

2009 OUTDOOR BOUND! MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

# Peace River



1. **Site:** Peace River
2. **Location:** Peace River area
3. **WMU:** All applicable WMU's
4. **Number of Participants:** 8-10
5. **Dates:** Fall, 2009
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## Purpose:

In an effort to increase the hunting opportunities and experiences for youth living in the Peace River area, the Wilderness Mentorship Program is being launched by SRD's Fish and Wildlife Division, in collaboration with the provincial mentorship program 'Outdoor Bound' – a Hunting for Tomorrow and Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association initiative.

## Outcomes:

By providing a positive and organized method for youth to access hunting, we aim to foster greater understanding and respect for wildlife and wild places. General themes will therefore revolve around the importance of our natural resources, the practice of ethical hunting, and care of harvested game.

## Overview:

This program is open to all girls and boys 12-17 years of age who reside in the Peace River Area. The program matches selected program participants with an experienced hunting mentor. Mentors will assist program participants in obtaining required certificates and licenses, accompany them at the shooting range, and coordinate hunting activities together. Participants will be supervised at all times.

Participants will have the choice of hunting big game and/or migratory birds, depending on the mentor. The type of hunting (i.e. archer vs. rifle/shotgun) will be up to the participant and mentor to decide, taking into consideration the season and species they wish to hunt. At the end of the hunting season, a celebratory banquet will be held for participants.