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## SNC, DELTA WATERFOWL OFFER SECOND YOUNG HUNTER PROGRAM

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For the second year in a row, South Nation Conservation is linking with South Nation Delta Waterfowl to introduce area youth to the Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program.

Applications are now being taken to fill 10 spots for youth 12-15 in the program which focuses on hunting ethics and regulations as well as safety. It starts Sept. 11 and culminates with Youth Hunting Day set for Oct. 4; applicants must reside within the South Nation River watershed.

“Last year we put 10 young people through the course and they all loved it,” said SNC Resource Technician Ryan Robson. “It’s designed to get young hunters off on the right foot so they grow up practicing the right values every time they go out.”

Most elements of the program will take place at SNC headquarters, Finch. Opening Sept. 11, training continues all day Sept. 12 and 13. Testing will occur Sept. 19, with Oct. 3 devoted to meeting and greeting mentors, guides and conservation officers, ending with a round of skeet shooting. Oct. 4 is the big day... a guided field goose hunt.

All costs including meals and training manuals will be covered by the organizers. Special presentations will be given by conservation officers, waterfowl hunting guides, retriever handlers, and representatives of SNC and Delta Waterfowl.

“Ideally, we’re looking for raw recruits,” Robson said, “youth whose parents don’t hunt. We’re also looking for landowners who’ll allow goose hunting as part of the course.”

SNC General Manager Dennis O’Grady said the young hunter program falls within the authority’s mandate to promote sustainable conservation, including through managed tree culling, managed fishing and managed hunting.

“We’re training the conservationists of the future to respect safety, wildlife, its habitat, and private property rights,” O’Grady said.

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