



Michigan Youth Hunter Education Challenge

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To Participants, Coach's & Parents:

It is drawing close to the end of the school year and most for you are making plans for your summer vacation. Be sure to save room on your calendar for the annual MYHEC event to be held on **August 20 & 21, 2016**. I am looking forward to seeing all past MYHEC participants along with some new faces at the event this year. To those of you, who have not yet experienced a state event, let me assure you that you will have a wonderful time shooting, making new friends, testing your skills and developing new skills over a weekend packed with fun!

Location & Date:

Capital Area Sportsmen League (CASL), 7534 Old River Trail, Lansing, MI, will host the 2016 MYHEC event on **August 20 & 21, 2016**.

Registration:

After more than ten years of keeping the 'Early Bird' registration fee at \$20 we have found it necessary to increase the fee to \$30 for the 2016 annual event. Take advantage of this low rate and register early to secure your spot to participate in the 2016 MYHEC event. **'Early Bird' registration fees MUST be received postmarked on or before July 23rd**. Registration fees for 2016 event will be as follows:

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$30 if received postmarked on or before July 23

Regular Registration Fee: \$40 if received postmarked between July 24–August 5

Here are a few reminders to assure you an opportunity to participant in the 2016 MYHEC event.

- Your **application must be signed in the three (3)** areas on the back side by a parent or guardian
- Include a copy of your hunter safety certificate
- Payment must be sent along with the registration form and is non-refundable. Make checks payable to **'MYHEC'**.
- **Registrations must be received postmarked no later than August 5th to be accepted.**

Hunter Safety Certificates:

ALL PARTICIPANTS must send a copy of their Hunter Safety Certificate along with their registration form; it must be on file before participating in any of the MYHEC events. These records are not kept on file from year to year.

2016 Coaches Day - Saturday, June 4, 2016 - Cadillac, MI

This is a day for coaches and those who wish to begin to coach a group of youth and prepare them for the state MYHEC challenge. Areas to be covered in 2016 are Wildlife Identification, Orienteering, and Safety Trail. Shooting disciplines will be briefly reviewed and the day will close with a Coaches Corner, a time of sharing. The event will be held from 10 am to 4 pm at the Carl T. Johnson Hunting & Fishing Center at Mitchell Lake in Cadillac, MI. They have a wonderful wildlife display we will use as a teaching tool. Registration & Scholarship forms for the event are available at MYHEC.org under the '2016 Coaches Day' Tab. Call Debi with any questions.

U.P. Regional – June 25, 2016

Dates for our third regional event will be held in Chippewa County in the Upper Peninsula on Saturday, June 25, 2016. This will be a one day event for youth ages 18 years old and younger who have a hunter safety certificate on file along with their registration form. Participant and volunteer registration forms for the regional event can be downloaded at MYHEC.org by clicking on the 'U.P. Regional' tab. Registrations for this event must be postmarked on or before midnight Friday, June 10, 2016.

Facebook Page

You can find us on Facebook and like our page 'MYHEC Michigan Youth Hunter Education Challenge'. Thank you to Kira Hensley, a MYHEC mom, for maintaining our facebook page.

Volunteers

Qualified volunteers are the heart of the MYHEC program. Our program is successful because we have dedicated volunteers who are committed to seeing Michigan's hunting heritage passed on to today's youth.

A **BIG** thank you to all our volunteers!

Once again, we are looking for qualified volunteers to help in all eight events as well as support areas:

| Event | Skills needed in order to assist |
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| Archery | Must be comfortable working with archery equipment and with youth. Must be capable of walking long distances. |
| Muzzleloading | Must have a working knowledge of muzzleloaders and be comfortable working with muzzleloaders and with youth. |
| Rifle | Must be comfortable working with rifles w/ various action types and working with youth |
| Shotgun | Must be comfortable working with shotguns, scoring and working with youth. |
| Orienteering | No particular skills are needed to assist with this event. You will be taught what you will need to know on the morning of the event. It is not difficult. |
| Responsibility Exam | No particular skill is needed to assist with this event. |
| Safety Trail | We are looking specifically for Hunter Education Instructors and DNR officers to help with this event. |
| Wildlife ID | No particular skill is needed to assist with this event. |
| Event Registrar | Must be capable of keeping paper work organized; oversee youth/coaches who are waiting, assist event director with orientation and other tasks as needed. |
| Office Help | Friday – need at least 3 office assistants to help with set-up. Saturday/Sunday – need at least 3 office assistants to help with volunteer sign in, volunteer meal tickets/menus, selling MYHEC items, etc. |
| Volunteer Snack/Water | Saturday/Sunday mornings: 1-2 assistants to help coordinator carry out their tasks |
| Photographer(s) | Looking for someone capable of preparing 2016 event pictures to show on screen at closing ceremony. Need several photographers willing to submit their pictures for this project. |
| Caterer | Prepare Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast for 7:15 am Sunday morning. Will discuss cost/fees associated with this breakfast. |
| Evening Activities | Coordinate Saturday evening games such as tug-of-war, flu-flu arrows, campfire, etc. |

Volunteer Registration Forms

Available at www.myhec.org or call 517-485-6391 (leave a message) and request a paper copy to be sent to you.

