



* 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

* Successfully 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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