

## 2009 OUTDOOR BOUND! MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

# Process



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Each interested Mentor, Participant and Outfitter must complete the application form and return to Kelly Semple, Executive Director, Hunting For Tomorrow. Incomplete forms will not be accepted and the following conditions must be met for an application to be considered:

- Hunters must possess a valid WIN Card, Wildlife Certificate, Bowhunting Permit if required, and the appropriate hunting licenses.

Each hunter must meet the requirements of a resident as defined in the Alberta Hunting Regulations. Participants must have successfully completed the Conservation and Hunter Education Program and we recommend the completion of the International Bowhunter Education Program.

The project is coordinated as a youth and/or first-time hunter program that provides for a controlled and safe program to maximize the harvest of deer and moose. The program involves matching "Mentors" with the program participants. A list of Mentors is provided to the interested participants (youth or first-time hunter). The participant is then responsible for contacting the Mentor directly to coordinate their hunting activity.

The primary objective of this program is to create a safe, positive and rewarding hunting experience for youth and first time hunters. Mentors are encouraged to share information with hunters about wildlife, habitat and the value of hunting. This is a learning/training experience, so Mentors should be aware that new hunters will be modeling their actions based on what they observe and learn throughout this process. Mentors are required to be knowledgeable about the hunting rules and regulations and undertake a code of conduct that extends beyond hunting laws.

Safety is absolutely critical; therefore the Mentor will be using only new equipment (tree stands, ladders and safety belts.)

When you are taking your hunter to a stand location, please assist that person in reaching their stand and ensure that they are safely positioned in the tree stand with their safety harness properly in place.

Participants **are required to provide** their own safety belts and carry these with them at all times.

### Before You Hunt:

- Hunting has an honorable history, great traditions and a responsible code of practice that extends beyond hunting laws. If hunting is to continue as a respected and honorable activity, hunters must be responsible and accountable for their actions. With the privilege to hunt you carry responsibility to other people, wildlife, and the environment.
- You are responsible for leaving your hunting area in its original state. Pack out your waste and equipment, and ensure that you do not damage the land in any way.
- Land access is an important concern to all hunters. You are responsible to ensure that you have the proper permission and legal access prior to hunting.
- Be a safe hunter and respect other hunters in the field. Know the hunting regulations and report any violations to the nearest Fish and Wildlife Office or Report a Poacher line 1-800-642-3800.