



2008 Academy Scheduled

Since the first Nevada Hunter Education (since renamed Outdoor Education) Academy was held in 1992 we have always pretty much followed the same basic schedule; held annually in late spring/early summer and rotated among NDOW's three administrative regions (eastern, southern and western).

Through a combination of factors the 2007 academy (western region's turn) was held in August at Lake Tahoe. I'll try not to bore you with a lot of bureaucratic details, but holding the '07 academy in August created some problems in our budgeting and planning for the 2008 academy, as holding two academies in one fiscal year usually won't work. Add to that the further complication that it's the southern region's turn to host and we've always struggled to find a suitable camp down south that meets our needs. With all those factors in play, let's just say that Con Ed staff has been debating when and where to hold the next academy ever since we left Tahoe.

So what does this all mean to you, the instructor? It means we have decided to get back on our traditional schedule and have set the dates for a spring 2008 academy! I've included the agenda, which can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

I realize this is somewhat short notice and late April is a bit earlier than in years past. But as I mentioned earlier, we had a few issues to resolve, limited facilities and dates to choose from and ultimately we felt it was important to get back on our normal academy schedule.

I will be giving you much more info on training topics as we finalize the details and I promise to work hard to make it worth your while to attend. Also check out the camp on the provided link if you're not familiar with the facility. I believe it will work well for us.

One thing that is different at this camp is we pay a set lodging and meal fee for each instructor who attends. **Therefore, we have to require that you RSVP if you want to come, no exceptions or late arrivals. We have to provide a final count to the camp by April 18, 2008 so you must RSVP by that date.**

As usual, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing you all at the academy.



Hunter Education Final Exam Comments Needed

As I mentioned in the January *Outdoor Educator*, we're asking for your help identifying problems with the new Hunter Ed final exam.

Please keep track of questions that seemed to be missed more than others,

questions that students have a hard time reading and/or understanding and any other problems or issues you feel are worth noting and pass on your notes to me or your regional coordinator.

The goal is fix any problems you all recognize after we get through the busy spring tag application class season then reprint the test this summer.

Outdoor Education Academy Schedule

April 25 – 27, 2008
Potosi Pines Camp
Blue Diamond, NV

Friday, April 25

12:00 p.m. Camp Opens

12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Arrive and Register

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Welcome, Agenda Review

Saturday, April 26

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Concurrent Angler Ed & Hunter Ed Training Sessions

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Concurrent Angler Ed & Hunter Ed Training Sessions

6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Dinner

7 p.m. – Evening Program/Entertainment

Sunday, April 27

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Closing Comments

9:30 a.m. – Clean up and Go Home



http://desertsouthwestconference.org/fileadmin/Website_PDF/Camp/Potosi_Brochure.pdf

Instructor Discounts

Those of you that attended dinners earlier this year may remember hearing about the discount offered by Otis Technologies on their line of firearms cleaning products and that they are sponsoring our 20 year instructor awards. I've enclosed their catalog and program information in case you're interested.

Henry Rifles and Thompson Center Arms have renewed their instructor discount programs for 2008. Both offer substantial savings off retail prices on firearms and accessories. Contact me or your regional coordinator for details on any of these programs.