

# Learn Outdoor Skills: Hunt, Trap, Fish, Shoot, Wildlife Recreation

## Are you interested in going hunting, but not sure where to start?

Look no further. The Arizona Game and Fish Department along with an extensive network of partnering organizations host dozens of learn how to hunt, fish, shoot, trap and other outdoor skill development events throughout the year. Most of these events offer mentoring (not guides), hands-on activities, seminars, a hot meal and campfires for sharing your story.

Event types and descriptions are merely guidelines to help you choose what is best for you – they are not prerequisites – most events offer activities that are suitable for all skill levels and interests. Further, hunting is just one portion of these events. Many of these events are also open to people wishing to learn more about wildlife, habitat, conservation, camping and the outdoors.



**For a continually updated list of events and to register, visit: [www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills](http://www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills)**

**PLAN AHEAD:** Hunter Education Classes and Field Days are limited and fill up quickly. Before applying for a big game hunt permit-tag and associated event, youth hunters are encouraged to make sure they allow sufficient time to complete the class and field day prior to the event by consulting the available Hunter Education class and Field Day schedule and wait lists by visiting: [www.azgfd.gov/huntered](http://www.azgfd.gov/huntered). Big game species include: black bear, bison, bighorn sheep, elk, javelina, turkey, mountain lion, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and white-tailed deer.

## INTRODUCTORY

- No hunting or pursuit of wildlife, shooting lessons, instructional, typically 1-day activity.  
**Instructional** – knowledge or information imparted
  - Skill Meter: 0-5
  - Mentoring Meter: 7-10

## BEGINNER

- Basic take of wildlife, 1-day event, pass shooting, species include dove, ducks, squirrel.  
**Beginner** – a person who is inexperienced; novice; a person who has begun a course of instruction or is learning the fundamentals.
  - Skill Meter: 1-5
  - Mentoring Meter: 7-10

## DEVELOPING

- Pursuit of wildlife, overnight events, remote locations, species include quail, rabbit, predator, javelina, turkey. **Apprentice** – one who is learning by practical experience under skilled workers of a trade, art or calling.
  - Skill Meter: 3-7
  - Mentoring Meter: 6-9

## INTERMEDIATE

- Pursuit of more challenging species, deer, elk, stalking, remote locations, overnight, lots of field time. **Intermediate** – applies some already learned basic skills to adapt and meet the next level of learning, skill development.
  - Skill Meter: 5-8
  - Mentoring Meter: 3-6

## EXPERIENCED *coming soon, minimal mentoring, base camps and “meet ups”*

- Base camps and meet ups that provide similar feel of learn how-to events, but are self-supported by attendees at a designated camping area and timeframe, possibly portable potties, and some facilities, possibly a camp host with unit and hunting information.  
**Experienced** – having knowledge or skill in a particular field, especially a profession or job, gained over a period of time.
  - Skill Meter: 7-9
  - Mentoring Meter: 0-2

## INTRODUCTORY

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**Mentoring Meter:** 7-10

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**Instructional:** knowledge or info imparted

### Seasonal: Learn to Camp – Family Campout Program

For families that have little or no experience camping. Learn the basics of camping at Arizona’s State Parks, and about hiking, archery, geocaching, fishing, local wildlife, campfire stories, bike clinic, service projects and more. Multiple dates and locations. A \$90 fee is required for families of up to four individuals.

- Location: Arizona State Parks (varies)
- Hosted by: Arizona State Parks
- Register: [www.AZStateParks.com/family](http://www.AZStateParks.com/family)

### May 11 & May 18: Cabela’s Fall Hunt University – Hunting Regulations Instructional Overview

Two separate dates, same great event. Cabela’s Pro Staff Mike Ornoski will help you understand the AZGFD hunting regulations and help guide you through the application process for deer, sheep, bear, buffalo and turkey.

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- Location: Cabela's – 9380 W. Glendale Ave, Glendale, AZ 85305
- No registration needed. Visit [www.cabelas.com/Glendale](http://www.cabelas.com/Glendale) for more details.

