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**The Mentored Youth Program**

Youth between 9 and 14 years of age now have another opportunity to gain hunting experience and learn about Oregon's rich hunting heritage. The Mentored Youth Hunter Program allows youth between nine and 14 years of age to hunt without first passing an approved hunter education program. It gives unlicensed youngsters the opportunity to receive mentored, one-on-one field experience and training on the ethics, safety, responsibility, and enjoyment of the hunting while closely supervised by a licensed adult.

As an incentive to participate in the mentored youth hunting program, youth will receive one mentored youth preference point for each year the youth registers for the program. Once the department receives the youth's registration form, if the youth does not have a hunter identification number, a number will be assigned and a mentored youth preference point updated in the system.

The time shared between a youngster and a mentor is invaluable. There simply is no better way to introduce a young person to safe, ethical and responsible aspects of hunting than with the close supervision of an adult mentor that the Mentored Youth Hunter Program provides.

**Youth participation**

A youth may participate in the mentored youth hunter program, without first passing an approved hunter education program, provided the youth:

1. Is between nine and 14 years of age. At age 14, a youth is no longer eligible to participate in the mentored youth hunting program. From age 14 through 17, a youth must pass an approved hunter education program and purchase his or her own license and/or tags.
2. Hunts while accompanied by a supervising hunter who is 21 years of age or older and who has a valid license and tag(s) for the dates, area and species being hunted.
3. Registers for the mentored youth hunter program in a manner described by the department. Annual registration is required.

