

Example Hunts

Chapter 14



Example Big Game

Colorado Division of Wildlife Hunter Outreach Program Hunt Plan

HUNT PLAN NAME: Williams Fork/Morgan Creek Elk Hunt

Date of Hunt: 24 through 26 October 2003

Huntmaster: Jim Bulger

Asst Huntmaster/Range Cord: David Dolton

Staff: Grover Cassada

Steve Jarmusz

Hunt Location: Near Hayden Colorado

1. General. The WF/MC Elk Hunt is cosponsored by the Division of Wildlife (Western Region) and two partnering RFW properties, Morgan Creek Ranch and Williams Fork Ranch. The hunt is publicized through the Hunter Outreach Coordinator at the Denver Headquarters via the DOW Home Page, mail out brochures and news media release. For 2002, there were a total of 47 applicants, 42 met the qualifying requirements for consideration. On September 10, 2003 eight applicants were selected to participate in the hunt. All eight applicants have been notified and have agreed to participate in the hunt. The names and ages of the selected applicants are provided at Annex A.

2. Location. The hunt will take place on two RFW properties located near Craig Colorado. Morgan Creek Ranch (GMU 211) and Williams Fork Ranch (GMU 13) will each provide 4 female elk vouchers for the hunt.

3. Concept of Events. The objective of the hunt is to provide a unique opportunity for selected youth hunters and their parents/guardians who have met the application requirements for consideration. Special emphasis has been placed on education skills, shooting proficiency and family support/involvement.

3a. General Plan. The following timeline is provided for general planning purposes by all hunt participants.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
24 Oct	12:00	Meet at Hayden Town Hall
24 Oct	12:15	Depart
24 Oct	12:30	Arrive Hayden Shooting Range
24 Oct	13:30	Depart Hayden Range
24 Oct	14:00	Arrive WFR campsite
24 Oct	14:30	Hunters/sponsors set up sleeping areas in tents
24 Oct	17:00	Landowner Overview and history of property Hunt Rules and policies Safety Briefing
24 Oct	18:30	Supper (Dutch oven meal) (Two hunters help serve)
24 Oct	20:00	Hunt Overview (Jim Haskins/Jon Wangnild)
24 Oct	21:00	Hunter's released for bed/personal time
25 Oct	5:30	Breakfast (Two hunters help serve)
25 Oct	6:30	Hunters depart with parents and guides
25 Oct	12:00	Lunch: Boxed Lunches Sandwiches
25 Oct	Dark	Hunters and guide conclude day one
25 Oct	18:30	Supper (two hunters help serve)
25 Oct	20:00	Plan day two hunt Education Time: Elk Habitat
25 Oct	21:00	Hunters released for bed
26 Oct	5:30	Breakfast (Two hunters help serve)
26 Oct	6:30	Hunters depart (unsuccessful Day One) Successful Day One. Clean camp and tear down Vehicle Scouting Trip for Bull Elk
26 Oct	11:00	Hunters conclude Day Two
26 Oct	11:30	Dinner Box lunches
26 Oct	12:15	Group Photo and presentation of gifts
26 Oct	12:45	Hunters depart for Denver

26 Oct 18:00 Arrive Denver

3c. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) Huntmaster:
 - a. Notify all participants
 - b. Coordinate purchase of all licenses
 - c. Coordinate transportation requirements
 - d. Coordinate purchase of supplies
 - e. Obtain all equipment needed for support of hunt
 - f. Provide hunter safety briefing and hunt rules/policies

- (2) Asst Huntmaster/Range Coordinator
 - a. Assist with hunt administration
 - b. Supervise range activities at Hayden Range
 - c. Inspect all firearms and ammunition prior to use at the range and on hunt
 - d. Supervise camp setup activities
 - e. Assign guides to hunters. Verify departure and return of all hunt parties
 - f. Maintain camp headquarters during each day hunt activity
 - g. Provide staff support as needed

- (3) Staff
 - a. Provide camp support as required
 - b. Accompany guides and hunters to the field for photography and support
 - c. Transport noon meal on day two to Morgan Creek
 - d. Assist in field dressing and processing as required

