

General Info



Important General Information:

1. In order to participate in this program, the Mentor and the Participant must complete and return the APPLICATION FORM. No one is eligible or approved to participate until these forms are returned and processed by HFT.
2. Mentors are welcome to hunt on the property at the same time that they have a youth or first-time hunter participant with them, however harvesting priority must be given to the youth or first time hunter. With the exception of the Epcor property, Mentors are asked not to hunt on the property if a participant does not accompany them.
3. In the event that another mentor and participant are hunting on the property, please use consideration when entering or leaving your stand or retrieving an animal, to ensure that you do not negatively impact someone else's hunt.
4. There is no smoking on any of the property that we will be hunting.
5. Approved access to these locations is based on the detailed vehicle information that you supply to HFT, which is then sent to all locations. This information is shared with Security, RCMP, Control Tower, Fish and Wildlife and staff. When the areas are patrolled, security will be checking that any vehicles parked in these areas are listed on the approved list. They will also be checking for your 2008 Harvest Program pass that needs to be displayed in your vehicle window. Please do not take an unauthorized vehicle to the site, without contacting HFT beforehand, so that we may provide advance notification.
6. Report any unusual vehicles or the presence of unauthorized people. We are considered a valuable resource for "eyes and ears" and the feedback that we provide to security is very important. The Report A Poacher number is 1-800-642-3800. Try to provide the following:

VIOLATION PARTICULARS	
Date: _____	Time: _____
Location: _____	
Vehicle License: _____	Description: _____
Description of Persons involved: _____	
Details of Violation: _____	

As much as possible, we encourage you to photograph and videotape the hunting experience. Hopefully you will be "capturing" a positive first-time hunting experience that will remain with that individual forever.

We hope to write a feature article about each participant (one page with photos) and provide a copy of this to the participant, as well as posting on our web site. Any input, comments, stories, etc. that you can contribute towards this would be greatly appreciated.

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How The Program Works

A list of Mentors, participants and dates that the mentors are available is posted at the HFT office and circulated amongst the Mentors and participants. Mentors will record the days that they are willing to serve as a Mentor. Participants are then provided with a list of names, phone numbers and dates that Mentors are available and are required to contact the Mentor directly to co-ordinate their hunts. **In the event, where two mentors have indicated a preference for a particular date, these Mentors will be required to co-ordinate their activities between themselves to ensure that the hunting opportunity is maximized and that no overlap occurs in the field.**

At the end of each month and at the end of the program, each Mentor will be asked to complete an Activity Report, which will be summarized into a final report which we are required to submit to all locations. You may find it easier to record your observations each time you hunt on this property. A standard report form will be provided to assist you with your observations.

Please note that all MEDIA and COMMUNICATION is being handled directly by Edmonton Airports, EPCOR and 4 Wing. (They wish to maintain full control of the media exposure and have asked that all media contacts/inquiries be referred directly to them. If someone from the media contacts you, please refer them directly to Kelly Semple at 780-462-2444.)

Weapons

Hunters must use an authorized bow and an authorized arrow. An authorized bow has a draw weight of not less than 18 kg (40lbs), draw an arrow of 71 cm (28 in) to its head, and is held, drawn and released by muscle power. An authorized arrow is one that is not less than 61 cm (24 in) in length having a sharp, unbarbed broad-head of not less than 2.2 cm (7/8 in) in width.

No firearms are allowed on any of these properties.

The use of a crossbow by youth or first time adult participants is permitted on the Epcor property only.

Tree Stands and Blinds

Only portable tree stands or ground blinds are permitted. These will be removed at the end of the hunting season. Tree stands are provided by HFT and will be placed in designated locations. In many locations, two stands will be situated together (or close by), so the Mentor may be close to the youth or first-time hunter.

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Passes, Licenses, and Tags

Each hunter must carry the license and applicable tag(s) on his or her person while hunting. Passes, licenses, and corresponding mentor passes must be produced for inspection upon request by the Edmonton Airports, EPCOR or 4 Wing personnel.

Maps

Additional maps will be provided indicating the approved access and parking points, as well as aerial photos of the location (where available).

Schedules

An excel document will be provided with dates that Mentors are available.

Success and Reports

When a big game animal is harvested, HFT must be notified within 12 hours. Hunters will provide the following information: Name, description of the wildlife, date, gender, and time of kill. ATV vehicles, with required license and insurance, may be used, in accordance to provincial regulations, to remove the animal (where authorized to do so).

Mentors should provide HFT with an activity report after each hunt. This information may be emailed or phoned into HFT.

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this program. We hope that you receive considerable enjoyment and satisfaction from introducing your passion for hunting and wildlife, to someone new. Good luck and straight shooting!

For more information, please contact:

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