

### 2008 Youth Hunt

The 2008 Youth Hunt is going to be, as always, Labor Day Weekend. We have two good young hunters prepping as we speak. The hunt will take place in Unit 42 and be an over-the-counter elk tag, either sex. Or a draw deer tag.

We need more youth on this hunt. Of our list of applicants, only these 2 have signed on for the experience. We would like to have 4 more youth. Because we are drawing over-the-counter tags, we have time to sign up more young people. We have seen that the spring application deadline and application for tags is hard for busy kids to complete. Over-the-counter tags remove these arbitrary deadlines and opens the door for more applications. Who do you know that would love to be paired up with one of our CTAS hunting mentors for 3 days of early season hunting? It can be a life changing experience. Lets Pass Along the Tradition.

#### CTAS Membership,

The main goal of the CTAS Youth Hunt is to introduce new blood to our sport & passion. To this end, the CTAS Board feels that our push in finding applicants for the Youth Hunt needs to be youth whose parents are NOT involved in the hunting community. We need you to help us find these kids.

We hope all of our CTAS membership will understand this effort. Raising money and working endless hour's needs to add to our membership roles. Your kids will go hunting with you. While this experience might be fun, it is not necessary to expand our membership.

Please look around your neighborhood, schools, family, and church. Who is expressing interest in archery? Who is fascinated with your hunting stories? Can you help this young person learn to shoot a bow? Guide him in filling out a license application? You may not have time to mentor at the Youth Hunt, but this "pre-mentoring" is equally important. Can you give a little time to pass along the tradition?

The Youth Hunt Committee and the CTAS Board has decided to begin NOW to look for applicants for the **2009 Youth Hunt**. You will find the application in this newsletter. We need all of you to help us make this hunt a success.

Pass Along the Tradition. Thanks-----Dick Railsback

## Colorado Traditional Archers Society

### Youth Hunt Criteria

- The CTAS Youth Hunt is a **one time** opportunity for selected youth. The goal is to involve as many Colorado youth as possible in this hunting adventure.
- Youth must be between 14 and 17 years of age and able to shoot a 40# traditional bow.
- Youth must have taken Hunter's Safety Education.
- Youth must have taken or be able to take a Division of Wildlife certified Bowhunters' Safety Education prior to the hunt. CTAS will arrange a class specifically for participants.
- All applicants will be screened and selected at the sole discretion of the CTAS Youth Hunt representatives.
- The Youth Hunt is a **traditional** archery hunt (longbows and recurves only).
- Selected youth will be required to purchase the required license in the designated area. Notification of area will occur after acceptance.
- The applicant is required to notify one of the Youth Hunt coordinators within 10 days of drawing the license when applicable. Some hunts will require over the counter licenses, which must be purchased prior to the CTAS Youth Hunt. **Failure to notify the Coordinators will result in your spot on the Youth Hunt being forfeited.**
- Parents will be required to sign a liability release form.
- If the selected hunters do not own traditional archery equipment, CTAS will provide loaner equipment (bow, arrows, quiver, arm guards, etc) and archery instruction prior to the hunt. It will take some time and effort throughout the summer to become proficient with a bow and arrow.
- CTAS will provide mentors for the hunt. The mentors will guide and teach the youth but will not hunt themselves.
- A parent or appointed adult guardian **is required** to attend but will not hunt with the youth.
- The hunt is planned for Labor Day weekend.
- A maximum of 8 youth hunters will be selected.
- Application deadline is March 1.
- Selected youth will be notified in time to meet the license application deadline.
- Send completed Youth Hunt applications to:

CTAS	If you have any questions, call one of the CTAS Youth Hunt Coordinators
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