- (4) District Wildlife Officers (Jim Haskins and Jon Wangnild)
 - a. Identify eight guides (four for William's Fork and four for Morgan Creek)
 - b. Coordinate with landowners as required
 - c. Provide two wall tents for camp use
 - d. Provide supper meal on 24 October

- e. Identify nearest medical facility to Huntmaster
- f. Coordinate CWD testing for harvested animals
- g. Provide hunt plan overview briefing for hunters

4. Logistic Support.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Responsible Individual</u>
Coordinate hunt wavier requirements	Jim Bulger
Coordinate transportation	Jim Bulger
Obtain License Information	Jim Bulger
Purchase Licenses	Jim Bulger
Coordinate use of WFR cabin	Jim Haskins
Coordinate for guides	Jim Haskins/Jon Wangnild
Set up campsite	David Dolton plus staff
Hayden Range	David Dolton
Hunt Orientation and Safety Brief	Jim Haskins/Jon Wangnild
Evening meal 24 Oct	Jon Wangling plus support staff
Meals 25 and 27 Oct	Staff
Coordinate for head testing	Jim Haskins/Jon Wangling

4a. Meals.

The following numbers should be used to plan meals:

Hunters	8
Parents	8
DOW Support	10
<u>Guests</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	30 per meal

4b. Water. Water will be provided at the campsite. DOW Denver will provide water containers for use and refill. Six cases of bottled water will be provided at the campsite.

4c. Three day menu

24 Oct Dutch Oven Supper

	Juice/Water
25 Oct	
	Breakfast
	Biscuits and Gravy
	Scrambled Eggs
	Cereal
	Coffee and Juice
	Dinner
	Sandwiches
	Chips
	Fruit
	Soda/Water
	Supper
	Spaghetti
	Salad
	Bread
	Soda/water
26 Oct	
	Breakfast
	Hunter's Pie
	Cereal
	Coffee/Juice
	Lunch
	Sack Lunches
	Soda/water

4d. Camp Equipment

1. Four wall tents (Two from Denver, Two from Area)
2. Four stoves (wood)
3. Two propane stoves
4. One cook box
5. Four water containers
6. Lamps and lanterns
7. 200 ft power cords
8. Camp box

9. Fluorescent Orange hats and vests

5. Points of Contact.

Jim Bulger	Hunter Outreach Coordinator
Jim Haskins	DWM Area 10 Hayden
Jon Wangnild	DWM Area 6 Meeker North

Annex C

Safety Plan and Waiver Requirements

1. All youth hunters must have completed a certified hunter education course and will receive additional safety and marksmanship training with high caliber rifles before the youth big game hunt.
2. All “hunting mentors” must have completed a certified hunter education course or meet the hunter education requirement, i.e., born before January 1, 1949.
3. All youth hunters hunt cow elk and have proper and valid Colorado hunting licenses for their chosen species.
4. All participants will obey all hunting and public safety laws, as well as any landowner rules or requests.
5. We will provide an equipment list to all “youth hunters” and “volunteer hunting mentors.” All participants should be prepared for a variety of weather and physical activity.
6. Any Colorado Division of Wildlife, Peabody and/or Kennecott employee witnessing an unsafe or unethical behavior will take the appropriate measures to correct it. A participant may have their hunting privileges revoked at any time.
7. All “youth hunters,” their parents or legal guardians volunteer hunting mentors and other parties associated with this youth hunt will sign standard waivers/release of liability forms.
8. File copies of waivers/release of liability forms all hunt providers. The State of Colorado is self-insured and will provide written documentation to the hunt providers. The Colorado Division of Wildlife will also provide written documentation of the Colorado Revised Statutes, limiting landowner liability with respect to public recreation.

Hunting equipment list

Personal items:

License
Cash
Water bottle
Chewing gum
Flashlight
Sleeping bag
Thermos
Books/magazines
Camera
Sun/snow glasses
Game bags
Coolers

Toiletries:

Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Soap
Hairbrush or comb
Etc.

