



# The Wyoming Hunter Mentor Program

The Wyoming Hunter Mentor Program (HMP) allows a person who has not yet earned their hunter education certification to apply for a special authorization to hunt while accompanied by a mentor. The HMP allows someone new to hunting to experience the hunt before committing to the coursework required to complete their hunter safety certification.

## Who Qualifies:

### Mentors

To qualify as a mentor in the HMP, the mentor must:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Possess a valid hunter education certificate, regardless of any exemptions, while in the field with the mentee (A hunter education certificate from any state is valid).
- Possess a current and valid WY hunting license while in the field with the mentee.
- The mentor's valid WY hunting license does not have to be the same species/unit/type as the mentee's hunting license.

### Mentees

- Anyone who plans to hunt in Wyoming may participate in the hunter mentor program, but the mentee must be at least 12 years of age to hunt big game.
- If the hunter mentee is under 18 years of age, he or she must obtain parental/guardian permission to participate. Permission is given through the parent/guardian's signature on the special authorization certificate.

## How to Register:

- Registration must be completed online at the Game and Fish website. Use this QR code to take you to the registration page.
- The mentee must supply their Sportsperson ID (SPID) and birth date. A SPID is a unique number that is generated upon the purchase of a WY hunting or fishing license.
- If the mentee does not have a SPID, there is an option to create one when applying.
- Once the mentee supplies their SPID and birth date, a special authorization certificate will be generated.
- Both the mentee and the mentor must sign the certificate, and the mentor must legibly write down their hunter safety certificate number and valid WY hunting license information.



## What you need in the field:

### Mentors

- Must carry a valid hunter education certificate while in the field with the mentee (A hunter education certificate from any state is valid).
- Must carry a current and valid WY hunting license while in the field with the mentee.

### Mentees

- Must carry special authorization certificate (signed by the mentor they are hunting with) at all times while hunting.
- The mentor's hunting license type and number and hunter safety certificate number must be documented on the mentee's special authorization certificate.
- With a special authorization certificate, a mentee can hunt with multiple mentors as long as each mentor meets the listed requirements.
- A new copy of the certificate shall be printed out and signed by each additional mentor.
- The mentee must carry all necessary licenses, stamps or permits needed for the hunt.

## Regulations:

- Mentors may supervise only one (1) hunter mentee at a time in the field (a family member may mentor multiple immediate family members).
- Mentors must maintain direct supervision (within sight and direct voice contact) of the hunter mentee at all times while in the field.
- The HMP is not a substitute for a hunting license. The hunter mentee must still obtain the appropriate licenses, stamps and permits necessary for each hunt.
- A mentee can hunt for any species with appropriate licenses, but must be at least 12 years of age to hunt big game in Wyoming.
- This special authorization is not valid to hunt in Elk Hunt Areas 75 and 79.
- This special authorization will serve as a one (1) year temporary exemption to a hunter education certificate.
- Mentees should take hunter education if they wish to continue hunting in subsequent years. However, if circumstances prevent the mentee from taking a hunter education course, they may apply for the HMP again.

Visit the Wyoming Hunter Mentor Program page at [wgfd.wyo.gov/education/hunter-mentor-program](http://wgfd.wyo.gov/education/hunter-mentor-program) for more information.