WHAT PARTICIPANTS AND MENTORS ARE SAYING ABOUT OUR PROGRAM:

"What an experience for my son and I, me being a novice as well and learning right along with him. The DNR staff were excited for us and genuinely helpful in every way. They went out of their way to make this a positive experience and they succeeded! It is one of the best things that I have done with and for my son. Thank you for making it possible."

"The entire program was put together very well, effective, friendly, and was a marvelous learning opportunity for my daughter's first deer hunt."

"Even though I didn't get one, it was GREAT!"

"We had a great time. It was the first time for both of us, a great learning experience."

"It's a great experience that I would recommend to any novice deer hunter."

"I have been fortunate to participate in many outdoor activities with my son. This has been by far the best and most rewarding."

"Couldn't imagine a more perfect setting for a youth hunt!"

"Top Notch!"

Other outdoor skills camps/workshops available through the DNR include:

American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) for teachers and outdoor educators

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) for women 18 years and older

The Fly Tying and Fishing Experience for people interested in fly tying/fishing

Outdoor Journey (OJ) for girls 12 to 15 years of age

Hunting and Conservation Camp (HACC) for boys 12 to 15 years of age

Visit our web site at **www.iowadnr.gov** and click on "education" then "camps and workshops" for more information on these and other educational opportunities.

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Equal Opportunity

Under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age discrimination Act of 1975 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, federal regulations prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, or handicap. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information, please write to, Director, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th St., Des Moines, IA 50319-0034

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MENTORED OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

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Promoting an appreciation of the outdoors through education and involvement to improve the quality of life in Iowa and ensure a legacy for future generations.

HISTORY

The first Mentored Outdoor Experience -- Deer Hunt occurred in 2004 with amazing results. Designed to educate people about deer hunting, it has emerged as the premier educational deer hunting experience in Iowa. The results of the program have been astonishing, and the education and experience the hunters and mentors receive from the program is invaluable.

AGENDA

The program is designed to give inexperienced deer hunters a hands-on introduction to the sport of deer hunting, including the opportunity to harvest a deer in the park with the assistance of a mentor.

A multitude of topics are covered to make participants feel comfortable and safe hunting deer in Iowa. Topics covered include deer biology/management, deer hunting equipment/methods, laws, photography, field dressing/game processing and shot placement. Gun range time is included.

FACILITY

The Mentored Outdoor Experience -- Deer Hunt is headquartered at the Springbrook Conservation Education Center, located an hour northwest of Des Moines, in Springbrook State Park. The diverse habitats of the area make it an ideal location for this opportunity.

LODGING

Lodging includes modern, heated/air-conditioned dormitories with eight people per room. Bedding and towels are provided with shower, rest rooms and lounge facilities in the buildings. All meals are included.

MENTORS

A mentor can be a relative, friend of the hunter or assigned from our group of volunteers. Those interested in mentoring should use the registration information to volunteer. It is a great opportunity to share this experience with a novice hunter.

TO REGISTER

Registration information is available on the web at www.iowadnr.gov (click on "education" then "camps and workshops") or contact the Springbrook Conservation Education Center, 2473 160th Rd., Guthrie Center, Iowa 50115, 641-747-8383 ext. 11.

COST

Program fees cover lodging, meals, materials and associated activities.