## June 1: Cabela's Fall Hunt University – Preparing for the Hunt

Cabela's Pro Staff Corky Richardson and Mike Ornoski will teach you how to scout Arizona elk, Coues deer, mule deer, bison and bighorn sheep and how to use your game cameras to your advantage. Bring a can of food to support the Christian Hunters of America's local food bank, Calvary's Manna Ministry's Food and Toiletry Drive. Attendees will have the opportunity to win a \$50 Cabela's gift card.

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## June 22: J.A.K.E.S. Day

Kids 17 and younger learn basic outdoors skills. All equipment will be provided, and lunch and a one-year NWTJ JAKES membership are included for free.

- Location: Sierra Vista
- Hosted by: Huachuca Gould's Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation
- Register by June 17: [www.nwtfhuagoulds.org](http://www.nwtfhuagoulds.org)
- Info: John Millican (520) 508-4272, [j2dbmill@msn.com](mailto:j2dbmill@msn.com) or Wayne Kaiser (520) 678-9827, [lmkwak@cox.net](mailto:lmkwak@cox.net)

## July 16: Elk Hunting Seminar/Show – CHA

This is the largest event of its kind. Doors open at 5 p.m. for dinner and vendors, and presentations start at 6 p.m. There will be raffles and auctions: hunting trips, guns, optics, bows, camping and hunting gear, taxidermy, furniture, jewelry, artwork, kids' only raffles, door prizes, kids' toys, etc. Seating is limited. Bring a non-perishable food item to be entered into a special raffle.

- Location: Calvary Community Church, 12612 N. Black Canyon Hwy (I-17), Phoenix, west entrance
- Hosted by: Christian Hunters of America, AZ Elk Society

- Info: David, [davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org](mailto:davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org), (602) 309-3430

## July 19-21: Bowhunter Happening 3D Shoot at Mormon Lake

Family fun 3D animal target archery shoot with 7 courses including 1 extreme and 1 kids' course. There will be raffle prizes for both the novelty Long Shot, and Aerial Archery Trap Shoot plus many general raffle items (bows, backpacks, optics, coolers).

- Location: Mormon Lake Rodeo Grounds, Mormon Lake
- Hosted by: Arizona Bowhunter's Association
- Preregister online: <http://arizonabowhunters.org>
- Info: Hunter Wall (480) 529-3781, [hunter.wall@cox.net](mailto:hunter.wall@cox.net)

## July 20: Shoot 'N' Shindig – Stan Greer Memorial

Family event for youth to compete in silhouette target shooting with a scoped .22 rifle. Equipment provided: .22 rifles, ammunition, safety glasses and hearing protection. The free event starts at 8 a.m. and includes a potluck lunch, raffles and prizes.

- Location: Sierra Vista Shooting Range, Sierra Vista
- Hosted by: Huachuca White-Tail Club
- Register by July 13: Tom Green, (520) 255-1652, [tmgreen\\_1@hotmail.com](mailto:tmgreen_1@hotmail.com) or Carlos Villicana, (520) 370-2048, [carlos51382@hotmail.com](mailto:carlos51382@hotmail.com)

## July 27 & Aug. 3: Cabela's Fall Hunt University – Early Season Deer & Elk Hunting

Two separate dates, same great event. Cabela's Pro Staff Corky Richardson and Mike Ornoski will teach archery/rifle mule deer, Coues deer and elk hunting tactics. Bring a can of food to support the Christian Hunters of America's local food bank, Calvary's Manna Ministry's Food and Toiletry Drive. Attendees will have the opportunity to win a \$50 Cabela's gift card.

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## July 27-28: Arizona Elk Society Wapiti Weekend

A two-day introduction to skills related to fishing, hunting and the outdoors in Arizona. Join us for a fun-filled weekend including classes on archery, fishing, .22 rifle – muzzleloader and shotgun shooting, glassing for wildlife, geocaching, gold panning and much more.

- Fee: \$50 for youth and includes all the classes, giveaways and meals for the weekend.
- Info: [www.arizonaelksociety.org](http://www.arizonaelksociety.org) or (602) 492-5319
- Registration opens 60 days before the event and sells out fast.

