

ALABAMA HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Events

The following is a list of upcoming events where your participation is requested.

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Contact</u>
April 19 6:00 PM	District 2 Instructor Social Friendship Community Center 2930 Friendship Road Oxford, AL	Pam Jackson pamelajackson75@bellsouth.net 256-282-4062
April 24 6:00 PM	District 5 Instructor Social Spanish Fort WFF Office Battleship Parkway Spanish Fort, AL	Randall Gautney rdgautney@bellsouth.net
April 26 8:30 AM	4 th Annual NASP Championship Birmingham Civic Center	Marisa Lee-Sasser Marisa.leesasser@dcnr.alabama.gov
May 5 8:00 AM	Instructor Certification Course Gander Mountain Memorial Parkway Huntsville, AL	Bill Kerlin 256-882-0944
May 12 8:00 AM	Instructor Certification Course Honda Mfg. Plant Exit # 165 off of I-20	Stuart Goldsby sgoldsby@bellsouth.net 256-737-8732
June 23 8:00 AM	Instructor Certification Course Shelby Co. Sheriff's Training Ctr McDow Road Columbiana, AL	Marisa Lee-Sasser Marisa.leesasser@dcnr.alabama.gov 1-800-245-2740

The instructor socials for Districts 2 and 5 are being conducted to provide an opportunity to interact and discuss the scheduling of hunter education courses for the fall of 2007. Please mark your calendars and RSVP with the appropriate individual.

Annual AHEA Banquet

The annual AHEA Awards Banquet will be held on June 2, 2007 at Kennamer Cove Trading Post near Grant, AL in Marshall County. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend this annual event. Registration for the event is \$15.00 per adult (16 and older, 15 and under are free) or \$25.00 per couple. Registration includes lunch, supper (quail, chicken, fixins and dessert), a complimentary tour of Cathedral Caverns State Park, 5 stand shotgun event, and a private tour of the Sauta Cave National Wildlife Refuge. Other included activities on Sunday morning include a trip to the DAR school for a sunrise celebration of life, hike to the Walls of Jericho, or a visit to the North Alabama Regulators SASS range. Pre-registration is required and should be mailed to Ricky Moss at 20621 Edgewood Road, Athens, AL 35611. For more detailed information regarding the annual banquet, visit www.huntereducation.net.



June 2, 2007

10:00 - Noon	Tour of Cathedral Caverns State Park
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch just outside Cathedral Caverns at the pavilion
2:00 - 5:00	5 Stand Shotgun Event
5:30 - 8:00	Annual Awards Banquet
8:30 - 9:30	Tour of Sauta Cave National Wildlife Refuge

June 3, 2007

6:00 - 6:30	Sunrise Celebration of Life
6:00 - Until	Hike into the Walls of Jericho
9:00 - Noon	North Alabama Regulators SASS Range

Please RSVP with Stuart Goldsby at 256-737-8732 or sgoldsby@bellsouth.net.

Hunting Incident Update

One non-fatal hunting incident has occurred since the beginning of turkey season. The two-party incident occurred on April 11, 2007 in Choctaw County. The incident involved a father and son that were 68 and 38 years old, respectively. They had separated to hunt two different turkeys. After apparently spooking a gobbler, the son was returning to assist/hunt with his father. The son was wearing complete camouflage except for his gloves. His father saw the white hands and thought it was the head of the gobbler he was hunting. He fired one round striking his son in the left arm, hand and stomach. Surgeons removed several copper plated #4's from his body and he is expected to make a full recovery.