



# Michigan Youth Hunter Education Challenge

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## To Participants, Coaches & Parents:

Spring has arrived and most of 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 26 & 27, 2017**. 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 2017 MYHEC event on **August 26 & 27, 2017**.

### *NEW On-Line Registration:*

All MYHEC participant registrations will be made on-line for the 2017 state event.

To assure you an opportunity to participate in the 2017 MYHEC event you must:

- Register online at MYHEC.org
  - Go to MYHEC.org, Events Tab, select 2017 State Event - Participant Registration
  - Fill out each and every category and submit
  - You will receive an email confirming your on-line registration along with an Event Release Form
- Mail the following to registrar Heather Hicks (address in side panel of this letter):
  - Event Release Form, which **must be signed in the two (2)** areas by a parent or guardian
  - Copy of your hunter safety certificate
  - Registration fee, which is non-refundable. Make checks payable to 'MYHEC'.

Contact Chris Hilbrecht at 517-410-9530 with questions concerning the on-line registration process.

*Early Bird Registration Fee:* \$30 if received postmarked on or before July 22

*Regular Registration Fee:* \$40 if received postmarked between July 23–August 10

**Registrations must be received postmarked no later than August 10<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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## 2017 Coaches Day - Saturday, April 22, 2017 - Lansing, 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. Focus will be given to the responsibility events - Wildlife Identification, Orienteering, Responsibility Exam and Safety Trail. Shooting disciplines will be briefly reviewed during the Coaches Corner session. The event will be held from 9 am to 4 pm at Capital Area Sportsmen League in Lansing, MI. Registration & Scholarship forms for the event are available at MYHEC.org under the Coaches Day tab.

## U.P. Regional - June 24, 2017

Dates for our fourth regional event will be held in Chippewa County in the Upper Peninsula on Saturday, June 24, 2017. 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 9, 2017.

### Social Media

**Facebook Page:** You can find us on Facebook and like our page 'MYHEC Michigan Youth Hunter Education Challenge'. Email any team pictures you would like share on facebook and/or the MYHEC website to StateMYHEC07@aol.com.

**Instagram:** You can also follow us on Instagram by searching #MYHEC and #MYHEC2017

### 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!

You may register as a volunteer at MYHEC.org.

**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
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. Need up to seven (one per event).
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 2017 event pictures to show on screen at closing ceremony. Need several photographers willing to submit their pictures for this project.

### Volunteer Registration Forms & On-line Registration

Available at [www.myhec.org](http://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 will arrange for a block of rooms at an area motel for volunteers, participants and their families. The details for this special pricing will be posted at **MYHEC.org** once arrangements have been confirmed. This information was not available at the time of this printing.

**Camping:**

Camping will be available onsite for the 2017 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:** Current Rules & Regulations governing the 2017 MYHEC event are posted on our website at [www.MYHEC.org](http://www.MYHEC.org). Revisions for the 2017 event will be posted in full by July 1, 2017. The state MYHEC Rules & Regulations coincide very closely with those for the YHEC International event. Contact us at [StateMYHEC07@aol.com](mailto:StateMYHEC07@aol.com) or 517-485-6391 if you have specific questions concerning equipment or the event. A paper copy of the rules and regulations may be requested for a fee of \$5.00.

**College Scholarships:** A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a participant entering college in the fall of 2017 or spring of 2018 at the closing ceremony for MYHEC 2017. **Applications and essays must be postmarked by July 1, 2017 to be considered for the current scholarship year.** You may download an application, guidelines and essay question from our website at [www.myhec.org](http://www.myhec.org); if you would like a paper copy, send your request to [StateMYHEC07@aol.com](mailto: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 Jon Brown at (989) 666-1391. Your generosity is always welcomed.

**Hunts Offered:** Information on available hunts will be announced at the opening ceremony on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the information booth no later than the close of the day on Saturday. Participants must complete all eight events to be eligible for these drawings.

**Website:** Please keep watch at [www.myhec.org](http://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](http://www.myhec.org) to register as a MYHEC Website Member.

**Registration Confirmation Letter:** You will receive an email confirmation 1) confirming you have completed the on-line portion of registration 2) confirming the registrar has received your payment, hunter safety card and signed Liability Form. A third and final email will be sent after August 16<sup>th</sup> which will include the final details for the 2017 event. Paper confirmation letters are available upon request. You may email [StateMYHEC07@aol.com](mailto: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 in Raton, New Mexico at the Whittington Center July 24-28, 2017. 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.

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	<b>Tentative: MYHEC Planning Meeting for all participants, parents and coaches.</b>
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 2017. 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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