## Aug. 3: Cabela's Fall Hunt University – Dove Season

Cabela's Pro Staff Corky Richardson and Mike Ornoski will teach the basics of dove season and where to go. Bring a can of food to support the Christian Hunters of America's local food bank, Calvary's Manna Ministry's Food and Toiletry Drive. Attendees will have the opportunity to win a \$50 Cabela's gift card.

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## Sept. 6-8: Becoming an Outdoors Woman Camp

Workshop for adult women (18 and older) that teaches basic outdoor skills in a fun, non-threatening environment, including sessions on fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking, rappelling, camping, GPS and more. Evenings slated for entertainment, socializing and fun. Fee required and includes meals and lodging.

- Location: Friendly Pines Camp, Prescott
- Hosted by: Arizona Wildlife Federation
- Info: [www.azwildlife.org](http://www.azwildlife.org), click on Education/BOW
- Register: [bow@azwildlife.org](mailto:bow@azwildlife.org), (480) 201-7456

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## Sept. 28: Cabela's Fall Hunt University – Late Season Deer and Late Elk Hunting

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## Jan. 21, 2020: Javelina Hunting Seminar – CHA

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the seminar starts at 7 p.m. Gun raffle, other raffles, door prizes, refreshments. Bring a non-perishable food item to be entered into a special raffle. Seating is limited.

- Location: Calvary Community Church, 12612 N. Black Canyon Hwy (I-17), Phoenix west entrance
- Hosted by: Christian Hunters of America
- Info: David, [davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org](mailto:davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org), (602) 309-3430

## Jan. 24-26, 2020: Becoming an Outdoors Woman Deluxe Camp

Workshop for adult women (18 and older) that teaches basic outdoor skills in a fun, non-threatening environment, including sessions on fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking and others related to the Sonoran Desert. Evenings slated for entertainment, socializing and fun. Fee required and includes meals and lodging.

- Location: Saguaro Lake Ranch Resort, Mesa
- Hosted by: Arizona Wildlife Federation
- Info: [www.azwildlife.org](http://www.azwildlife.org), click on Education/BOW
- Register: [bow@azwildlife.org](mailto:bow@azwildlife.org), (480) 201-7456

## March 17, 2020: Turkey Hunting Seminar & Show – CHA

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the seminar starts at 7 p.m. Seating is limited. Awesome raffles/auctions, door prizes, refreshments, etc. Bring a non-perishable food item to be entered into a special raffle.

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## July 21, 2020: Free Elk Hunting Seminar/Show – CHA

This is the largest event of its kind. Doors open at 5 p.m. for dinner and vendors and presentations start at 6 p.m. Extensive raffles/auctions include: hunting trips, guns, optics, bows, camping and hunting gear, taxidermy, furniture, jewelry, artwork, kids' only raffles, door prizes, kids' toys, etc. Seating is limited. Bring a non-perishable food item to be entered into a special raffle.

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## July 5-7: Outdoor Skills, PVC I Take a Kid Fishing Derby

Family focused and all ages welcome. Get out to the lake, learn to catch fish, camp and enjoy the outdoors. Bring your kayaks, fishing poles, tents and trailers. Have fun with the family and learn about the outdoors, fishing, outdoor skills and critters.

- Location: Woods Canyon Lake Area
- Hosted by: Phoenix Varmint Callers, Inc.
- Register: James Strang, [pvcgroup@gmail.com](mailto:pvcgroup@gmail.com)

## Sept. 1: Yuma Youth Dove Hunt – Clint Curry Memorial

Open to beginners ages 10-16 who want to learn how to hunt doves with experienced hunters. Lunch provided after the hunt.

- Location: Gila Valley
- Hosted by: Curry Family, Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club, Southwest Arizona HPC
- Info: Clint Curry, [dydecurry@rocketmail.com](mailto:dydecurry@rocketmail.com), or Pat Headington, [yumahuntered@gmail.com](mailto:yumahuntered@gmail.com)

## Sept. 6 & 7: Safford Youth Dove Hunting Clinic and Hunt

Experts teach youth new to hunting about firearm safety, dove science and ID as well as locating, hunting, cleaning and cooking dove. Evening clinic, followed by live hunt the next day.

