



Murray Smith tends the fire for the Andover Fish and Game Club's annual Beef Barbeque, which was a great success. The club served about 240 people, and there were many comments about what a great meal it was for the price. There were a lot of nice items in the Chinese Auction, and everyone had fun participating. The club would like to thank all the sponsors and donors and all the people who helped make the dinner a success.

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Order Your Snowmobile Club Calendar Now!

By Sue Nelson

Andover Snowmobile Club

The Andover Snowmobile Club is accepting orders for the 2009 Community Events Calendars through Wednesday, September 17. Calendars are a mere \$5 each. Your calendar purchase entitles you to four *free* birthday, anniversary, or "in memory" listings. Additional listings may be purchased for 50 cents per listing.

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We are also accepting club and organization announcements. Your club or organization can have meetings or events published in the 2009 Community Events Calendar for \$20. The deadline to buy your announcement is October 1.

For more details, contact Sue Nelson at 934-9972 or Karen Brule at 735-5007.

Thank you for supporting the Andover Snowmobile Club through your purchase of a 2009 Community Events Calendar.

Sign Up Now For A Hunter Education Class

Right now is prime time to sign up to take a hunter education class. In order to purchase your first hunting license in New Hampshire, you must complete a hunter education course before you can hunt. Individuals 16 years old and older need a hunting license to hunt in New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department offers hunter and bowhunter education classes around the state, as well as trapper education. To find a class, visit wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunter_ed_schedule.htm or call 271-3214.

"This is the busy season for hunter education. Don't put it off - if you want to go hunting this fall and need to take a hunter education class, you better sign up soon," said Pete Davison, Hunter Education Coordinator for Fish and Game.

The basic hunter education course averages about 16 hours of classroom instruction and field experiences, including live fire on a shooting range. Courses are taught by trained, certified volunteer instructors according to national guidelines and state standards. They cover safe firearms handling; wildlife identification; game trailing, recovery and care; hunter ethics; outdoor safety and survival skills; hunting laws;

and map and compass skills. Each class concludes with a written test and practical field exam. If successful, students receive their hunter certification card.

In 2007, volunteer instructors held 144 classes for basic hunter, bowhunter and trapper education around the state, taught by more than 550 trained volunteer instructors. About half of the classes for 2008 have already been completed. More than 3,500 people participate in hunter education each year in New Hampshire.

Hunter education instruction and course materials are provided free of charge; instructors may charge up to \$5 per student to cover the use of facilities. To receive a certificate of completion in basic hunter education or bowhunter education, participants must be at least 12 years old by the end of the course.

In addition to traditional classes, Fish and Game offers a home-study option for completing the hunter education requirement. This option takes about the same amount of time as a classroom course, but preparation is done at home, then participants attend a required field day involving a written exam and field skills testing.

There are specific deadlines for signing up for the home study option, and space is limited. For successful completion of the home-study course, participants must be at least 15 years old. For a list of home study sessions, call 271-3214 or visit wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunter_ed_homestudy.htm.

"Over the years, New Hampshire's Hunter Education Program - coupled with the voluntary use of blaze-orange clothing - has dramatically reduced the number of hunting-related firearms incidents in the field," said Davison.

Hunter Education courses provided by Fish and Game are funded by the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program. For more information on hunter education in New Hampshire, visit wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunter_ed.htm.

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