

NDG&F January 13th Newsletter

Watchable Wildlife Checkoff on State Tax Form

North Dakota citizens with an interest in supporting wildlife conservation programs are reminded to look for the Watchable Wildlife checkoff on the state tax form.

The state income tax form gives wildlife enthusiasts an opportunity to support nongame wildlife like songbirds and birds of prey, while at the same time contributing to programs that help everyone enjoy all wildlife.

The checkoff – whether you are receiving a refund or having to pay in – is an easy way to voluntarily contribute to sustain this long-standing program. In addition, direct donations to the program are accepted any time of year.

To learn more about [Watchable Wildlife](#) program activities, visit the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website at gf.nd.gov.

Hunter Education Classes

Individuals interested in taking a hunter education class in 2017 are reminded to register early as most classes are held the first few months of the calendar year.

To register for a hunter education course, students need to sign up online at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's website, gf.nd.gov. Many classes will be added over the next several weeks, and the rest will be added throughout the year as they are finalized.

After accessing the Buy and Apply link, click on the [hunter ed enrollment](#) link and "list of hunter education courses." Classes are listed by city, and can also be sorted by start date. To register for a class, click on "enroll" next to the specific class, and follow the simple instructions. Personal information is required.

Individuals interested in receiving a notice by email when each hunter education class is added can click on the "[subscribe to news and alerts](#)" link found below the news section on the Game and Fish home page. Check the box labeled "hunter education" under the education program updates. In addition, SMS text notifications of new classes can be sent directly to a cell phone. Simply text "NDGF HunterClass" to 468311 to subscribe to this feature.

State law requires anyone born after December 31, 1961 to pass a certified hunter education course to hunt in the state. Hunter education is mandatory for youth who are turning 12 years old, and children can take the class at age 11.