Hunting Equipment:

Rifle
Ammo
Binoculars
Ammo pouch
Gun cleaning kit
Pocket knife
Cleaning knife
Camp knives –extra
Shooting Sticks

Clothing:

Orange hat
Orange vest
Leather gloves
Wool gloves
Warm shirts
Nice shirt
Wool pants
Nice jeans
Belt
Wool socks
Stocking Cap
Hooded sweatshirt
Shirts
Long handles
Rain pants
Hankies
Light coat
Down vest
Warm coat
Raincoat

Example Partnered Pheasant Hunt

Colorado Division of Wildlife Hunter Outreach Program Hunt Plan

HUNT PLAN NAME: Washington County PF Hunt

Date of Hunt: 29 November 2003

Huntmaster: Jim Bulger

Asst Huntmaster/Range Coord: Stu Raubolt

Washington County PF representatives: Dave Schutz 970-345-6467

Larry Conger 970-847-3679

1. General. The WC Youth hunt is a partnered event between the Washington County Chapter of Pheasants Forever and the DOW Outreach program. The Division provides support but the main effort for the event is the chapter.

2. Location. Laybourn's Upland Game Hunt Club, Cope CO (see map)

3. Concept of Events. The objective of the hunt is to provide a unique opportunity for selected youth hunters and their parents/guardians who have met the application requirements for consideration. Special emphasis has been placed on education skills, shooting proficiency and family support/involvement.

3a. General Plan. The following timeline is provided for general planning purposes by all hunt participants.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
29 Nov	0500	Depart Denver
29 Nov	0730	Meet at Laybourn's
29 Nov	0800	Set up wingshooting stations

29 Nov	0900	Registration
29 Nov	0930	Begin round robin hunt activities
29 Nov	1500	Complete hunt

*Note, Division role is to provide equipment and support. Chapter will fill all volunteer slots for the event.

3b. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(5) Huntmaster:

- g. Provide Wing shooting trailer (complete field setup)
- h. Provide 8 shotguns
- i. Provide 30 vests (returned at the end of the hunt)
- j. Provide 12 and 20 ga ammunition in both skeet and field loads
- k. Provide clay targets
- l. Provide eye and hearing protection
- m. Assist Chapter coordinators

(6) Asst. Huntmaster

- h. Assist with hunt administration
- i. Assist with photography

(7) Chapter

- a. Run hunt
- b. Coordinate registration
- c. Coordinate hunt activities and education activities
- d. Purchase birds
- e. Coordinate pointing dogs and guides
- f. Coordinate youth education activities

4. Logistic Support.

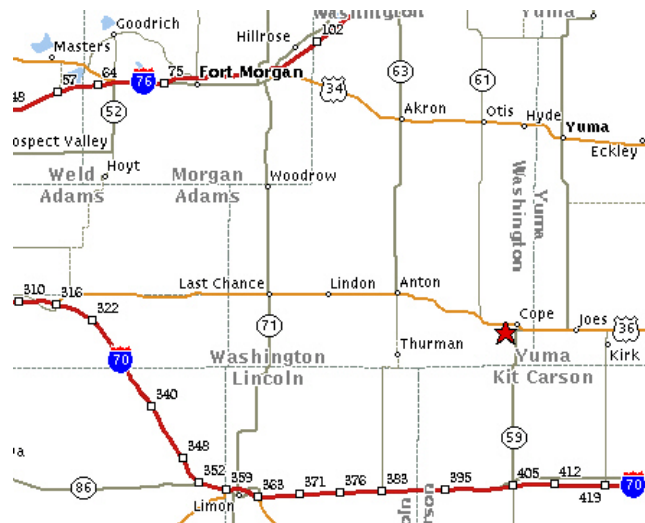
- A. Provide Wing shooting equipment

5. Points of Contact.

Jim Bulger	Hunter Outreach Coordinator	303-291-7248
Dave Schutz	Washington County PF Coordinator	970-345-6467

