

2016 HUNTS Programme
7pm – 9-00pm each night session.

Night 1 **Monday 15th August** **(All of the Group)**

Introduction, Ethics and Ecology – Clubrooms

By the end of this evening the participants will:

- be welcomed to the course and introduced
- set individual objectives
- receive an overview of the HUNTS programme and schedule
- receive their course material and discuss contents
- be able to identify stakeholders in New Zealand outdoors and recognize their interests – DOC, Landowners, IWI, Forest owners MSC, SAR and other recreational users
- obtain knowledge of ethics in relation to other stakeholders, the environment and harvestable wildlife
- learn an awareness of the principles of conservation and management of wildlife
- Presentation by DOC, F& G Representative and Bowhunter
- Hunting DVD

- *Update on next section of course*

Night 2 **Monday 22 August** **(Mike/Evan/Wayne/Brian)**

Bushcraft, Survival, Gear, Food, Planning for Bushcraft Weekend,

By the end of this evening the participants will:

- Know what clothing to take for the outdoors
- Know what food to pack and the volume
- Know what equipment is needed to survive in the bush
- Know what gear is needed for safety and survival
- Complete a trip plan for bush craft weekend
- Discuss where to find information on hunting place
- Awareness of doc website for permits and information
- Mike/Evan/Bill to bring a pack with what you need for weekend trip
- Safe drinking water – where to source it, how to treat water if need be etc

- *Update on next section of course*

Firearms / marksmanship / rifle sighting / reloading - Clubrooms

By the end of this day the participants will:

- (a) complete NZMSC firearms safety course and view the “Arms and the License” Video
- (a) explained statistics on firearms and hunting incidents
- (a) take home “On Target” video/DVD to view prior to hunting weekend
- (a) Complete the Firearms Safety Test

- (b) sight in a rifle for hunting
- (b) demonstrate a variety of field shooting techniques – position, sighting, breath control, trigger squeeze
- (b) Range shooting

- (c) apply target identification and demonstrate bullet placement
- (c) maintain a firearm in the field and at home
- (c) be able to choose a firearm for a specific purpose
- (c) understand and apply the principles of bullet trajectory
- (c) understand factors effecting rifle accuracy
- (c) Reloading

- (a) *All together at the start of the session; then break into 2 groups & do*
(b) *and (c)*

Update on next section of course – Game Animals and Hunting Techniques

Night 3**Monday 29 August****(Panel – Brian/ Wayne/ Dennis/
Maureen/Jock/Chris/Mike)****Game Animals and Hunting Techniques**

By the end of this evening the participants will:

- *Game animals*
- *Stalking techniques*
- *Tips and suggestions*
- *Sign and what to look for*
- *Target / bullet placement*
- *Meat and trophy aspect*
 - *What to take and how to get the best out of it*

- Update on next section of course

Night 4

Monday 5 September

(Wayne/Len/Maureen)

Navigation

By the end of the evening the participants will have basic facts on:

- navigation in the outdoors in good visibility using a map and compass
- navigation in the outdoors in poor visibility and difficult terrain
- day trips into wilderness areas using off track tramping skills
- use of GPS'

River Crossing, and final prep for Waitawheta Weekend

- River Crossing Theory
 - Update on next section of course – Bush craft weekend

Weekend 1

8.30am Saturday 19 - 3.00pm Sunday 20 September
(Wayne/Brian/Mike/Dennis/Maureen)

Bushcraft Weekend

By the end of this weekend the participants will:

Saturday morning

- Pack into the Waitawheta Hut
- *Navigation and map reading practical on the way in ????*
- Campsite selection
- Set up camp
 - Site selection
 - Flooding, water flow areas, ponding, shelter, away from dead trees etc
- Complete other aspects of bushcraft
 - Camp etiquette
 - Camp hygiene
 - Ethics
 - Fire and cooker safety
- How to deal with emergencies
 - Basic first aid
 - Mountain radio use
 - What to do if someone is lost, ill or injured

- Bush Info
 - Food
 - Finding shelter when you are out or caught out in bad weather
 - Finding south with moss on trees etc
 - Using the sun or a watch as a navigational tool
- If time allows, use this location for some stalking techniques – ie walking quietly in the bush, not hanging onto trees, etc
- Cook their own tea from what they have carried in
- First aid either in the hut or outside – practical exercises

Sunday

- Breakfast
- Break camp
- Navigation
- Pack back out again
- River Crossing practical

– *Update on next section of course*

Night 5

Monday 19 September

(Mark Edwards/Brian/Andrew M)

Butchering night and utilisation of the meat/skins/trophy
By the end of this evening the participants will:

- Have a demo on how to deal with an animal
- Skinning
- Butchering for best utilisation of the meat
- Looking after the finished product
- Knife sharpening
 - Bring your hunting knife along
- BBQ
- Final planning and preparation for weekend away in the hills

Update on next section of course

Day 2

SUNDAY 25 September (Members of HUNTS Group) Local Goat Shoot

- Goat hunt
 - demonstrate correct shot placement
 - kill a big game animal
 - - remove and identify all offal and dispose of appropriately
 - - autopsy an animal for disease and estimate the age
 - - prepare a whole animal for packing out
 - - be able to track and finish off a wounded animal
 - - skin a whole animal
 - - remove the cape and head of an animal
 - - skin a whole animal
 - - butcher a big game animal and prepare meat for the freezer
 - Bone out an animal
 - Field dress the animals for carrying out
 - Carry them out whole or boned out
- *Update on next section of course*

Night 6

Monday 26 September

(Maureen/Wayne/Mike)

Navigation practical

By the end of this evening the participants will:

- Practical navigation at the club (outside)

Night 7

Monday 10 October

(Evan/Dennis/Wayne)

Final hunting weekend preparation

- **Pack check for the hunting weekend**
 - All participants MUST bring their pack and gear along that they will be using for the hunting weekend
- Any things that need to be covered or brushed up on
- Photography
- Douglas Scoring
- Planning for weekend trip
 - EPIRBS
 - What to do if you get lost
 - Check gear and packs
 - HELP Forms
 - Protocols about moving around helicopters/fixed wing planes

Night 8

Monday 17 October

(Maureen/Evan/Brian/Dennis)

If required but my thought is to use this as a Navigation training refresher and possibly pick up on anything else that they may need assistance with.

- Navigation
- Go over firearms safety and/or video again
- Final pack recheck if required for anyone
 - Refresh as required

– *Update on next section of course – weekend away deerstalking*

Weekend 3

(Saturday 22 – Monday 24 October – labour wknd)

(All those that can assist)

Final Hunting Weekend

By the end of this weekend the participants will:

- Have tramped into camping site & helicopter out or helicoptered both ways
- Apply hunting techniques by animal behaviour, season, time of day and weather conditions
- Follow a set of fresh deer and/or pig tracks
- demonstrate basic bush stalking techniques
- Bring together all the other skills obtained throughout the previous weeks of the course
- Hunt from a fly camp – navigation, use of binoculars, wind direction

Night 9

Wednesday 26th October

October Club night, presentation of certificates by speaker and acknowledgement of achievements etc.