

Bowhunter Education

Our classes teach hunting skills and ethics for all hunters. Bowhunter Education is not a substitute for Hunter Education, but rather the next step in a hunter's education. Studies have shown that IBEP graduates are twice as successful at taking game as other bowhunters.



*Promoting Responsible Bowhunting
Through Education*



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Washington Bowhunter
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WASHINGTON BOWHUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

*Proven Skills To Make You a More
Successful Bowhunter*

Bowhunter Education in Washington



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WBEP—A proud chapter of
the National Bowhunter
Education Foundation

WHAT IS BOWHUNTER EDUCATION?



Bowhunter Education classes are taught by volunteer instructors throughout Washington. While not mandatory in Washington, bowhunter education teaches skills that many novice hunters may not possess. Both adults and youth participate in class discussions and field exercises to improve their hunting skills.

Lessons in our curriculum teach:

- Big game anatomy and behavior
- Where to aim and when to shoot
- Game recovery
- Field dressing and meat care
- Scouting
- Estimating range
- Preparing for the hunt

Hunting Skills & Ethics

Bowhunter Education strives to teach hunters some of the skills they need to actually harvest game from preparing for the hunt, to scouting, to studying game behavior. We teach methods of hunting, game seasons, and identifying game.

Our program stresses ethical hunter behavior and the Unwritten Law of Bowhunting to preserve hunting for generations to come. Hunting will only survive if hunters behave ethically in the field and respect other wilderness users. A hunter's respect for game must be greater than the desire to harvest the game.

Kids Enjoy Archery!

Kids naturally take to archery; pulling a bowstring and shooting an arrow re-enacts thousands of years of history!



Bowhunting is an excellent youth hunting recruitment tool.

Classes are Available

Washington Bowhunter Education Program classes are available in many counties statewide. Classes are typically about 12 hours long; shooting proficiency is *not* required to pass the course.

WBEP certification satisfies out-of-state, Canadian province or other countries license requirements for bowhunter education. Bowhunter education is required in Alaska, Connecticut, Idaho, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Find classes on the WDFW website, <https://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/requirements/education/bowhunting#>

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AND YOUR AIM BE TRUE.**

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