

Successful Bowhunting!



Why Bowhunter Education?

Want to be a better bowhunter? Want to learn more about bowhunting, improve your skills or increase your chances for success? Then this training course is for you!

This voluntary training program expands upon the National Bowhunter Education Foundation's [International Bowhunter Education Program](#). Upon completion of the course, a training certificate recognized and accepted throughout North America is issued to the student. This course **does not** replace the basic Hunter-Trapper Education (HTE) training program. All first-time hunters must successfully complete an HTE course before purchasing general hunting a license.



What does the course include?

The course has two parts—home study and classroom. The online study component takes about 4 to 6 hours to complete. The student then attends a one-day, eight-hour class. The classroom course includes these topics, field exercises and more:

- **Responsible bowhunting**
- **Big game anatomy & shot placement**
- **Map & compass basics**
- **Distance estimation**
- **Shooting basics and a 3-D field course**
- **Hunting methods and techniques**
- **Treestand use & safety**
- **Big game recovery & care**

To be certified, you must pass a test at the end of the class.

How do I enroll?

Classes are held at designated locations statewide with most scheduled between April and September. Wildlife Conservation Officers coordinate the training. Most classes are taught by trained and certified volunteer instructors.

A schedule of classes is posted on the Pennsylvania Game Commission's [website](#). You can register online for most classes. There is a fee to enroll. If there are no classes listed for your area, contact the PGC [region office](#) serving your county for more information. Enrollment is usually limited to 30 students per course, so space is limited. **You must be at least 11 years old to enroll.**

Register for a class now!