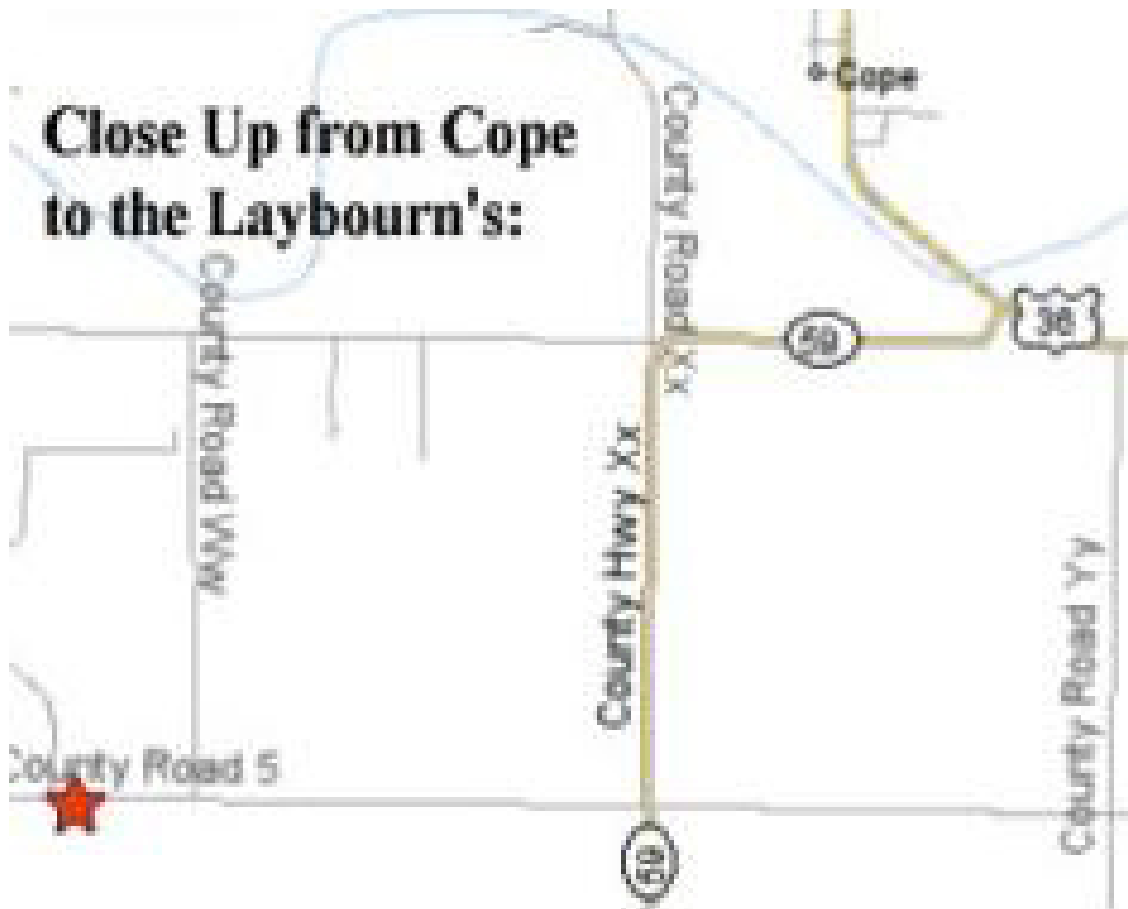
Directions coming from I-76:

From I-76, take Exit 92A south to US Hwy 34. Go East on US Hwy 34 to Akron. Turn South onto Hwy 63. Follow Hwy 63 to Anton, turn East onto US Hwy 36. Follow US Hwy 36 to Hwy 59, turn right onto Hwy 59 just East of Cope. Then turn right onto County Road 5. The Laybourn's is one mile down County Road 5.



Directions coming from I-70:

From I-70, Take Exit 316 (the Byers Exit) and follow Hwy 36 east to Cope. Turn south onto Hwy 59 just after the bridge in Cope. Follow Hwy 59 for two miles to County Road 5. Turn right onto County Road 5 and follow for a mile.



