

#WYHUNTFISH Mentoring Camp

September 9 - 12, 2020

In partnership with the Safari Club International Foundation and the First Hunt Foundation, the Wyoming Game & Fish Department is hosting the 2020 #WYHUNTFISH Mentoring Camp with sponsorship from the Wyoming Outdoorsmen. This camp is a workshop for avid hunters interested in sharing their passion for hunting with others, increasing their mentoring skills and gaining a better understanding of the challenges of new hunters. The camp is designed for mentors of all experience levels, no previous mentoring experience is required. **This camp is free to attend.** Although there is no cost to the mentors, a \$100 deposit is required to hold your spot after the invitation has been extended. That check is required to be postmarked within a week after notification, and will be returned before you depart from camp. The hosts and sponsors are making a significant investment in mentoring, and your participation is valued.



The #WYHUNTFISH Mentoring Camp is hosted in conjunction with the Beyond B.O.W. — Hunting workshop for women learning to hunt. There is some overlap in curriculum and facilitated discussions with the hopes that mentors will share their experiences and knowledge with the hunters. Special mentors-only sessions on best practices and techniques for mentoring include Mentoring Strategies, Adult Learning Styles and Social Media and Photography. You will get mentoring experience, guiding a new hunter from the Beyond B.O.W. workshop on a simulated hunt with live fire. There will also be opportunity to learn more advanced and/or specialized skills like using the WGF D Hunt Planner, and, mentoring an actual antelope hunt with a novice hunter.

The #WYHUNTFISH Mentoring Camp will be **Wednesday, September 9th through Saturday, September 12th.** All Mentoring Camp attendees are expected to participate in the entire camp, from 5:30 pm on September 9th until 1:30 pm on September 12th.

On September 13th, mentors have the option to extend their stay and participate in the BOW First Hunt, a mentored antelope hunt facilitated by the First Hunt Foundation. Beyond B.O.W. hunters are paired with a mentor and a hunting partner, who may be hunting or observing. If you would like to participate in the mentored hunt, please indicate your interest in the application. Mentors that apply to take part in the hunt are asked to join the First Hunt Foundation at the time of application and successfully complete a background check. There is no cost to join or for the background check. Both are accomplished by submitting a simple application on the [First Hunt Foundation's website](#). Those participating in the BOW First Hunt are expected to be available until 4pm on September 13th.

Why become a mentor?

Hunting license sales produce valuable funding for wildlife conservation, but participation in hunting has been generally declining since the 1980s. So to protect the future of our hunting traditions, wildlife management and conservation, increasing participation and recruiting new hunters is key. Mentoring is a great way to do this and provides seasoned hunters with a way to give back to the hunting community. By mentoring a new hunter, you can help ensure the long-term sustainability of conservation in our changing society.

Mentors help a first-time hunter develop into a knowledgeable and competent hunter. They provide safe and memorable first-time hunting experiences and are responsible for making sure their mentee understands the hunting regulations, safe hunting practices and ethical considerations. Mentors help the mentee develop an understanding and appreciation for the role of hunters and hunting in wildlife management and conservation, and build the foundation for their mentees to become lifelong hunters.

Camp

The SCIF Granite Ranch camp is roughly 32 miles southeast of Jackson, Wyoming located in the Bridger-Teton National Forest's Gros Ventre Wilderness Area at an elevation of 7,000 feet. The site is made up of 33.6 acres of an original 160-acre tract of land homesteaded in 1919 and is surrounded by more than eight million acres of public lands. Access to the Camp is about 7 miles off US 191 on a graded dirt road. Passenger vehicles with average clearance can access the camp with no problem. At the lodge and cabins you'll find comfy twin beds, with linens, blankets and pillows provided.



How to Apply

Please apply through the Google Form by clicking [here](#). Additional information including a packing list and schedule will be forthcoming after the applications are reviewed and invitations extended. There is room for only 10 mentors, so please complete the application by August 11th.

This promises to be an important & fun weekend in one of Wyoming's special places. Please don't hesitate to contact any of the individuals listed below with any questions.

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