



*Passing on the Hunting Tradition to our Navajo Youth

Navajo Nation Wildlife Summit August 05 and 06, 2014 Twin Arrows Resort and Casino

*Navajo Nation Annual Youth Hunt

- *Designed for Navajo youth between the ages of 12 and 16
- *Different from regular youth hunts - this project is a youth mentoring program
- *Youth that have an interest in outdoors and hunting but no one at home to teach them
 - *Single parent homes
 - * Elder grandparents



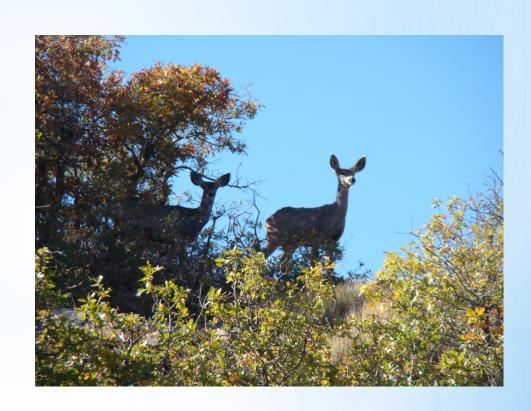
*Mission of the Annual Youth Hunt

- *To pass on the heritage of the hunting tradition to our Navajo youth
- *Introduce Navajo youth to the outdoors
- *Positive alternative to drugs, alcohol, gangs, TV and video games



*Goals of the Annual Youth Hunt

- *Help youth appreciate the game they hunt
- *Introduce youth to the sport of hunting
- *Promote safe, ethical hunting practices
- *Shooting and outdoor skill development
- *Provide SAFE firearm handling training



*Goals of the Annual Youth Hunt, cont.

- * Provide youth opportunities to participate in conservation efforts
- * Provide basic outdoor survival training
- * Establish hunt mentor opportunities for adults
- * Promote wildlife management principles
- *Educate youth on wildlife careers



*Contributors/Sponsors/Volunteers make it happen!!

- *Hunting apparel shirt, pants, jacket, thermals, socks, boots, cap, vests
- *Sleeping Bag
- *Back Pack
- *Binoculars
- *Hunt knives, leatherman tools, survival kits
- *Food is provided
- *Volunteer cooks
- *Nationally televised on Outdoor Channel



*History of the Annual Youth Hunt

- *A young boy's question started it all!
- *Department decided to sponsor a hunt mentoring project
- *Fundraising effort yielded national and local support for the project
- *1st Annual SYH in 2005



*Adult Hunt Mentors



*DFWL Personnel

- *Sportsmen and women
- *Outdoor Life
- *Promote career in wildlife management
- *Private Individuals
 - *Law Enforcement
 - *Sportsmen
 - *Arizona Game & Fish Department

*Mentor Duties

- *Establish a one-on-one relationship with the youth
- *Teach youngster basics of ethical hunting and outdoor life
- * Teach youngster the basics of firearms and safe handling of firearms
- * Promote personal wellness
- * Promote the sport of hunting and its traditions
- * Educate youngster on career choices



*Mentor Duties, continued

- *Assist youth hunter with obtaining Hunter's Education certification
- *Assist youth hunter in successful completion of two firearm range days



*Requirements



- *Navajo tribal member
- *12 to 16 years of age
- *Must have never hunted before
- *Application Packet
 - *AYH Application
 - *One-page essay
 - *Navajo Nation Big Game Hunt Application
 - *Contact Numbers of 2 adults for personal reference

*Getting Hunters Education Certification



- *Anyone born after 1/1/70 must have successfully completed a Hunters Education course before they can hunt on the NN
- * Firearm Range small caliber rifles, muzzleloader, archery
- *20 hours of classroom instruction and rifle range

*Sucessfully Complete Firearm Range Practice Days



- *2 separate Saturdays
- *Practice handling, shooting large caliber firearms
- *Assign firearm that youth hunter will use during the actual hunt
- *Work one-on-one with assigned hunt mentor

*2006 Special Youth Hunt



- *15 participants
- *Outdoor Channel aired the Carrizo Mountain hunt in September 2007

*2007 Special Youth Hunt



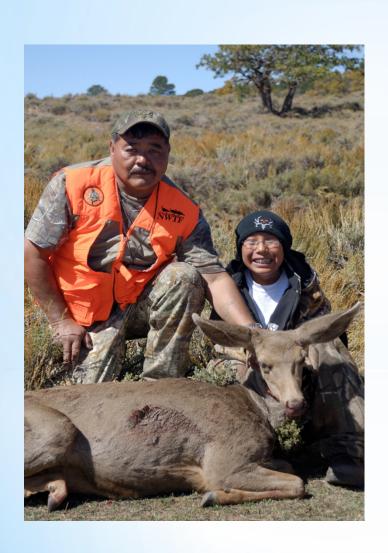
- *11 participants
- *Outdoor Channel aired the Carrizo Mountain hunt in September 2007
- *Weather-related problems 2 day hunt

*2008 Annual Youth Hunt



- *20 participants
- *100% harvest success
- *Youth Hunt show aired on Michael Waddell's The Bone Collector show on the Outdoor Channel

*2009 Annual Youth Hunt



- *17 participants
- *100% harvest success
- *Youth Hunt show aired on Michael Waddell's The Bone Collector show on the Outdoor Channel

*2010 Annual Youth Hunt



- *14 participants
- *100% harvest success
- *Youth Hunt show aired on Legends of the Fall on the Outdoor Channel

*2011 Annual Youth Hunt



- *21 participants
- *100% harvest success
- *Youth Hunt show aired on The Bone Collector Show on the Outdoor Channel

*2012 Annual Youth Hunt



*2013 Annual Youth Hunt











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