Example Private Land Waterfowl
One Day Hunt

Colorado Division of Wildlife
Hunter Outreach Program
Hunt Plan

HUNT PLAN NAME: Orchard Meadows Gun Club Waterfowl Hunt

Date of Hunt: 3 January 2004

Huntmaster: Jim Bulger

Asst Huntmaster: Wade Mitsch

Guides: Chris Goodwin

Tyler Baskfield

Tim Mauck

Eric Hoffman

1. **General.** The Orchard Meadows Youth hunt is a partnered event between the Orchard Meadows Gun Club and the DOW Outreach program. The hunt is a one day event beginning at 0700 in the morning and ending at sunset. The hunt will have 5 – 6 youth hunters and their parents participating. We will provide a guide and decoys for each hunter.

2. **Location.** Orchard Meadows Gun Club, on the Platte River near Orchard Colorado (see map)

3. **Concept of Events.** The objective of the hunt is to provide a unique opportunity for selected youth hunters and their parents/guardians who have met the application requirements for consideration. Special emphasis has been placed on education skills, shooting proficiency and family support/involvement.

3a. **General Plan.** The following timeline is provided for general planning purposes by all hunt participants.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
2 January	0900	Selected Huntmasters go to the property to set up blinds and a warming tent. Plan to hunt a bit in the afternoon
3 January	0630	Huntmasters meet at meeting location
3 January	0700	Hunters arrive at meeting location and do registration
3 January	0730	Move to property and blinds
3 January	1030	Move to tent and classroom area for lunch and classes and group photo - Duck calling 101 - Skeet shooting 101
3 January	1300	Return to blinds for afternoon hunt
3 January	1600	End of hunt, return to classroom area
3 January	1630	Hunters depart
3 January	1700	Huntmasters cleanup and depart

3b. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(8) Huntmaster:

- n. Provide tent, cylinder stove and cooking gear for hot beverages
- o. Provide shotguns as needed
- p. Provide duck calls and duck ID books for class for class
- q. Provide soup and chili for lunch
- r. Provide one trap station, clays and skeet ammunition
- s. Teach skeet shooting 101 class

(9) Asst. Huntmaster

- j. Assist with hunt administration
- k. Assist with photography
- l. Provide duck calling 101 class

(10) Guides

- g. Provide needed guide support for one hunter and parent
- h. Provide personal equipment as needed

- i. Assist with photography

4. Logistic Support.

- a. Water
- b. Hot soup and Chili for lunch
- c. Blind heaters if needed

5. Points of Contact.

Jim Bulger Hunter Outreach Coordinator
 Wade Mitsch Assistant Huntmaster
 Gurnee Munn Landowner

Blind Number	Hunter	Guide	Remarks
1	James Schrack	Jim Bulger	303-291-7248
2	Joe Cacy	Tim Mauck	303-679-2305
3	Katy and Micheal Wolf	Chris Goodwin	OK
4	Tyler	Wade Mitsch	OK
5	Chase Kozoh	Gurnee Munn	

Directions to the meeting point and the property;

Take I-76 toward Ft. Morgan to Exit # 60. Go to the bottom of the ramp and turn left, go under I-76 to the service road. The corner here is the meeting point for Saturday morning.

To the property: Turn right on the service road and go approximately 1.5 miles, turn left on CR 144. Go 5 miles (there are green mile markers on the right side of the road). Turn left at marker number 5 and go approximately 1.5 miles along the dirt road. There is a farm house on the right and just after the farm house, a chain link fence starts. Travel to the end of the chain link fence and turn right at the end of the fence down the canal road. Through three fence gates and you are at the property. There will be a DOW sign at the turn into the property.

Colorado Division of Wildlife Hunter Outreach Program Educational Hunt Plan

Pheasant

1. **General.** This plan is provided as a generic document to assist Huntmasters in planning a youth pheasant hunt. Each situation and scenario is different in many ways, number of hunters, location, time of year, etc. Huntmasters should change their plan to fit the situation, not conform to the generic plan.
2. **Objective.** The objective of a DOW sponsored youth pheasant hunt is to provide youth hunters with a positive educational experience as it relates to upland bird hunting. Our overall priority remains safety and every effort is made to insure the safety of all participants in a hunt.
3. **Concept.** A youth pheasant hunt has three major components or activities.
 1. Firearms training
 2. Education
 3. Hunting experience

These three components are complimentary as they provide an overall hunting experience for the youth hunter. At the end of the day, we desire the youth participants to have had a positive educational experience and an interest in pursuing additional hunting activities on their own with their parents. Most hunts should be limited to 20 to 25 participants. This number allows for the most control and will not extend the day too long for the volunteers or the participants.

