

2007 Instructor Academy, Lake Tahoe, August 10-12

This year's academy is scheduled for **August 10-12** and is in the Western Region which means we're back at the beautiful Nevada 4-H camp on the shores of Lake Tahoe. As usual, the academy will run from Friday afternoon thru Sunday morning and everything, including meals and lodging is provided free of charge.

Here's the details, complete with camp facilities and a map with directions. We will provide a detailed agenda with your training options in the near future. Please mark your calendars; we want to see you there! After all, can you think of a better place to spend a weekend than Tahoe in the dog days of summer?

12 cabins are available with each cabin holding up to 16 campers and includes eight sturdy bunk beds with mattresses. Campers must provide their own linens or sleeping bags. **Note: RV's, trailers and pets are not allowed at the 4-H camp.**

Outdoor bathroom and shower facilities, complete with electrical outlets, are available. Both sleeping cabins and restrooms are accessible by those with disabilities.

All meals will be provided at the central dining hall. Campers may take meals outdoors on the picnic tables provided or eat within the dining hall itself. The dining hall, which includes an indoor restroom, and the dining patio each accommodate 150 people.

DIRECTIONS

Take Highway 50 from Carson City to Stateline, NV. Drive through the communities of Cave Rock, Zephyr Cove and Roundhill. Passenger vehicles Turn right on Kahle Drive (stoplight). Turn left on Laura Drive. Turn Right on 4-H Camp Road. (not marked.)

Trucks, buses, or large vehicles turn right on 4-H Camp Road which is between Dart Liquor Store and Edgewood Golf Course. It is ¼ mile to the campgrounds from Highway 50.



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Welcome to the Outdoor Instructor Newsletter

First things first, I'd like to apologize for the long delay between this newsletter and the last. It's been way too long and I promise it won't happen again.

As you all probably know, the last year has been a time of great change in the NDOW Conservation Education Division in general and Outdoor Education in particular. In Outdoor Ed we have a new statewide coordinator (me), a new Southern Region Con Ed Supervisor (Doug Nielsen; who went from SR Hunter Ed Coordinator to game warden to outdoor writer and is now back where he belongs in Con Ed, see a message from Doug inside this issue), a new Southern Region Hunter Ed Coordinator (Martin Olson; a long-time NDOW HE instructor) and two new Conservation Aides in Angler Ed (Chris

Pietrafeso and Neil Murphy).

As for the newsletter itself, "new" hopefully also means improved. I want to make the newsletter as useful to you, the instructor, as possible. In this and future editions you will find general AE and HE program information, regional updates, topics specific to your clinics and classes and timely updates on upcoming events and projects. And with the pending change in Hunter Ed student manual and workbook (details inside), available new teaching tools and other stuff in the pipeline, I'll have plenty of information to pass along.

I plan on publishing the newsletter at least quarterly to coincide with the publication of each issue of the IHEA *Hunter and Shooting Sports Education Journal*. You will also periodically re-

ceive special editions when we have information we need to get out to you.

So please keep your eye out for a big manila envelope at least four times a year and give the newsletter a good once over before it goes to the recycling bin. I'll try my best to make it worth your while.

John McKay



Instructor Discounts



Instructors can purchase any Leupold product for personal or instructional use and get a substantial discount off retail prices. Contact Gabe Lange with Leupold at (503) 526-1609, glange@leupold.com or your regional coordinator for pricing or more details.



Shakespeare offers discounts to active instructors involved in educational programs. Check with your regional coordinator for available products and pricing.



Both firearms companies have instructor purchase programs that offer substantial discounts. Contact your regional coordinator for program details and pricing.

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Special points of interest:

- *New Hunter Education Publications*
- *Instructor Jackets*
- *Angel Lake Derby*
- *Doug Nielsen Returns*
- *HOFNOD Training*
- *Lake Tahoe Academy*

New Student Manuals Are Coming...

As announced earlier this year at the instructor training/appreciation dinners held around the state, we are switching to the *Today's Hunter* student manual and workbook for all of our Hunter Ed classes. The new books are scheduled to arrive in June and we'll start distributing them to students as soon as we exhaust our existing supply of the old workbooks and field guides. But have no fear about the new books showing up in your classes before you have the chance to get familiar with them. As soon as we get the new materials (and before we hand them out to students) every active HE instructor will receive the following.

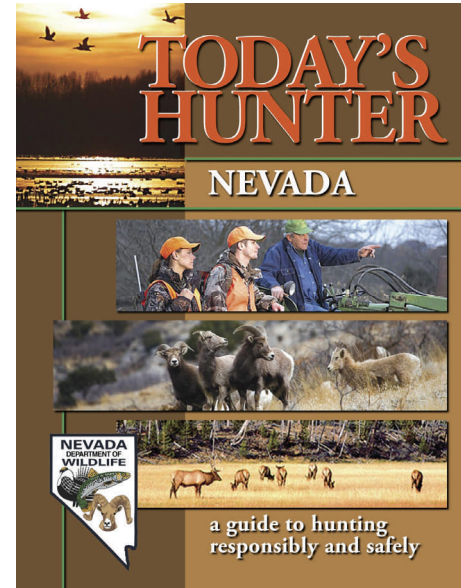
- *Today's Hunter* Student Manual & Workbook
- *Today's Hunter* instructor CD w/ PowerPoint
- *Today's Hunter* final exam w/ answer key

