

Mentor-Youth Hunter

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

Mentor-Youth Hunter Program

First-time hunters 8–17 years of age who do not have a Hunter Education number may pass an online quiz and receive a mentor-youth number. This number enables a youth to hunt under the supervision of an adult mentor, and allows purchase of a Game-Hunting or Game-Hunting & Fishing License. Mentor-youth hunters 8–9 years of age may hunt small game only. Mentor-youth hunters 10–17 years of age may apply for or purchase hunting licenses for deer, pronghorn, turkey, javelina and small game.

Youth participation in this program is a one-time opportunity and valid for two consecutive license years, beginning when a Game-Hunting License is initially purchased. When the mentor-youth hunter has completed the program and successfully passed a Hunter Education course, he or she can hunt any legal species independently with no age restriction.

Mentors must be either a parent, guardian or an adult with parental consent; be 18 years of age or older; possess a valid Game-Hunting License; and possess an NMDOW-issued Mentor Certification Number or an NMDOW-approved Hunter Education Certification Number. Courses are available on the NMDOW's website. The mentor-youth hunter and mentor must be in unaided sight and audible distance from one another at all times while hunting.

For more information about the mentor-youth hunter program visit:

<https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/education/hunter-education/mentored-youth-hunter> or call: **505-222-4731**.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers play an important role helping NMDOW provide programs and services across the state. From hunter and angler education to off-road vehicle safety and wildlife conservation, volunteers share time and talent to support initiatives that otherwise would not be possible.

If you enjoy hunting, fishing and New Mexico's great outdoors, consider giving back to your community by becoming a volunteer with the NMDOW. For information about the variety of volunteer opportunities available, go to: **<https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/home/contact/job-applicants/>**.



Hunter Education videos are available on the NMDOW's YouTube channel at:
youtube.com/user/NMGameandFish/videos