



MICHIGAN YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE

June 10, 2021

Dear MYHEC Volunteer,

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. Please let us know if you are able to attend by completing the volunteer form. If you won't be joining us, please indicate that on the volunteer form, and return it to us.

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 is still safe to do so, and pray that additional funds will come in for the 2022 event.

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.

We have many opportunities for you to volunteer at the state event. Our program is successful because we have dedicated volunteers who are committed to seeing Michigan's hunting heritage passed on to today's youth. Qualified volunteers are needed for all events and support areas:

ARCHERY

Must be comfortable working with archery equipment and with youth.
Must be capable of walking long distances in the woods.

MUZZLELOADING

Must have a working knowledge of muzzleloaders and their safe operations. You will be on your feet most of the day. Eye and Ear protection is a must.

RIFLE

Must be comfortable working with rifles with various action types, and maintain a safe environment. You will be on your feet most of the day. Eye and Ear protection is a must.



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- SHOTGUN** Must be comfortable working with shotguns with various action types, and maintain a safe environment. This is more of a stand up/sit down volunteer station. Previous clay target experience is helpful, but not necessary. Eye and Ear protection is a must. The stations are usually assigned 2 volunteers to a station. We would recommend bringing a chair (or let us know if you need one). Nice opportunity for couples to work at (as long as one of you has gun knowledge).
- ORIENTEERING** No experience required; can easily be taught. This is mostly a sit down position, consisting of checking in participants and correcting tests.
- SAFETY TRAIL** We are looking for Hunter Education instructors and DNR officers to help with this event. Volunteers who have great knowledge of rules and regulation would be great too. We will train you to get through the event. This is a stand up and walk through the woods event. Remember to wear your hunter orange.
- WILDLIFE ID** We just need someone to check in participants and possibly help correct tests. This is a sit down position
- EVENT REGISTRAR** Sit down position; must be organized and willing to talk on the radio to communicate. We need 1 volunteer each for Archery, Safety trail, Shotgun, Muzzleloading, and Rifle. (Muzzleloading and Rifle both require eye and ear protection all day).
- OFFICE HELP** Sit down position. Must be organized and able to multitask. This person would assist with volunteer sign in, meal tickets, office duties, and help with the information booth.
- SNACKS/WATER** This person would help Saturday & Sunday morning to pack the coolers with snacks and water to be delivered to all the stations before the start of the day so our volunteers are cared for.
- PHOTOGRAPHER** We need someone willing to travel around to various events and capture the moments of the weekend.
- FRIDAY SET UP** We need assistance with setting up tables, tents, tape, office help, etc. More information to come on starting time.

Please indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice and experience on the volunteer form to help us get the right people at the right event.



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The following is additional information that you will need to be aware of:

Meals: Lunch will be provided to you on Saturday & Sunday and an Appreciation Breakfast is planned for Sunday morning at this time. This could change/cancel depending on health department rules and regulations. We will advise as soon as we have that information. Please stay tuned for updates. We are trying to get a rough estimate of the number of people for meals, so we are asking you to please indicate on your registration form if you will be eating.

Lodging: Rustic camping will be available on-site at no cost to volunteers who work the entire weekend. To reserve your campsite, please fill out a camp registration form (enclosed) and mail it back to us. A confirmation will be sent to you. Motel lodging is available at your own expense; group discounted prices are available at Ramada Inn located on Saginaw Hwy 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.

All volunteers are required to abide by the NRA Code of Conduct found on page 11 of the MYHEC Rules & Regulations; a copy has been included with this letter.

As you know, this event comes together with the support from volunteers like you. We would love for you to join us this year! Please continue to spread the word of our event, and keep us in your thoughts as we navigate through the planning process and the many challenges that we face.

In the meantime, we hope that you will take advantage of our beautiful Michigan weather and will continue to get our youth involved in the great outdoors.

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