- *Outdoor Empire Wildlife Identification Guide*
- An example of the workbook online completion certificate
- An updated class outline

The new curriculum will eliminate a number of the problems we encountered with the old books and tests and will not require any major changes in the way you conduct your classes. Students still have to complete the workbook (hard copy or online) before attending a class, successfully complete the required class exercises and pass the final exam before earning their Nevada certificate. **I repeat, the online certificate only proves completion of the workbook and does not take the place of the Nevada Hunter Education certificate issued after the student has successfully completed a class.**

If you would like an advance look at the online manual, log on to the *Today's Hunter* website at www.hunter-ed.com and click on the Idaho link. The Nevada manual will look and function very similar to Idaho's.

Stay tuned; we will provide much more info on the new curriculum in the coming weeks and months.



Jackets and new Instructor Guidelines are here

Jackets

Another apology is in order for those 10-year instructors that were promised a Carhartt jacket at the dinners back in January and February.

Like many things in government; what I naively thought to be a simple, straightforward process of buying some jackets has gotten hung up in a bit of red tape. Turns out I was required to fill out some paperwork - isn't there always paperwork - and go through State Purchasing.

That's the bad news; the good news is I shouldn't have to go through this again to purchase jackets in the future and this year's order has finally arrived and are being embroidered as I write. With any luck we'll have them delivered before the first frost this fall.



Instructor Guidelines

Also promised at the dinners (and mentioned in my letter announcing my acceptance of the statewide coordinator job), were some revised publications, procedures, etc. coming your way. After the new student manuals, the first thing

out of the chute is a publication much less exciting, but just as important.

The enclosed *NDOW Hunter Education Instructor Rules and Guidelines* outlines the policies and procedures that you need to know as an instructor to function properly in the program.

It is something that we have lacked for a long time and will hopefully answer questions you may have about your role as a Hunter Ed instructor. This is simply a "housekeeping" type of thing and is **not** the result of any problems or wrongdoing. Angler Ed instructors will get their version in the near future.

When you receive your copy in the mail please sign and return the accompanying Acknowledgement of Receipt letter. We're requiring that you return the letter so that we know for sure you have received your copy and agree to abide by the policies and procedures in it.

Eastern Region Update

Angel Lake Fishing Derby

This year's annual Angel Lake Derby will be held July 21 from 7:30 am – 12:00 pm. In past years, 150 kids have shown up for this event. Volunteers are desperately needed to help out with everything you can imagine that comes

with 100+ kids, hooks, bait, miles of fishing line and a high mountain lake.

Please contact Joe Doucette to take part.



Southern Region Update



Hooked on Fishing not on Drugs (HOFNOD) facilitator training is being offered to interested instructors. HOFNOD is the flagship education program of the Future Fisherman Foundation (FFF) and is used widely in more than 30 states and territories. In addition to teaching all the basics of safe and ethical angling, this program combines long-term mentoring and positive life skills with conservation education in one powerful and adaptable package. Visit the FFF website at www.futurefisherman.org for more info on HOFNOD.

The FFF is sponsoring the training; however the exact training dates, times and location have not been set. If you're interested, please contact Ivy Santee for details.

Greetings from Doug Nielsen

Hi everybody, it's good to be back in the realm of Outdoor Education and to be around such a dedicated group of people. It's hard to believe that it's been almost 10 years since I left the Hunter Education program to join the game warden ranks. During that time, I have had the opportunity to meet a lot of good people who hunt in Nevada. But I have also had to deal with folks who hunt in Nevada that aren't so good. That has reinforced my belief in the need for quality Hunter Education and the importance of getting hunters started off right. No matter how old they are.

I came back to the world of Outdoor Education in December when I accepted the position of Conservation Education Supervisor in the Southern Region. This has given me the opportunity to renew acquaintances with many of our longtime volunteers and the chance to get to know folks who became involved while I was away

chasing bad guys and keeping our waters safe for boaters and anglers. I look forward to working with you and our staff of dedicated professionals as we introduce Nevadans to the world of hunting and fishing.

Tight lines and good hunting.



Western Region Update

The Carson Valley Chukar Club and Douglas County Sheriff's Dept. recently purchased a trailer for the Hunter Education Program in the Douglas County area.



The trailer will hold all the Hunter Ed equipment needed for a class including model firearms, video's, fencing for the trail exercises and the boat. It will also include a newly purchased Laser Shot system. The trailer will be available for check out for Douglas County instruc-

tors and will be a great asset to the Hunter Education program.

The Winnemucca chapters of the Nevada Chukar Foundation and Mule Deer Foundation will also be purchasing a Laser Shot system for the Hunter Education program in Winnemucca. This system will be available for check out to all Hunter Ed Instructors in the Winnemucca area.

I would like to personally thank all the volunteers for their efforts and their contributions to the Hunter Education

Program. Without the efforts of volunteers and conservation groups, the program would not be able to operate or exist at the high level Nevada's sportmen expect and deserve.

Thank you for helping Nevada Department of Wildlife have a successful Hunter Education Program.

Chris Vasey
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