4. **Scenario.** We are going to plan a one-day youth pheasant hunt. This hunt will host 20 youth hunters and their parents. For the sake of planning, we will use a State Wildlife Area called Banner Lakes. The youth hunters have been obtained through the DOW Hunter Outreach Program and the list of applicants provided to the Huntmaster. We are partnering with a chapter of Pheasants Forever and two pointing dog trainers in the Denver area.
5. **Planning.** Planning the event should be done and confirmed a minimum of 90 days

before your date. You should coordinate with the Partners, find a source for birds, confirm a location (If on a SWA, make sure you talk to the Division and the SWA Property Tech). For planning purposes, the following details should be considered.

- Plan the event for a Saturday. If you plan to begin registration at 8 am, you can be finished by 3 PM
 - Plan for a lunch meal. Either have the hunters bring a lunch or plan to provide some type of lunch for them. Young people burn a lot of energy and will need to refuel before three in the afternoon.
 - Plan for no more than 25 hunters, larger groups begin to tax your volunteer staff
 - Plan on confirming your application list not less than five working days before the event.
 - Plan on asking a DOW Biologist to help with part of your education program. You should contact them not less than 90 days before the event to get a commitment
6. **Event design.** The following is a generic event design using the scenario provided above.

Friday (Day –1)

- Confirm all volunteers
- Pick up birds (2 per hunter)
- Check all equipment needed
- Last minute check of needed supplies
- Get a good night sleep

Saturday (Event Day)

- Have all volunteers arrive at least 1 hour prior to registration for setup
- Brief all volunteers on duties and safety briefing
- Assign a volunteer to be the greeter to guide people to the registration table
- Have all stations setup and checked NLT 15 minutes before registration begins

SHOWTIME

- a. Registration. You need to have at least 2-3 volunteers handle registration. Hunters should complete all registration forms and return them to the registration table. If possible, mail the hunters all of the forms before the event. Registration should be completed as soon as possible. In this scenario, we will be dividing hunters into three groups. Assign each registrant to a group and provide each group with a guide (Group sizes are about eight to nine hunters plus parents)

- b. Briefing. Each guide should take his or her group to the designated start point and give them a briefing about the events of the day. Guides should stress safety! Guides are responsible for getting the hunters between stations in a timely manner and as a group. Guides should enlist the aid of the parents to reinforce safety and orderly conduct.
- c. Groups. Dividing the hunters into three groups works well with a group of 25 or less. These groups equate to the stations the groups will visit during the day. The following is a timeline scenario for the rotations.

Time	Trap	Habitat	Trail	Bird Field	Cleaning	Lunch
8:30	GP1	GP2	GP3			
9:15	GP2	GP3	GP1			
10:15	GP3		GP2	GP1		
11:15		GP1		GP2		GP3
12:15				GP3	GP1	GP2
1:15					GP2	GP1
2:15				Reshoot	GP3	
3:00	Group Photo					

The last station at 2:15 will not take a full 45-min to an hour as the reshoot allows for only those hunters who were unsuccessful in their first time because of a malfunction or a safety halt. The hunters in GPs 2 and 1 can begin cleanup of the site.

7. Volunteer Requirements.

Activity	Number of Volunteer	Remarks
Group Guides	3	Should not be used to register
Registration	4	Can be used for other activities as well
Trap Range	6	Using 3 manual traps and three instructors
Habitat	2	Use volunteers who can discuss habits and habitat
Hunter Trail	4	Break into two groups of 3-4 hunters
Bird Field	4	1 Guide w/dog per bird field (two hunters)
Cleaning	2	Show field dressing and processed
Lunch	1	Primary duty is control
Total	26	Can be less with double duty of some jobs

8. Equipment Requirements.

Trap station: Traps, clay birds, ammunition, eye and hearing protection, safety equipment

