



## **Provincial Hunting Day — September 24, 2011**

The fourth Saturday of every September has become a special date within Alberta. The Alberta Government declared this day each year to be Provincial Hunting Day; the first annual event was held in 2007. This year's Provincial Hunting Day takes place on September 24, 2011. It marks the fifth annual event, and is a reminder to all Albertans of our hunting heritage, and of the importance of securing a future for wildlife and wild places, especially within our own Province.

Alberta is a wonderful province to live in and we enjoy an abundance of natural wealth. This treasure is here due to the perseverance and dedication of outdoorsmen and women who are committed to conservation endeavours.

Alberta has recorded 114,503 hunters for 2010, which is nearly a 15% increase from the number of hunters in 2005. This is consistent with previous annual activity, which has remained stable or has shown small increases since 1996. The fastest growing interest in hunting has come from youth and female hunters in Alberta; for 2010 there were 7298 recorded youth hunters, and 8415 female hunters. These figures indicate strong support for hunting in the Province.

Across the Province in an effort to honour Provincial Hunting Day, hunters are encouraged to take a newcomer out and offer the opportunity to participate in a mentored hunt. To learn more about mentorship programs, visit [www.huntingfortomorrow.com](http://www.huntingfortomorrow.com) for the Outdoor Bound 2011 information.

This year the Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association and Hunting For Tomorrow are offering a daylong event for those who want to explore the outdoors and expand their shooting and hunting knowledge on Provincial Hunting Day.

- Is there an outdoor activity that you have never tried, like shooting a shotgun, which you would like to learn in a safe and controlled environment?
- Are you a beginner who is looking to improve your outdoor skills?
- Are you already active in the outdoors but you would like to add to your skills?
- Are you seeking the camaraderie of other like-minded individuals?
- Would you like to celebrate Alberta's hunting heritage by learning more about the outdoors, conservation, and more outdoor skills?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, join us for a day of fun outdoor activities at the Alford Lake Conservation and Education Centre for Excellence for Provincial Hunting Day, September 24, 2011! Alford Lake Conservation Education Center for Excellence is located approximately one hour drive West of Innisfail on Highways 54 and 591 (about 24 km West of Caroline) and then approximately 1.6 km North of Highway 591 on Range Road 8-3 North.

This day will be a celebration of hunting, fishing, and conservation in Alberta, and the goal is to engage more people in the outdoors and outdoor activities, and to create experiences that will encourage them to continue these activities. All sessions are hands on and provide the opportunity to learn by doing. This event is completely free and is open to all ages. The day starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m., and includes free lunch and fun for the whole family! Prizes and free items will be available. The following sessions will be included at the event:

- Archery and Bowhunting
- Bear Aware!
- Crossbows — Getting Started
- Firearms Basics: Small Bore, Big Bore, Handguns and Shotguns
- Game Calling 101
- Gone Fishing! – Spin cast or fly fishing; choosing your tackle and gear
- Leather Crafting and Utilizing your Wild Game Hides
- Measuring and Scoring your Trophies
- Trapping in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- Wilderness Cuisine

### **How Do I Attend?**

To take part in this event, visit our web-site at [www.huntingfortomorrow.com](http://www.huntingfortomorrow.com) to download the 2011 Provincial Hunting Day registration form or call our office and ask for a form to be emailed or faxed to you: Edmonton Conservation Education Centre for Excellence at 780-466-6682 or toll free at 1-866-282-4342

We hope to see you on Provincial Hunting Day, September 24, 2011, at the Alford Lake Conservation Education Centre for Excellence!

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