



# Michigan Youth Hunter Education Challenge

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## Greetings to Participants, Coaches & Parents:

Mark your calendars! The 2018 State MYHEC event will be held on **August 18 & 19, 2018**. The MYHEC board would like to reassure participants that you will have a wonderful time shooting, making new friends, testing your skills and developing new skills over this weekend packed with fun!

### *Fundraising Opportunities:*

As time goes on and operating costs continue to rise, the MYHEC board is working hard to keep your participation cost at a minimum; however, we need your help to be able to do this. We are exploring some new fundraising opportunities this year; which include selling t-Shirts / sweatshirts / hats with the MYHEC logo and jerky sticks. As of today, May 18<sup>th</sup>, we need to raise \$11,000 to make the 2018 state event happen. If you know of additional fundraising opportunities, an individual, or organization that might be willing to help support a Michigan youth hunting education program, please contact a board member.

### **MYHEC T-Shirt / Sweatshirt Fundraiser**



Watch your email and the "Announcements Tab" at MYHEC.org for the date this fundraiser will 'go live'. Logo will be similar to the picture shown but will say Michigan instead of Alaska. You will have the choice of picking your order up at the state event – August 18 & 19<sup>th</sup> – for no additional fee or having your order shipped directly to your home by paying an additional shipping fee at the time you order.

### **MYHEC Hats / Visors**

Hats and visors with the MYHEC logo will be available at the information booth during the State MYHEC event.

### **Jerky Sticks**

County Meats jerky sticks will be sold during the event for \$1 at all eight events.

### **Coach Division**

Coaches with full teams of five (5) registered team members may participate in the Coach Division. Registration Fee is \$75.00 - deadline to register is August 1<sup>st</sup> – may participate for certificate or for fun. Completed details for this division can be obtained at MYHEC.org.

### *Location & Date for State Event:*

Capital Area Sportsmen League (CASL), 7534 Old River Trail, Lansing, MI, will host the 2018 MYHEC event on **August 18 & 19, 2018**.

**Registration Fee: \$35** - registrations must be received postmarked no later than August 1<sup>st</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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### *On-Line Registration:*

All MYHEC participant registrations will be made on-line for the 2018 state event.

To assure you an opportunity to participate in the 2018 MYHEC event you must:

- Register online at MYHEC.org
  - Go to MYHEC.org, Events Tab, select 2018 State Event / Participant Registration
  - Fill out each category and click submit, Note: a registration form is available on the website for coaches to use to gather the necessary information needed to enter in the online registration
  - Participant emails are to be entered when registering instead of the coach's email
  - 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 or money orders payable to 'MYHEC'.

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

*Registration Confirmation Letter:* You will receive your registration confirmations by email. 1) The first email will confirm you have completed the on-line portion of registration. 2) The second email will confirm we have received your registrar, payment, hunter safety card and signed liability form. 3) The third and final email will be sent after August 10<sup>th</sup> which will include the final details for the 2018 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.

*Receive Updated News:* To receive MYHEC news as it comes available, go to [www.MYHEC.org](http://www.MYHEC.org) and register as a MYHEC Website Member. News will also be posted on the "Announcement" tab on our website.

*2018 Rule Changes:* Current Rules & Regulations governing the 2018 MYHEC event are posted on our website at [www.MYHEC.org](http://www.MYHEC.org). Only one change has been made to the archery rules and regulations for the 2018 event; no sky drawing will be allowed. 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 2018 or spring of 2019 at the closing ceremony for MYHEC 2018. **Applications and essays must be postmarked by July 1, 2018 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); you may request a paper copy by emailing [StateMYHEC07@aol.com](mailto:StateMYHEC07@aol.com) or calling 517-485-6391( leave a message).



### **U.P. Regional – June 23, 2018**

MYHEC's fifth U.P. Regional event will be held in Chippewa County is located in Eastern Upper Peninsula on Saturday, June 23, 2018. This is a one day event for youth ages 18 years old and younger that 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. Registration fee is \$20 and must be postmarked on or before midnight of June 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Social Media

**Facebook Page – State Event:** Find State event updates on Facebook at '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](mailto:StateMYHEC07@aol.com).

**Facebook Page – U.P. Regional Event:** Find Regional updates at 'U.P. Regional MYHEC'. Email any team pictures you would like share on facebook and/or the MYHEC website to [StateMYHEC07@aol.com](mailto:StateMYHEC07@aol.com)

**Instagram:** You can also follow us on Instagram by searching #MYHEC and #MYHEC2018

**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 18<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 in all eight events to be eligible for these drawings.

**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 for a chance at winning a muzzleloader during the closing ceremony.

## 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.

### Thank you to all our volunteers!

You may register online as a volunteer at [MYHEC.org](http://MYHEC.org) or download a volunteer form from the website, complete it and mail to address on form.

#### Qualified volunteers are needed for all eight events and support areas:

Event	Skills Needed 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 and leave a message requesting a paper copy.

### HELP

### Promote MYHEC

Share this information with others who may 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. Information is not available at the time of this printing.

***Camping:***

Rustic camping will be available onsite for the 2018 MYHEC event. To reserve your campsite download a camping registration form from our website and mail the completed form along with the \$50 fee to the address on stated on form. When you arrive at the event on Friday evening you **MUST** register with camping coordinator, Chris Hilbrecht, before setting up camp.

***NRA International YHEC:*** The MYHEC board would like to encourage you to go to the next level and consider participating in the National YHEC event. If you participated in the 2017 Michigan YHEC event you are eligible to attend the National YHEC event to be held in Mansfield, PA at the Mill Cove Environmental Center on July 23-27, 2018. Additional information may be obtained at <https://yhec.nra.org/national-championship> 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.	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
	7:30 p.m.	Games / Campfire (If weather permits)
Sunday:	7:15 a.m.	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 (Ceremony will start when final tallies are complete.)

Let's all get out and enjoy the great outdoors over the summer while training for the 2018 State MYHEC Event! The MYHEC Board encourages you to invite a friend(s) and introduce them to the MYHEC Challenge!

Sincerely,

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