Habitat Station: Examples of forage, pictures of mounted rooster and hen

Hunter Trail: See annex A for scenarios

Bird Field: Bird holding cages, remote launchers if used, dogs, handler equipment

Cleaning: Trash bags, freezer bags, markers, cleaning barrels (30 gal trash cans)

Lunch: Per decision to provide or have hunters bring a sack lunch

Hunter Safety Trail Scenarios

Crossing Obstacles: Fence Crossing, Opening and Closing gates, Crossing a ditch

Flushing Birds: Wild Flush behind hunters, Flush too close to dog, Flush between other hunters

Wildlife Officer Encounter

Skyline Targets

Finding downed birds

Note: This safety trail can be adapted to any type hunting event. Use your imagination and develop scenarios that are meaningful yet not volunteer intensive. The idea is to give the hunters practice at scenarios they would encounter in the field.

Crossing Obstacles

1. Objective: The objective of this scenario is to have the hunters negotiate a variety of obstacles and observe their firearm safety practices.
2. Scenario. Set up at least two or three obstacles for the hunters to cross. They should follow safety rules when crossing the obstacles;
 - ◆ Unload the firearm
 - ◆ Cross the obstacle
 - ◆ Have buddy hand them both firearms
 - ◆ Place firearm on far side and cross then retrieve firearm
 - ◆ Reload and move out

Set up at least one gate opening. You can rope or twine to simulate the gate. Insure hunters cross through the gate and close it behind them.

3. Equipment.
 - ◆ Hunters with unloaded shotguns
 - ◆ Rope or string for fence and gate
 - ◆ Logs or boards to make a ditch if one is not available

Flushing Birds

1. Objective: The objective of this scenario is to have the hunters practice muzzle control, decision process, keeping in line and Shoot-Don't Shoot decisions.
2. Scenario: Set up several remote operated bird launchers with dummy birds along the hunting line of the hunters. Place hunters in a line abreast as if they were going to walk a bird field. Use a cardboard cutout of a dog to simulate the flushing dog event.
 - ◆ Event 1. As hunters pass the first launcher, bird is flushed behind the line of hunters but close enough that no safe shot is possible. Instructor should watch safe carry of the firearm, muzzle control and decision of each hunter
 - ◆ Event 2. As the hunters approach the pointing dog, bird flushes too close to the dog and potentially unsafe fire with dog in between.
 - ◆ Event 3. As line of hunters pass, bird flushes between two hunters.

Wildlife Officer Encounter

1. Objective. The objective of this scenario is to teach the hunters the proper actions when meeting a wildlife officer in the field. If possible, have a wildlife officer from the DOW help with this event. If not, have a volunteer act as the wildlife officer.
2. Scenario. As the young hunters approach a simulated resting area, have the wildlife officer make contact with them. Hunters should:
 - ◆ Not make sudden moves to unload firearms
 - ◆ Take all directions from the officer
 - ◆ Have officer tell them to unload firearms(simulation), watch for muzzle control
 - ◆ Hunters should provide officer with hunting license and hunter Ed card. May have them add the landowner permission form if desired.

Skyline Targets

1. Objective. The objective of this scenario is to teach the hunters about the unsafe practice of shooting skyline targets and potential hazards beyond. You will need an area with a forward rise to skyline a “bird”.
2. Scenario. Hunters move forward in a line to a rise. At the top of the rise is a flushing bird (place a simulated bird on a stake at the forward edge of the rise. Behind the bird just beyond sight of the hunters, place a cardboard mannequin in hunter orange hat and vest. Hunters should:
 - ◆ **Not shoot the target**
 - ◆ **Check muzzle control**
 - ◆ **Show them the mannequin as you approach**

Finding a downed bird

1. Objective. The objective of this scenario is to teach the hunters how to mark and find a downed bird. You will need a thickly brushed area for this scenario.
2. Scenario: This can be a static event. Hunters are shown how to mark a downed bird using estimated distance, horizon landmarks or some other marking technique to determine direction and distance. Hunters should:

- ◆ Mark location from which they shot the bird
- ◆ Determine a landmark to use as reference

Use expanding circle techniques to find the downed bird