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## **Special hunter education camp offered at Washington Ranch near Carlsbad**

CARLSBAD – The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish is offering a special hunter education camp where youth can receive hands-on training and earn their hunter education certification for free.

To hunt legally in New Mexico, youth under 18 years of age must first successfully complete a hunter education course or be registered in the department's Mentored-Youth Hunting Program.

The camp is open to youth ages 10 to 17 who are accompanied by a responsible adult, who has also registered for the camp. The camp will be conducted the weekend of Oct. 12-14, at the historic Washington Ranch south of Carlsbad. Lodging and meals are free and all equipment is provided. Registration for this camp opportunity opens Sept. 17. Participants must complete and return the registration form available at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter-education/](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter-education/) by noon, Sept. 21, to be eligible. Slots will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Participants will learn safe and responsible firearms handling, ethical hunting behaviors, conservation, wildlife identification and basic survival skills. Participants will have a chance to test their marksmanship skills with .22 rifles and archery on a range under the supervision of certified hunter education instructors and department staff. Fishing for warm-water fish will also be included.

To qualify for the camp, participants must have an online account with the department and provide their Customer Identification Number, register with an adult and complete the required homework before attending.

For more information please contact the Hunter Education Office at (505) 222-4731 or visit online to [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter-education/](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter-education/).

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