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The Division of Fish & Wildlife is committed to providing safe and responsible hunting opportunities for youth in Delaware.

The Division's established youth hunting programs support Delaware's recent Children in Nature Initiative, a statewide effort to improve environmental literacy in Delaware, create opportunities for children to participate in enriching outdoor experiences, combat childhood obesity, and promote healthy lifestyles. Delaware's multi-agency initiative, which partners several state and federal agencies with community organizations, is part of the No Child Left Inside program. To further promote the outdoors and getting youth involved with hunting Ducks Unlimited, in collaboration with the Division will be hosting an Greenwing event on Saturday, March 27, 2021. For more information, please visit: <http://www.greenwing.org/>

Hunter Education Classes

All persons born after January 1, 1967 are required to satisfactorily complete a Basic Hunter Education Course in order to obtain a Delaware Hunting License. Youth age 10 and older are eligible to take the Basic Hunter Education Course. Students under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Parents are reminded that younger students require a level of maturity and vocabulary sufficient for understanding adult subject matter and completing assignments. Students of smaller physical body size may find it very difficult or impossible to successfully complete the live firing exercise.

Adults Accompanying Youth

A youth (ages 15 and under) hunting in Delaware must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older who is the lawful holder of a hunting license or has a lawful right to hunt and has a License Exempt Number (LEN). However, during the youth deer, turkey, and waterfowl seasons the accompanying, unarmed, adult must be 21 years of age or older.

Purchasing a Hunting License

- Both resident and non-resident youth ages 13 through 15 must purchase a junior license to hunt in Delaware.
- Both resident and non-resident youth under the age of 13 must obtain a License Exempt Number (LEN) and must be accompanied by a person who is the lawful holder of a Delaware hunting license or has a lawful right to hunt in Delaware.
- Youth under the age of 16 do not need to purchase a State Waterfowl (Duck) Stamp.