- Location: Dry Lake Park, Safford area
- Hosted by: Arizona Game and Fish, South Eastern Arizona Sportsmen Club
- Register by Aug. 30: Matt Pelto, (928) 713-0562, [mpelto@azgfd.gov](mailto:mpelto@azgfd.gov) or Devin Skinner, (520) 591-7880, [dskinner@azgfd.gov](mailto:dskinner@azgfd.gov)

## Sept. 7: Robbins Butte Mentored Youth Dove Hunt

Learn how to dove hunt from experienced hunters and shotgun instructors at an AZGFD wildlife area managed for migratory birds. Also learn about bird identification, hunting tips and gun safety. Mentoring and food provided for kids.

- Location: Robbins Butte Wildlife

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Area, Buckeye

- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, Arizona Outdoor Sports, National Wild Turkey Federation
- Register:  
www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

## Sept. 11 & 14: Beginners' Dove Hunt – CJ Biller Memorial

Classroom instruction Wednesday on hunting doves, shotgun instruction, firearm safety and clay target shooting; followed by a dove hunt on Saturday.

- Location: Mesa, Utery Mountain Shooting Range, Game and Fish Mesa Office
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, CJ Biller Family, Arizona Outdoor Sports
- Register:  
www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

## Oct. 4-6: Unit 1 Squirrel Hunting Camp

Introductory event for kids and families to learn how to hunt squirrels, how to cook them, and other outdoor skills activities. Food is provided.

- Location: Potato Patch, White Mountains Unit 1
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, RMEF, AES
- Register:  
www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

## Oct. 4-6: Outdoor Skills, Squirrel Hunting and Fishing Camp

This camp is for individuals who are new to hunting and/or fishing, birdwatching, and outdoor skills. Outdoor cooked meals will be provided. Space is limited.

- Location: Colcord Ridge Campground, west of Woods Canyon Lake
- Hosted by: Arizona Game and Fish, Red Bear Outfitters, Mogollon Sporting Association
- Info: Joe Sayer, jsayer@azgfd.gov, (928) 853-0963

## Dec. 13-15: Cibola Junior Waterfowl Camp

Learn how to waterfowl hunt with an experienced mentor. Activities for the whole family include trap shooting, 3D archery, decoys and calling clinic, Dutch

oven cooking and wildlife watching.

- Location: Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, Cibola / Blythe area. Unit 43A
- Hosted by: Friends of Cibola NWR, Arizona Outdoor Sports, USFWS, and AZGFD
- Info: getoutsideaz@gmail.com

## Jan. 3-5, 2020: Pintail Slough Youth Waterfowl Camp

Learn to identify, hunt and clean waterfowl, and put your skills to use in the duck blind. Open to junior hunters, ages 12-17, accompanied by an adult. Limited to 18 junior hunters. No prior experience necessary. Fee may be required.

- Location: Pintail Slough, Havasu National Wildlife Refuge, Topock
- Hosted by: Arizona Game and Fish, Havasu National Wildlife Refuge, Friends of Havasu National Wildlife Refuge, Arizona Outdoor Sports
- Info: Arizona Game and Fish - Kingman, (928) 692-7700

## Feb. 29, 2020: Southern Arizona Quail Forever Family Day/Youth Hunt

All are welcome. We are particularly looking for youth and adults who want to learn about outdoor activities. The day's main event is a live quail hunt for kids ages 12-17. All needed gear and instruction is provided. There's room to camp for those who arrive Friday.

- Location: Empire Ranch, north of Sonoita
- Hosted by: Southern Arizona Quail Forever
- Contact: Tony Valentino, (520) 465-6569, avalen18@aol.com

## March 21, 2020: Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club – Youth Fishing and Outdoor Clinic

The YVRGC youth fishing and outdoor clinic is an introductory event where kids learn about archery, safe BB gun practices, binocular glassing, knot tying and fishing techniques.

