



New Mexico's Mentored-Youth Hunting Program

A proven initiative for the future of hunting





Implementation

- Youth hunter must successfully complete a Department sponsored online quiz.
- A Mentored-Youth Number, along with an expiration date, will appear on their CIN card.
- Opportunity does not begin until the youth hunter purchases a license.





Measuring Success

The Department will utilize the current licensing database to capture the following information:

- How many hunters are using the mentored opportunity
- When did they begin their mentored opportunity
- Did they hunt and for what species
- When did they decide to take a hunter education class
- Did we recruit them

The Department will conduct a follow-up survey with a control group of participants after establishing a base-line.



Rule for Consideration

TITLE 19
CHAPTER 36
PART 3

NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE
WILDLIFE EDUCATION AND TRAINING
HUNTER EDUCATION

19.36.3.8 HUNTER TRAINING COURSE REQUIRED: It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to purchase or apply for any type of firearm hunting license unless that person has first successfully completed the New Mexico hunter training course or a hunter training course of another state which is approved by the New Mexico department of game and fish.

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19.36.3.8.1 **TYPES OF COURSES:** A person under the age of eighteen (18) years who satisfies the requirements of either of the following training courses shall be issued a certificate as to his or her successful completion of a hunter training course:

A. Completion of a hunter training course comprised of class work and firearms proficiency training and testing.

B. Completion of an abbreviated hunter training course comprised of written lessons and testing and current registration in the Department's Mentored Youth Program.

(1) Registration in the Department's Mentored Youth Program is limited to first time youth hunters for a period of two consecutive license years and a person shall only register in the program once.

(2) Mentored Youth Program hunters shall only hunt with a firearm while supervised by a licensed parent, guardian or a responsible licensed adult with consent of a parent or guardian, and who is within unaided voice and sight distance, and only after successful completion of the written lesson and testing portion of the course.

