



MICHIGAN YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE

June 10, 2021

Dear MYHEC Parent/Guardians and Participants,

We missed seeing all of you this past year and we hope that you are all doing well!

We are happy to announce that we are busy planning for the state MYHEC event for 2021! We are hosting this event on August 14 & 15, 2021, at Capital Area Sportsmen's League (CASL), 7534 Old River Trail, in Lansing, Michigan. We hope that you will be able to join us this year, but we will completely understand if you are unable to attend.

This past year, we have had many challenges as a board. As you know, we operate on donations to run our event each year. It is difficult to ask for support from previous donors when so many businesses and people have been struggling throughout the year. We have reached out to a few past donors, and we will see what we get; however, we decided that having our event and allowing some normalcy is what our MYHEC family needs more than anything. So we are going to host the event with funds that we have, as long as it continues to be safe to do so, and pray that additional funds will come in for the 2022 event. If you are a family in need and struggling to come to the event this year, please reach out to us so we can help.

We also have to change our name. It was brought to our attention by the NRA that we cannot use the term "Youth Education Challenge" or "YHEC" in our name. We are currently in the process of coming up with a new name and all the changes that come along with it. Please stay tuned for more information regarding this change.

Finally, we are busy putting the finishing touches on the state event. Attached you will find the registration form. Please complete all 3 pages of the form and return it by **JULY 20, 2021**.

A few things will look a little different this year:

2020 Graduates Seniors who graduated in 2020, we didn't forget you! You may come back and participate this year. You will register as a SR+. You can compete as a senior individual and on a senior team. NO MORE THAN 2 SR+ may be on a team of 5 participants. 2020 Graduates may also apply for the scholarship - see the website for more details.

Scholarships Two (2) scholarships will be awarded this year. One for our SR+ graduating class of 2020 and one for seniors that graduated in 2021. Please see the website for more details and be mindful of that deadline.

Lodging Rustic camping will be available on-site at a cost of \$50 for the weekend. To reserve your campsite, please fill out a camping registration form (found on the website) and mail it back to us with your payment. A confirmation will be sent to you. Motel lodging is available at your



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own expense; group discounted prices are available at Ramada Inn, located on Saginaw Highway just south of CASL. If you are interested in motel lodging, make your accommodations directly with the motel. Just mention "MYHEC" to get the group discount.

Pins The 2021 event pins are available for purchase. Please indicate on your registration form if you would like one and include the price with your registration check.

Certificates If you would like the NRA YHEC participation certificate, please indicate this on your registration form. We will be happy to print one for you.

Lunches We are still planning on providing lunch both days for participants and offering lunch to be purchased at the event for coaches/parents. At the time of this letter, we are unclear exactly what that will look like this year, depending on health department rules and regulations. Please stay tuned for further details as we get closer to the event.

Ammo Participants will need to provide their own ammo for shotgun and rifle this year. Please make sure that, prior to the event, you read the updated Rules and Regulations for specifications on this so that there are no surprises on the day of the event.

Coaches/Teams Coaches will be submitting team rosters and team names. Please have your coach reach out to us, as we have some information for them prior to the event. You (as a participant) may email us or request a team confirmation after August 2. Our goal is to have coaches and participants on the same page. Please reach out to us at michiganyhec@gmail.com.

Miscellaneous Tidbits:

- Closed toe shoes are required on all courses
- Hunter orange is required for Safety trail
- Long pants recommended on all courses (poison ivy, ticks)
- Don't forget to bring bug spray
- Sun block is highly recommended!
- Some events take a while to get through. Pack snacks and drinks to take with you. Please put trash in the proper place.
- You must get through the Safety Trail and Wildlife ID on Saturday. Participants should plan to only have the test and 1 event left on Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you in August!

Please reach out to us at (989) 640-3084 or michiganyhec@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

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