- Location: Mittry Lake, Yuma
- Registration: On site, 5:30 - 11:00 a.m.
- Info: David Parrish, David.Parrish@84lumber.com

## DEVELOPING

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**Description:** Pursuit of wildlife, overnight events, remote locations, species include quail, rabbit, predator, javelina and turkey

**Developing:** one who is learning by practical experience under skilled workers of a trade, art or calling.

## Aug. 9-11: Predator Hunting Boot Camp – Ray Evridge/George Knox Memorial

Adult focused; families and youth welcome. Beginners can learn about predator calling, hunting, the life history of predators and furbearers, outdoor skill activities. Food provided and camping.

- Location: Vincent Ranch, Woods Canyon Lake area, Unit 4A
- Hosted By: Phoenix Varmint Callers, Arizona Elk Society
- Info: James Strang, pvcigroup@gmail.com

## Oct. 25-27: Yuma Youth Small Game Hunting Camp – YVRG

Learn to hunt desert quail and rabbits (small game) from experienced hunters, mentoring, shooting instruction, seminars, raffles, camping and food.

- Location: Unit 41, Yuma area, campsite TBD
- Hosted by: Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club, Southwest Arizona HPC
- Info: Thom or Crystal Mango, Thom.cmcs@gmail.com

## Nov. 9-11: Unit 20C Predator Hunt Camp – YOU/MDF

Free camp serving Units 20C & 18B to assist with the basics of predator hunting, outdoor activities, food, campfire and more. Some mentoring available.

- Location: Date Creek - Sunflower Flat
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, Mule Deer Foundation
- Info: Donna Green, redryak@outlook.com
- Register:  
www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

## Dec. 7-8: Picketpost Small Game Hunting Camp

Free camp for new hunters to learn shooting techniques and small game

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hunting basics for quail, rabbits and dove. Limited firearms provided, primitive camping, and some meals provided.

- Location: Superior, Picketpost Mountain, Unit 37B
- Hosts: Phoenix Chapter Safari Club International, Red Bear Outfitters, Arizona Outdoor Sports, Youth Outdoors Unlimited and AZGFD
- Register:  
www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

## Jan. 23-26, 2020: 37B Small Game and Youth Javelina Camp – APC

Learn from experienced hunters on where and how to hunt jackrabbits, predators and quail (all ages) as well as javelina for youth with 37B permit-tags. Seminars, in-field instruction and meals provided.

- Location: Oracle Junction area - Unit 37B
- Hosted by: Arizona Predator Callers, Red Bear Outfitters, Quail Forever, Arizona Pointing Dog Club
- Register: Kara Jensen, Kara.Jensen.Az@gmail.com, (602) 309-2517, ArizonaPredatorCallers.com

## Jan. 24-26, 2020: 20C Youth Javelina, Small Game, & Predator Hunting Camp – YOU

Free camp supporting units 20C, 18B and 16A to assist with locating and hunting javelina, small game and predator hunting for beginners, other outdoor activities, camp out, and food provided. Some mentoring available.

- Location: Date Creek - Sunflower Flat
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited
- Register:  
www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

## Feb. 13-16, 2020: Women's Javelina HAM Hunting Camp

A safe, fun hunting experience for novice adult women (18 and older). We match experienced hunters (mentors) with novice women (students). The novices will learn everything necessary for hunting javelina, and many of these skills can be applied to hunting other game species.

- Location: Buenos Aires Wildlife Refuge, Arivaca, Unit 36A/B/C
- Hosted by: Arizona Outdoor Wom-

- en, AZGFD, AZ Chapter SCI, AMDO
- Info: Kathy Greene, tucsonhuntered@comcast.net

## Feb. 20-23, 2020: 19A Mentored Javelina Hunting Camp – CHA

This camp is designed to help new javelina hunters, both kids and adults. Attendees must have their own camping/hunting gear and proper license/tag to hunt javelina. Parent or guardian must be present and able to hunt with kids under 18. Registration required; space and mentors are limited.

- Location: Cordes Junction area. Units 19A, 20A, 20B and 21
- Hosted by: Christian Hunters of America, AZ Elk Society, Phoenix Varmint Callers
- Info: David, davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org, (602) 309-3430

## March 6-8, 2020: Junior Jack Kamp – AZSCI

Junior hunters who've completed Hunter Education learn about jackrabbit biology and basic hunting skills including a live hunt, harvesting, skinning and cooking.