Promote MYHEC
by passing this information
on to those you know who
would be interested in
helping with an exciting
outdoor hunting youth
program.



Hotel/Motel: MYHEC has reserved a block of rooms at Ramada Inn located at 7501 W. Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917. Reservations must be made on or before July 19, 2016 to receive the discounted rate of \$74 / room. **Call 517-627-3211 and use the code "HEC3" to receive this discounted rate.** Room rate is for 1-4 person occupancy. Taxes, 6 % State and 6 % Local taxes will be added to the quoted price. Group rate includes a full HOT Breakfast Buffet is included each morning of your stay. Check-in time is 3:00 pm and check-out time is 12:00 noon. Guests arriving before 3:00 pm will be accommodated as rooms become available. Ramada Inn is located on the corner of Saginaw and Canal; approximately one mile south of CASL.

Camping:

Camping will be available on site for the 2016 MYHEC event. Return a completed camping form and fee of \$50 along with your registration form to reserve your campsite. Camping registration form is available on website at MYHEC.org. Thank you to Chris Hilbrecht for taking on the task of organizing and preparing the site for campers.

Rule Changes: The 2015 Event Rules & Regulations will govern for the 2016 MYHEC event and are posted on our website at www.MYHEC.org. The state MYHEC Rules & Regulations coincide very closely with those for the YHEC International event. Contact us at StateMYHEC07@aol.com or 517-485-6391 if you have specific questions concerning equipment or the event. If you would like to request a paper copy, contact me and I will be happy to send you one for the fee of \$5.00; postage included.


College Scholarships: A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a participant entering college in the fall of 2016 or spring of 2017 at the closing ceremony for MYHEC 2016. **Applications and essays must be postmarked by July 1, 2015 to be considered for the current scholarship year.** You may download an application, guidelines and essay question from our website at www.myhec.org; if you would like a paper copy, send your request to StateMYHEC07@aol.com or call 517-485-6391 and leave a message.

Prize Donations: Items donated for use in participant drawings are always welcomed and help make MYHEC more exciting for the youth involved in the program. If you would be able to help with this project, please contact Lisa Sweet. Your generosity is always welcomed.

Hunts Offered: Information on available hunts will be posted on our website as they come available. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the information booth no later than the close of the day on Saturday, August 20th. Participants must complete all eight events to be eligible for these drawings.

Website: Please keep watch at www.myhec.org, for additional news as it becomes available.

Become a Website MYHEC Member and receive all the updated emails. Go to www.myhec.org to register as a MYHEC Website Member.

Registration Confirmation Letter: You will receive your confirmation  via email unless you have noted on your registration form you would like to receive a paper letter confirming your registration. Letters will be sent after August 10th and will include the final details for the 2016 event. You may email StateMYHEC07@aol.com or call 517-485-6391 with your questions and concerns.

Win a Muzzleloader! All participants who complete all eight individual events and display good sportsmanship throughout the entire program will have their name put in the drawing to have a chance at winning a muzzleloader.

NRA International YHEC: I encourage you to go to the next level. If you participated in the 2016 Michigan YHEC event you are eligible to attend the international YHEC event to be held at the Mill Cove Environmental Center and Mansfield University in Mansfield, PA; July 26-31, 2015. Registration Deadline is June 27, 2016. Additional information may be obtained at <http://international-yhec.org> or by contacting NRA Hunter Services at (703)267-1500.

Tentative Event Schedule:

A finalized event schedule will be included in your participant packet you receive at registration on Saturday morning.

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| Friday: 9:00 a.m. | Volunteers are needed to help set-up; please pre-register |
| 4:00 p.m. | Tentative: Campers may arrive <u>after</u> 4 p.m. |
| 6:00 p.m. | Event Director Dinner / Meeting – archery building |
| Saturday: 7:30 a.m. | Event Registrar's orientation - archery building |
| 7:30 a.m. | Volunteer Sign In - archery building |
| 7:30 a.m. | Coaches meeting - in front of archery building |
| 8 a.m. | Participant Registration – in front of Archery building |
| 8:45 a.m. | Opening Ceremony – meet at flag pole at sound of bugle |
| 9:30 a.m. | All Events open – report to assigned first event |
| 11-2:30 | Concessions available |
| 6 p.m. | All Events Close (Unless events need more time to get all participants through by Sunday at 1 p.m.) Hunt Applications must be submitted at information booth/office area |
| TBA | Tentative: MYHEC Planning Meeting for all participants, parents and coaches. |
| Sunday: 7:15 a.m. | Tentative: Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast – in main club house |
| 8:00 a.m. | Volunteers Check In - archery building |
| 8:00 a.m. | Participants Check In - club house |
| 8:30 a.m. | Responsibility Exam (MANDATORY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS) |
| 11 – 1 p.m. | Concessions available |
| 12 p.m. | Tear Down & Clean Up Teams report back to their assigned starting event to help tear down & clean up as directed. |
| 2 p.m. | Presentation of prizes, hunts, etc. |
| Tentative- 3 p.m. | Award Presentation (Will start when final tallies are complete.) |

Be sure to get out and enjoy the great outdoors while training for MYHEC 2015. I encourage you to invite a friend to come along with you and introduce them to the MYHEC Challenge! You may contact me or one of the other board members with your questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

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