

TCGC- NORMAN YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE - YHEC
MAY 17, 2008 8:00AM - 4:00PM

Start preparing your Hunter Education certificated entrants now for the competition.

We would like to see a lot of support for our YHEC from TCGC member's families and neighbors.

Entry form is available on YHEC website:
[http:// www.yhec.org](http://www.yhec.org) or the TCGC website: <http://www.tricitygunclub.org>

We Need Volunteers for all events !!!!

Call Steve Elliott to volunteer or for registration questions, 405-273-5003.

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The **YHEC** is a program developed exclusively for hunter education course graduates from North America up to 19 years of age. YHEC provides graduates with a unique opportunity to test their abilities at a variety of hunting techniques. Through completing a series of events conducted under simulated hunting conditions, participants walk away with an appreciation of all methods of hunting and gain knowledge of all types of game as they learn from the top hunting educators in all of North America. This training ensures the future of the American hunting tradition as a safe, viable, recreational activity the entire family can enjoy.

After completing a hunter education course, youths wishing to participate in YHEC begin working with volunteer instructors/ coordinators to take part in local, state or provincial – level programs. Though participants are scored and ranked in all YHEC events, the program's competitive edge is diminished as the real "challenge" focuses on personal improvement. Therefore, in addition to the top-ranked individuals and teams drawn from the thousands of annual competitors in state YHEC, all are invited to participate in the annual NRA International YHEC. Conducted in cooperation with the International Hunter Education Association, the event rotates in location throughout the United States to ensure the greatest number of participants.

TCGC has conducted this Regional Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) for the past several years and it has become not only a very fulfilling effort for those who help conduct it, but it has proven to be a solid educational program for those young people who take part. During these few short years, we have seen these people grow into mature well-adjusted young adults, well on their way to becoming our future leaders. This is a fine program with the TCGC Norman Regional one of a series of such gatherings held though out the state leading up to a state level gathering held at the Oklahoma City Gun Club in June of each year.

Participation in the Oklahoma State Youth Hunter Education Challenge annual Championship is open to any person who has successfully completed a hunter education course in North America and meets the following age requirements.

NOTE: *If you don't have your Hunter Education Certificate see www.wildlifedepartment.com for scheduled Hunter Education classes.*

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The two divisions of participants are:

Junior Division - (14 years of age and under)

Participants who are 14 years of age and under on or before August 1 may enter in the Junior Division.

Senior Division - (15 - 18 years of age)

Participants who are 18 years of age and younger may enter in the Senior Division.

Events planned at Tri-City Gun Club include:

1. **Muzzleloading & .22 Rifle**; incorporates firing at life-sized game paper targets and steel targets at various distances. Only hits in vital areas are scored.
2. **Shotgun** provides shooting targets over a sporting clays course that simulates different bird hunting situations.
3. **Hunter Responsibility Exam** tests safety, ethics, and advanced hunter knowledge.
4. **Orienteering** serves as a map and compass course that applies orienteering skills useful to every hunter.
5. **Wildlife Identification** tests a participant's ability to identify game animals by tracks, bones, hides, feathers, and wildlife signs.
6. **Archery** incorporates firing at life-sized 3D game targets at various distances.
7. **Hunter Safety Trail**: tests participant's knowledge of personal safety and "shoot – no shoot" scenarios as presented in real life hunting situations.

There is a \$20 entry fee per student. Registering prior to the event is strongly encouraged. Attendees will need to provide the entry fee, completed entry form, a copy of birth certificate, and copy of Hunter Education Certification card.

Contact Steve Elliott, 273-5003 for registration questions. **INTERNET USERS may find further information** including event rules, descriptions, schedules, and entry forms at www.yhec.org Entry forms will also be available at the TCGC website: www.tricitygunclub.org

Entry forms must be submitted no later than 11 May.

Submit entry forms to:
Steve Elliott
3 Del Rancho Lane
Shawnee, OK 74804

Participants are encouraged to use their own firearms (ammunition will be provided or you may use your own. Reloaded ammo is not allowed.)
Firearms will be inspected prior to use.

Firearms and archery equipment will be available for those who do not have them personally owned.