



Michigan Youth Hunter Education Challenge

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Welcome to the 2019 MYHEC season! The state event will be held on August 17 and 18 at Capital Area Sportsmen's League, 7534 Old River Trail, Lansing, MI 48917. The Board of Directors has been busy planning this year's event. We are thoroughly reviewing the rules and expect to make some significant changes to the shotgun event. Any changes will be announced through our website, www.myhec.org, and the updated rules will be posted.

As many of you know, the NRA will **NOT** be hosting a national event this year so their funds can be redirected to other causes. We are also experiencing a challenge in raising funds and recruiting new participants. Thanks to a late contribution from the Rocky Mountain Elk Federation, we were able to meet our 2018 budget. Over the years, we have seen regular donors reduce or eliminate their contributions while costs continue to increase. The Board is faced with making tough decisions in order to continue offering an event that you have come to expect. One of those was to raise the entry fee to \$50.

MYHEC GEAR



Get your MYHEC t-shirt and/or sweatshirt to spread the word about our event. Dingers Apparel will be taking on-line orders beginning July 1st at www.dingersapparel.com/store-1. Enter the coupon code "EVENTPICKUP" to have your purchase available at the state event. Or, pay the shipping fee to have it sent to your home. A percentage of each sale will go to this year's event.

Hats and visors with the MYHEC logo will be available at the information booth for \$20.

REGISTRATION

On-line registration is now open through the EVENTS tab on our website, www.myhec.org. We encourage all coaches to have their participants register themselves so that we may capture the **participants** email address. You will receive an email confirming your registration along with an Event Release Form. To complete the registration process, mail the signed Event Release Form, copy of your hunter safety certificate and \$50 registration fee to the registrar. Please make your non-refundable check or money order payable to MYHEC. Once these items are received, a second confirmation email will be sent. Finally, expect a third email closer to the event date containing the details for the weekend. Contact Chris Hilbrecht with any questions regarding the on-line registration, 517-410-9530.

COACHES CHALLENGE

Hey coaches! Think you have what it takes to compete in the MYHEC event? Register for the Coaches Challenge and find out what it's like when your team is on the firing line. Any coach with a full team of five (5) registered members may participant. Visit the website for more details and the registration form. Forms must be submitted by August 1st along with the \$50 non-refundable entry fee.

ALL PARTICIPANTS must have a copy of their hunter safety certificate on file with the Registrar prior to the event. These records are not kept from year to year.

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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

High school seniors entering college or trade schools in the upcoming fall or winter semesters are encouraged to apply for the MYHEC scholarship. Download the application and guidelines from our website. **Applications and essays must be postmarked by July 1st to be considered eligible.** For hard copies, leave a message for Debi at 517-485-6391.

EMAIL UPDATES

Receive email updates throughout the year by registering as a website member. Visit our website, www.myhec.org, and sign up. This is an easy way to communicate with our members and reduces the cost of postage. Important information will also be posted on the "Announcement" tab on the website.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

Shotgun – participants will provide their own shotgun ammunition. **The ammunition MUST BE new factory shells in their original packaging and will be presented to the event director for inspection prior to entering the event (NO RELOADS).** Shotgun shells can be no more than 2 ¾ inches with a 3 dram equivalent and the shot size must #7.5 or smaller. Complete shotgun guidelines are in the MYHEC Rules & Regulations. A limited amount of Focci 12 and 20 gauge ammunition will be available at the event while supplies last.

Once the final Rules & Regulations are published, they will be posted on our website. Hard copies may be requested for \$5.00. Contact Debi at statemyhec07@aol.com or 517-485-6391.



U.P. Regional – Saturday, June 22, 2019

The U.P. Regional event will be held at Chippewa County Shooting Association located in the Eastern Upper Peninsula. This is a one-day event for youth ages 18 and younger that have a hunter safety certificate on file along with their registration form. Participant and volunteer registration forms are available on our website under the 'U.P. Regional' tab. The registration fee is \$20 and must be postmarked by June 8th.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Share your photos and find updates on our Facebook pages: MYHEC Michigan Youth Hunter Education Challenge and U.P. Regional MYHEC. If you would like to have your team photos posted on our website, email them to Debi at statemyhec07@aol.com.

Instagram users should use #MYHEC and #MYHEC2018.

PRIZE DONATIONS

We welcome all donations for use in participant drawings to make this event more exciting for the youth. If you are able to help with this project, please contact Jon Brown at (989) 666-1391. Your generosity is always appreciated.

YOUTH HUNTS

Information on available hunts will be announced at the opening ceremony. Applications may be picked up at the information booth. They must be submitted by the end of the day on Saturday. To be eligible for the drawing, participants must compete in all eight events.

LODGING

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 on our website once the arrangements have been confirmed.

CAMPING

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

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!

If you would like to register as a volunteer, please visit the EVENTS tab on our website, www.myhec.org. Select the Volunteer Registration link and complete the form. If you need a hard copy of the registration form, leave a message for Debi at 517-485-6391.

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

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)	Need several photographers willing to submit their pictures for this project.

Let's all get out and enjoy the great outdoors over the summer while training for the 2019 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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