



Currituck Hunter Safety Team

*Promoting Gun Safety
and Shooting Sports*

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OVERVIEW

Thank you for your interest in the Currituck Hunter Safety Team! Our season will consist of lots of practices which will lead up to competing in the NC Wildlife Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament (NCYHEST) District I - March 2025 in Columbia, NC.

The NCYHEST tournament consists of competitions in shotgun, archery, small bore rifle and hunter skills. The objectives of the program are to:

- ◆ Promote the Hunter Education Program in North Carolina schools.
- ◆ Promote the safe sport of hunting and shooting.
- ◆ Provide a platform of rules to ensure maximum participation and fairness of competition.

EQUIPMENT

Coaches STRONGLY recommend that new members do not rush out to purchase equipment, but instead to wait until after several practices to ensure the member enjoys the program.

FAQ

Cost? Team dues are to be determined annually and based on the current budget. Expenses include the required team uniform consisting of a team shirt, hooded sweatshirt and hat. Financial assistance may be available. Fundraising and donations are welcome to offset the expenses.

Can parents help the team? YES! You can become a Range Safety Officer (RSO) by taking a certification course through NC Wildlife. We will notify parents of these opportunities. The team also welcomes parents to volunteer. Volunteering does require a background check. More information on volunteering can be found by visiting the Currituck County Schools website at www.currituck.k12.nc.us -under the Parents tab - Volunteer in Our Schools.

Is prior experience needed to participate? No! We welcome all skill levels and no prior experience is required.

Members are required to take and pass the NC Hunter Safety Class.

Opportunities to take the class in-person are available; however, classes are offered online through the NC Wildlife Commission at <https://www.ncwildlife.org/Hunting/Before-The-Hunt/Hunter-Education-Courses>

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What about ammo? Ammo is provided by the team. **Members are strictly prohibited from bringing ammo!**

Practices? Official practices will be scheduled Saturdays, Sundays and during the weekday when possible. Currituck is unique because the range is located on the campus of Currituck County High School. Due to the location, all equipment must be brought on campus by the coach/instructor. **Students are prohibited from bringing equipment on campus –including after school hours and when school is not in session!**



Shotgun

It is the preferred that members have their own 12 or 20 gauge shotguns, but other teammates may let you practice or test their guns. Students will shoot a five-station event, shooting 20 clay birds. Hat, eye protection and ear protection are required for competition safety.

Rifle

It is preferred members have their own .22 rifle, but other teammates may let you practice or test their guns. In competitions, students will shoot a paper target from each rifle position: Prone, Sitting, Kneeling and Standing. Hat, eye protection and ear protection are required for competition safety. Up to Nine power scopes are allowed in competition. Coaches strongly recommend bolt action rifles and slings. No gun modifications are allowed. Trigger pull weight must be over 2.5lb – with 3.0lb being the preferred trigger pull weight.

Hunter Skills

The **Hunter Safety Test** is a great opportunity for students who wish to be a team member but not interested in competitive shooting.

This event consists of a written **Hunter Safety Test** with approximately 100 questions offered at the District competition

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Questions on the written exam are derived from the NC Hunter Education Manual

Archery

Bow shooters compete from four distance areas: 10, 15, 20 and 25 yards. Shooters are expected to have their own equipment, as each bow is sighted and fitted for the specific member.