

## 2017 NASP® IBO GEORGIA STATE 3D CHALLENGE

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division hosted the 2017 NASP® IBO Georgia State 3D Challenge in Dublin, Georgia. This event was a success, bringing 119 young archers, from the elementary, middle and high school divisions, to compete with their schools.

NASP® IBO 3D Challenge is an extension of the educational experience associated with the National Archery in the Schools Program. This event required archers to shoot at a variety of 3 dimensional targets from varying distances between 10 and 15 meters.

A complete list of winners available at [www.georgiawildlife.com/node/4382](http://www.georgiawildlife.com/node/4382).

We would like to thank all our participating schools who attended our 2017 NASP® IBO Georgia State 3D Challenge, as well as all our volunteers who made this event such a success.

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**North Murray High School**  
**1st Place High School Division**



**Hahira Middle School**  
**1st Place Middle School Division**

### QUICK REMINDER!

**OFFICE MOVE:** As staff in Northwest Georgia WRD Game Management and Fisheries Management await plans on a future new office building, NW Georgia Fisheries Management staff have already moved to Armuchee from Calhoun. The office address is 2592 Floyd Springs Drive, Armuchee. Game Management can be reached at 706-295-6041. Fisheries can be reached at 706-295-6102. DNR Law Enforcement can be reached at 770-529-2424.

## HUNTER ED CLASS: USING THE "GO" SYSTEM

The Hunter Development Program and the Georgia DNR Law Enforcement Division have developed guidelines for scheduling and reporting hunter education classes.

Information may be found in a helpful guide titled "Hunter Education: Course Set-up Guidelines." This guide contains instructions on some of the following needs:

- \* How to Create a Customer Account
- \* How Do Students Register for a Course?
- \* How Do You Set Up a Hunter Education Course?
- \* How Do You Handle Walk-in Students?

It also provides information on the Go System, online hunter education courses and more.

Instructors can find this guidebook, plus other helpful tools, at the Georgia WRD website.

For questions or more information, contact Jennifer Pittman at [jennifer.pittman@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:jennifer.pittman@dnr.ga.gov) or at 770-761-3010.

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## HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

The Hunter Development Program team recently hosted a Hunter Education Instructor training for Law Enforcement Cadets at the Charlie Elliot Wildlife Center. This instructor training was geared to be an informative, fun, and competitive program to give soon-to-be conservation rangers new ideas and techniques to use when introducing and training new hunters in the field and classroom.

The training began with an overview of the Hunter Development Program and Hunter Education in Georgia. Next, cadets participated in an interactive "Oh Deer" activity and "Conservation Jeopardy" to address the Conservation and Ethics topic. Orienteering allowed cadets to get their bearings on a compass, and then head out for a "Survival Relay Team Mission" to find a lost hunter, administer first aid, provide fire and shelter, and signal for help. Teams were graded on their performance and a winning team recognized. The next topics included Archery, Tree Stand Safety, Hunter Safety Trail, Wildlife ID, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, and Rifle, using fun activities to illustrate each effectively. For example: Tree Stand Safety required each cadet to properly climb in a stand, shoot an arrow at a 3D target, and climb down safely. For Shotgun, cadets were divided into teams on the 5-Stand, and the team breaking the most clays was the winner.

By the completion of training, all cadets were familiar with a variety of ways to educate new hunters, and understand how to get any necessary tools or resources.

## SPOTLIGHT: LEANNA MCMILLAN Get to know your Hunter Development Staff!

Leanna McMillan, HDP's East Central Hunting and Shooting Education Specialist, grew up in Darlington, SC and attended college at Coastal Carolina University graduating with a degree in Health Promotion/Environmental Health.

During college, Leanna worked for Bass Pro Shops as a special events coordinator and summer camp instructor teaching kids about hiking, fishing, archery, hunting, wildlife ID, and shooting. After college, she received an internship at Playcard Environmental Education Center, later becoming a full-time position, where she served as assistant teacher and ropes course instructor. She then transitioned from an Assistant Park Ranger to Park Ranger II at various South Carolina state parks, and it was there that she began to teach skeet shooting and archery to park visitors. In 2015, she moved to Georgia and joined the Hunter Development team.



Growing up, Leanna enjoyed hunting, fishing, shooting sports and anything she could do that kept her outside. During college she discovered her passion for teaching others about nature and the importance of getting outside in the natural world. Leanna strives to inspire folks to get outdoors, and encourages them to help conserve and protect our precious natural resources for future generations to come.

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## HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM CHANGES

We have had lots of changes over the past year for hunter education! A new online registration process, a new class approval protocol, and finally a new instructor candidate certification process. That is a lot of new for one year! We thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition, we are sure it was frustrating at times. While the process can sometimes be hard, we believe that these changes will be a positive move forward for hunter education.

### NEWS TO KNOW!

**New Newsletter:** This newsletter marks a new way to get information to you, and we plan to send a new one each quarter. We hope you find it informative and invite you to send your ideas for topics to address in future newsletters.

**Online vs Traditional-Numbers May Change This Year:** On average, 13,000 – 14,000 students take a hunter education course each year in Georgia. In 2016, over 13,000 students took hunter education online. That is amazing, but we expect the traditional classes to increase next year. States that started online-only hunter education before Georgia found that the first year has a large upswing in the number of students taking hunter education online, and then the second year showed that number typically levels off. Don't be discouraged by the 2016 traditional instructor-led classes that did not occur last year. Several issues beyond our control made it difficult for students to locate and register for traditional classes. Those issues have been addressed and we feel positive about the coming year.

**Need for Instructors:** We still need dedicated instructors to teach the course! For example, demonstration of tree stand safety is critical. Georgia hunters have too many falls without harnesses, indicating we need to further emphasize the dangers of using tree stands without proper equipment.

**Check Your Address:** Please sign into the GoOutdoors system and make certain your address and information are current. We are updating our instructor handbook to detail the department's and the instructor's roles and responsibilities of teaching hunter education. Each instructor will need to sign an acknowledgement of the policies and a new background check form. ***This handbook will be mailed to the address listed in the GoOutdoors System.*** Please return the background check form and the signature form by July 1, 2017 to maintain instructor certification.

Hunter Development Program staff appreciate all the work and dedication you put into your program, and we thank you for your years of service - whether it's 40 years or just one year. As always, we look forward to working with you, and we hope you are able to get out into the woods and do some hunting of your own!

If you have questions or need more information, please contact us at the Hunter Development Program Office at 770.761.3010.