instructor Certification workshop on September 24 & 25, 2010 at Camp Meadowbrook in Cullman County. The workshop is a "Train the Trainer" type course and is designed to provide hunter education instructors with the means to teach others the finer points of treestand safety. **Information regarding the workshop is on page 4 of this newsletter.** We look forward to seeing you on September 24-25 in Cullman.

"Success is not the key
to happiness. Happiness
is the key to success.
If you love what you are
doing, you will be
successful."

Albert Schweitzer

Vo-Ag Professionals Enjoy Auburn Workshop

The annual advanced hunter education workshop for Vocational-Agribusiness teachers was conducted at Auburn University on July 13-15, 2010. Activities included discussions on current issues related to hunter education in Alabama. Dana Johnson, Animal Damage Control Specialist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, provided instruction on various animal control techniques including the removal of a beaver dam. The group thoroughly enjoyed this portion of the workshop. Dynamite has a tendency to create some great visual and audio effects! Chris Jaworowski, Wildlife Biologist at Lowndes WMA, gave an excellent presentation on feral hog biology and control techniques.

The annual trip to the Auburn Police Department firing range was grueling (it was hot!) but provided an opportunity to gather information regarding advanced pistol shooting techniques. Carter Hendrix and Matt Weathers, CEO's from Cleburne and Calhoun counties, led a session in which participants were introduced to several different semi-automatic handguns. Other events included archery, shotgun, and rifle. Scores were recorded for each event for inclusion in the overall top gun score. A written test regarding all of the instruction provided was given on the last morning of the workshop just prior to departure.



Marisa Lee, Regional Hunter Education Coordinator, presents Andy Chamness, Vocational Agri-business teacher at Reeltown High School with a custom made knife for winning the top gun award at the 2010 workshop in Auburn.

The overall top gun was **Andy Chamness** from Reeltown High School in Tallapoosa County. Andy received a custom handmade knife made by Mr. John Harbuck, retired Vo-Ag teacher at Florala High School. We appreciate Mr. Harbuck's interest and generosity for providing such a gift as an award for this workshop.

We sincerely appreciate **Dr. Gordon Patterson** at Auburn University for his assistance and cooperation in making each of the vocational agri-business workshops a success! He has been instrumental in promoting the hunter education program as a vital part of the vocational agri-business curriculum.

"It doesn't matter where you've been, it only **matters where you are going.**"

Brian Tracy

Please Submit Your Data!

The Hunter Education Program office periodically receives requests from individuals who were unable to download a duplicate card from our website. Sometimes this situation is a result of an instructor not submitting the data to the Montgomery office. This problem is easily rectified when the course information has been collected through the online registration process. Often times we can call the instructor and easily have the data in our database the same day. However, instructors that have unsubmitted scantron forms in a desk drawer or box at their house may forget about the items and fail to submit them to this office in a timely manner. **Please submit your data to the Montgomery office in a timely manner! We request all instructors to take a few moments and ensure they have no outstanding data from previous courses.**

We also recommend instructors consider using the electronic data submission process for all future courses. We have not mandated this process but have encouraged instructors to use this process when appropriate.

Auctions and Special Items Available on IHEA.com

The International Hunter Education Association currently has a monthly online fundraiser at www.ihea.com in cooperation with Cabela's - one of IHEA's industry partners. Cabela's donates an item monthly to be auctioned through the IHEA website. This month's item is a Cabela's Interceptor Elite Layout Blind. As of today, the price on the layout blind is about \$100.00 below retail cost. There is also a link to an auction for 60th anniversary special edition Henry lever action rifles at www.gunbroker.com. Take a look on the IHEA website and watch the monthly auctions. Sometimes there are some outstanding items available.



Major Changes for the 2010-2011 Hunting Season

The following are some of the changes to the seasons and bag limits for the upcoming hunting season. These changes were approved through the Conservation Advisory Board.

- Liberalized unantlered deer harvest in Cullman, Lauderdale, and Madison counties.
- Liberalized unantlered deer harvest on Forest Service lands.
- Liberalized unantlered deer harvest on Corps of Engineers lands in Greene, Pickens, and Sumter counties.
- Legalized scopes with magnification on crossbows

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