

# ALABAMA HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS NEWSLETTER



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## Upcoming AHEA Awards Banquet

The annual AHEA Awards Banquet will be held on June 3, 2006 at Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club. The range is located at 4978 Lower Wetumpka Road, Montgomery, AL 36110. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend this annual event. Further details will be forthcoming regarding this event.

The dinner and awards banquet will begin about 5:00 PM. Dinner (BBQ and fixin's) will be provided free of charge to all AHEA members and their families. The walk through sporting clays range will be open beginning at 1:00 PM for interested participants. A special fee of \$20.00 per hundred clays has been arranged for all banquet attendees. Various seminars regarding hunter education teaching tools will be conducted throughout the afternoon. A schedule regarding seminars will be sent in a future newsletter. Please rsvp with Marisa Lee-Sasser at 334-242-3620 or [Marisa.leesasser@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Marisa.leesasser@dcnr.alabama.gov) by June 1, 2006.

## Hunter Education Instructor Certification Workshops

Hunter Education Instructor Trainers have scheduled several hunter education instructor certification workshops for the upcoming year. The following is a summary of pertinent information regarding the scheduled workshops. Please pass this information on to anyone interested in becoming a certified hunter education instructor. Additional workshop are in the process of being scheduled.

Date	Location	HEIT	Time	Phone #
May 24, 2006	Ft. Rucker, Building 4509, Conference Room 123	Jerry Riley	5:30 PM	334-618-2681
July 8, 2006	Camp Meadowbrook Cullman, AL	Stuart Goldsby	9:00 AM	256-737-8732
Aug. 5, 2006	Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station Camp Hill, AL	Marisa Lee- Sasser	9:00 AM	334-242-3620
Aug. 26, 2006	Monroe County Ag. Center 334 Agriculture Drive Monroeville, AL 36461	Jack Mitchell	9:00 AM	251-862-2083

## 2006 State NASP Championship Update

The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries appreciates the support and cooperation of volunteer instructors and employees that assisted with the 3rd annual NASP state championship in Birmingham, AL on April 18. Approximately 550 students from 20 schools participated in the event. We received many comments about your professionalism and positive attitudes while assisting with this event. Conducting this event at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Center was a positive experience for competitors, judges, and other staff members. We are looking forward to returning to the BJCC in April, 2007. Please forward any comments you may have in regard to the 2006 championship to Marisa Lee-Sasser at [Marisa.leesasser@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Marisa.leesasser@dcnr.alabama.gov).



## Tallapoosa County Instructors Assist Camp ASSCA

By Jerry Brown

Tallapoosa County Volunteer Hunter Education Instructor

Five young hunters and their families participated in the first special hunt to be held at Camp ASSCA, a camp for children and adults located on Lake Martin in Tallapoosa County. Hunter Education Instructors from the county presented a program on firearm safety and assisted campers with firing muzzleloaders, .22 rifles and sighting in their hunting rifles. All participants had an exciting hunt and enjoyed spending time afield with their families and friends. Simon Bowman was especially happy as he was able to kill his first deer.



### Policy Reminder

Non-firing dummy ammo is the only type of ammunition that is allowed to be used in the classroom during a hunter education course. Please call the hunter education office at 1-800-245-2740 to request dummy ammo. Several accidents involving live ammunition in a classroom have occurred in the recent past in states other than Alabama.

### Upcoming Trapping Workshop

Stuart Goldsby, Regional Hunter Education Coordinator in north Alabama, has a trapping workshop scheduled at Camp Meadowbrook on May 19 and 20. Mike Sievering, Furbearer Biologist, with our District 3 office, will lead the workshop. This will be a hands-on experience in which participants will gather knowledge on trap design, sets, nomenclature, and various other facets of becoming a safe, successful trapper. Please call rsvp with Stuart at 256-737-8732 or [sgoldsby@bellsouth.net](mailto:sgoldsby@bellsouth.net).