

Menard County Hunter Safety Class

A new ILDNR Hunter Safety Education Class has been scheduled for March 7-8, 2008 in Petersburg. The class will be held from 6 pm to 9:30 pm on Friday 3/7, and from 8 am until 4:30 pm on Saturday 3/8 at the Farm Bureau building.

Anyone born on or after January 1, 1980 will not be issued an Illinois hunting license unless they have completed a Hunter Safety Class. Many other states are now requiring all adult hunters to furnish evidence of having completed a Hunter Education Course prior to issuance of a non-resident license or permit.

The course is taught by volunteer instructors who are trained and certified by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Additional support for this class is co-sponsored by the local New Salem Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, the Menard County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, and the local Prairie Rockets Chapter of Quail Forever.

The shooting sports, both hunting and target, are lifetime recreational activities enjoyed by millions of Americans. The Illinois Hunter Education Program was designed to improve safety and to develop an attitude of respect for wildlife and the environment.

Additional information on IDNR safety classes can be found on the Internet at <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/education/safety/hunt.htm>

This popular class is offered free of charge, and has a limited class size. For registration, parents of prospective students should call Master Hunter Safety Instructor Larry Dale at 632-2668.