

2017 HUNTS Programme
7pm – 9-00pm each night session.

Night 1 **Monday 14th August**

Introduction, Ethics and Ecology – Clubrooms

(Full HUNTS Team)

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
- Update on next section of course – firearms / marksmanship / rifle sighting / reloading*

Night 2 **Monday 21st August**

(Mike/Evan/Wayne/Brian)

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

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
- *Touch on Game animals and stalking techniques -*

Night 3

Monday 28th August

(Wayne)

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'

– *Update on next section of course – bushcraft, survival, gear, planning for bushcraft weekend, Food etc*

Day 1

8.30am–3.00pm Sun 3 September

(Brian/Evan/Mitch/Maureen/Rex/Lisa)

Firearms / marksmanship / rifle sighting / reloading - Clubrooms

By the end of this day the participants will:

- complete NZMSC firearms safety course and view the “Arms and the License” Video
- explained statistics on firearms and hunting incidents
- take home “On Target” video/DVD to view prior to hunting weekend
- be able to choose a firearm for a specific purpose
- understand and apply the principles of bullet trajectory
- sight in a rifle for hunting
- understand factors effecting rifle accuracy
- demonstrate a variety of field shooting techniques – position, sighting, breath control, trigger squeeze
- apply target identification and demonstrate bullet placement
- maintain a firearm in the field and at home
- Complete the Firearms Safety Test
- Sighting a rifle in
- Range shooting
- Reloading
- Knife sharpening
 - Bring your hunting knife along

– *Update on next section of course – navigation*

Weekend 1

Friday night 8th – Sunday 10th September
Wayne/Maureen)

(Brian/

Game Animals and Hunting Techniques

By the end of this evening the participants will:

Travel to a property at Owhango where we will stay in a woolshed and undertake the following components of the HUNTS course over the course of the weekend

- *Game animals info and sightings - theory and first hand*
- *Stalking techniques - theory and first hand*
- *Tips and suggestions*
- *Sign and what to look for*
- *Target / bullet placement*
- *Meat and trophy aspect*
- *Goat shoot*
- *Field dressing an animal*
- *Carrying it out*
- *Butchering back at the woolshed*
 - *What to take and how to get the best out of it*

Night 4

Monday 18 September

(Brian / Wayne / Maureen)

Run through and debrief on previous weekend component and go through any aspects that need more work – Navigation Included as well as running through the following aspects for weekend in the Kaimais

- *Site selection*
- *Flooding, water flow areas, ponding, shelter, away from dead trees etc*
- *Complete other aspects of bushcraft*
 - *Camp etiquette*
 - *Camp hygiene*
 - *Ethics*

River Crossing theory

- **River Crossing Theory**
 - *Update on next section of course – Bush craft, track work and river crossing weekend in the Kaimais*

Weekend 2

8.30am Saturday 23 - 3.00pm Sunday 24 September
(Evan/Mike/Dennis/Warren/Maureen)

Bushcraft Weekend

By the end of this weekend the participants will:

Saturday morning

- Pack into a clearing on the Kauritatahi Track in the Kaimais
 - Only 30 minutes from the top of the range (where we can drive to)
- 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

- Afternoon spent doing track clearing on the way to Kauritatahi Hut
- Cook their own tea from what they have carried in
- Outdoor first aid

Sunday

- Breakfast
- Break camp
- Navigation back via Eastern side of the Kaimais/Thompsons track and out to the vehicles
- River Crossing practical at Dickies Flat on the way home

Night 5

Monday 9 October (Evan / Mitch)

- Brush up on anything that needs to be done
 - More navigation work if needed
 - Final preparation for fly in trip
- *Update on next section of course – weekend away deerstalking*

Weekend 3

(21 – 23 October)

(All those that can assist)

Final Hunting Weekend

By the end of this weekend the participants will:

- Have helicoptered into and out of the hunting area
 - Be fully conversant with all aircraft safety in the back country
- Apply hunting techniques by animal behaviour, season, time of day and weather conditions
 - Have practiced back country first aid techniques, medivac procedures, general safety and risk management
- Have used several forms of navigation – compass, natural options, GPS etc
- 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 etc

Night 9

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