

Checklist of things to teach the apprentice:

- The hunting heritage and how hunters pay for conservation
- Proper care and use of firearms and equipment
- Basic safety rules
- Marksmanship
- Ethics - the hunter's responsibility to animals, landowners, and the environment
- Wildlife identification and habits of the various species
- Proper field care of game
- Cooking tips or recipes to help them enjoy the game they bring home
- Take along your camera to capture this very important moment for both the mentor and the apprentice.



To learn more about the Ohio apprentice hunting license or trapping permit, or to find out how and where to attend a hunter education course call:
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Ohio has a new category of hunting license called the apprentice hunting license. The apprentice license was developed as part of a nation-wide effort called Families Afield. Families Afield projects are designed to remove barriers that prevent hunters from passing along the hunting heritage. Apprentice hunting licenses or fur taker permits allow new hunters and trappers, both adults and youth, to sample the experience of hunting under the mentorship of a licensed adult *prior* to completing a hunter or



Apprentice License Facts:

- Having previously held an apprentice license does not qualify the holder to purchase a regular hunting license or fur taker permit.
- To obtain a regular hunting license, a hunter education course must be completed successfully.
- To obtain a regular fur taker permit, a hunter education course and fur taker education course must be successfully completed.
- Apprentice licenses and trapping permits are available to both residents and non-residents, youth or adults.
- No one may purchase more than three apprentice hunting licenses or fur taker permits in his or her lifetime.

Mentoring Suggestions

- Understand the basics. Make sure your guest is familiar with all safety aspects of hunting and trapping. Encourage them to sign up for a hunter education class at their earliest opportunity.
- Teach by example. Remember to practice what you preach.
- Be patient. Your hunting or trapping knowledge has taken many years afield to acquire. Be understanding and foster the same development in the apprentice.
- Keep a positive attitude. An understanding and positive mentor will build the apprentice's self-esteem and confidence.



- Provide appropriate equipment. If the apprentice does not have the right gear, make sure they are able to borrow it for the outing.
- Make sure they dress accordingly for the trip. A cold, wet, uncomfortable apprentice is not likely to ask for a second trip.
- Pass on your knowledge and ethics to the apprentice. Help them appreciate and respect the outdoors and the animals they hunt or trap.
- Share your enthusiasm and love for the outdoors. Your enthusiasm is contagious. If you are passionate about hunting or trapping, the apprentice may soon share the same passion.
- Don't set them up to fail; keep the outing fun and don't put pressure on the apprentice to be successful.
- See our Website at www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife for hunter education and other hunting information.