- Location: Three Points, southwest of Tucson, Unit 36A
- Hosted by: AZ Chapter of Safari Club International
- Info: Bobby Boido, azsci@yahoo.com, (520) 490-8367

## April 16-19, 2020: Unit 1 & 27 Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp – Marvin Robbins Memorial

Learn to hunt Arizona's wild turkeys in this mentored turkey hunting camp, seminars, outdoor skills, activities and camping. Meals provided.

- Location: White Mountains area, near Crescent & Big Lake area
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Arizona Game and Fish, AES, RMEF
- Register:  
www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

## April 16-19, 2020: Unit 6A Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp – Marvin Robbins Memorial

Learn to hunt Arizona's wild turkeys in this mentored hunting camp, seminars, outdoor skills, activities and camping. Meals provided.

- Location: Happy Jack area, V bar V Ranch, serving Units 6A, 5A, 5B
- Hosted by: National Wild Turkey Federation, Arizona Wildlife Federation
- Info: Tim Denny, longbeardsaz@gmail.com

## April 16-19, 2020: Unit 23 Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp – Marvin Robbins Memorial

Learn to hunt Arizona's wild turkeys in this mentored turkey hunting camp, seminars, outdoor skills, activities and camping. Meals provided.

- Location: Colcord Ridge Campground, East of Payson, serving Units 23, 4A, 4B, 3C
- Hosted by: National Wild Turkey Federation, Arizona Elk Society, Phoenix Varmint Callers
- Info: Rich Williams, azgobbler60@gmail.com

## INTERMEDIATE

**Skill Meter:** 5-8

**Mentoring Meter:** 3-6

**Description:** Pursuit of more challenging species, deer, elk, stalking, remote locations, overnight, lots of field time  
**Intermediate:** applies some already learned basic skills to adapt and meet the next level of learning, skill development.

## Oct. 3-6: Prescott Youth Deer Hunting Camp – AMDO

Deer hunting info, biology, habitat, glassing, stalking techniques, game care tips and mentored assistance. Coffee, hot coco, morning snacks, lunch and dinner provided. Campfire, games and raffles for the kids.

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- Location: Prescott Area, serving Units 17B, 19A, 19B, 20A
- Hosted by: Prescott Chapter Arizona Mule Deer Organization
- Info: Kevin Hall, kevinshall@yahoo.com, (928) 713-6877

## **Oct. 10-13: Unit 6A/5BS Youth Elk Hunter's Camp – AES**

Thursday pre-hunt activities include free dinner, tips on finding elk, meat care, safety, prizes and more. Support for game locating, retrieval, some mentoring, hot drinks, food and more offered throughout the weekend.

- Location: St. Joseph Youth Camp at Mormon Lake, Unit 6A
- Hosted by: Arizona Elk Society
- Info: [www.arizonaelksociety.org](http://www.arizonaelksociety.org), (602) 492-5319

## **Oct. 10-13: MDF – Unit 6A Youth Deer Hunt Camp**

MDF Camp for youth who are brand new to hunting and outdoor skills; hunting seminars, archery range and outdoor activities throughout the weekend. Camp potluck Saturday night with breakfast and dinner provided.

- Location: Mormon Lake Area
- Hosted by: Mule Deer Foundation, Flagstaff Chapter
- Register (25 spaces): Julie or Bob Jacobs, [julie@personnelsafety.com](mailto:julie@personnelsafety.com), (928) 699-1922, or (928) 699-5490

## **Oct. 10-13: Unit 22 & 23 Punkin Center Youth Deer Hunt Camp – AMDO**

Camp for youth hunters who have been drawn for the unit 22 or 23 junior deer tag. Meals provided both Friday and Saturday nights and mentors are available to join you in the field.

- Location: Punkin Center on FR 71, Unit 23
- Hosted by: Arizona Mule Deer Organization
- Info: Terry Herndon, (623) 696-5579, [terry@azmuledeer.org](mailto:terry@azmuledeer.org)

## **Oct 10-13: Unit 23 Youth Deer and Cow Elk Camp – ADA**

Arizona Deer Association's camp for youth deer and cow elk tag holders. Mentors will be available to help find

game, tracking, game retrieval and game care if needed. Outdoor cooked meals are provided; free event.

- Location: Colcord Ridge Campground, Mogollon Rim area, Unit 23
- Hosted by: Arizona Deer Association
- Info: David Bruns, [info@azdeer.org](mailto:info@azdeer.org), (602) 228-1719

## **Oct. 10-13: Unit 33 & 37B Youth Deer Hunt Camp – AMDO**

Deer hunting tips, assistance, biology and habits, food, hospitality, drawings, gifts. Families are welcome.

- Location: Oracle Junction area, Willow Springs Rd., Unit 37B
- Hosted by: Arizona Mule Deer Organization
- Info: Tim Hendrickson, (520) 904-4117, [tim@trhlandscape.com](mailto:tim@trhlandscape.com); Tom Ditsch (520) 850-9379, [cditsch@outlook.com](mailto:cditsch@outlook.com)

## **Oct. 10-13: MDF – Unit 34A, 35A, 35B Youth Deer, Javelina and Outdoor Skills Hunt Camp**

Hunt camp for youth hunters and their families to provide central camping location, general deer hunting Info, safety tips, prizes, drawings, campfire and food. Mentors will be available to support locating, tracking and retrieving game, if necessary.

- Location: Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, Sonotia, Unit 35B
- Hosted by: SE AZ Chapter of Mule Deer Foundation
- Info: Korley Sears, (520) 305-0724, [korley@muledeer.org](mailto:korley@muledeer.org)

## **Oct. 10-13: Unit 27 Youth Deer Hunt Camp – AMDO**

High country youth deer hunting camp, instruction, some mentoring and cook outs.

- Location: Near Alpine, Unit 27
- Hosted by: Arizona Mule Deer Organization, Beaver Creek Guest Ranch
- Info: Thomas Reed, (928) 245-1688, [tlr1822@gmail.com](mailto:tlr1822@gmail.com)

## **Oct. 10-13: Kaibab Youth Deer Hunters Base Camp**

Kaibab deer hunters base camp with Info and assistance, biology and habits, lots of

activities, some food, and campfire.

- Location: North Rim Grand Canyon, Unit 12A West, SR22 & FR429
- Hosted by: Buckskin Chapter Arizona Deer Association
- Info: Rich Leightner, [releightner@thebigpond.com](mailto:releightner@thebigpond.com), (928) 645-9669

## **Oct. 10-13: White Mountain Youth Elk Hunter's Camp – RMEF**

Hunt camp for youth hunters and their families, fun, educational, meals, campfire, prizes and activities. Some mentoring and field retrieval available.

- Location: White Mountains, Sheep Corral at Greens Peak area, Unit 1 & 2C
- Hosted by: White Mountain Chapter RMEF
- Register: [www.whitemountainrmeff.org](http://www.whitemountainrmeff.org)

## **Nov. 21-24: Unit 36A, 36B & 36C Youth Deer Hunt Camp – AZSCI**

Deer hunting tips and tactics for the area from experienced hunters, a safe centralized group camping area, and some food provided.

- Location: Arivaca, near Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge
- Hosted by: Arizona Chapter of Safari Club International, Arizona Game and Fish
- Info: Bobby Boido, [azsci@yahoo.com](mailto:azsci@yahoo.com), (520) 490-8367

## **Nov. 21-24: Unit 42 Youth Deer Hunt Camp – AMDO**

Hunt camp for youth deer hunters drawn for Unit 42 (family and friends welcome). General deer hunting Info, tactics and tips from experienced hunters. Some food and camp activities are provided.

- Location: Wickenburg area off Vulture Mine Road, Unit 42
- Hosted by: Arizona Mule Deer Organization, Arizona Game and Fish
- Info: Terry Herndon, [terry@azmuledeer.org](mailto:terry@azmuledeer.org), or (623) 696-5579