

Hunter Education Challenge (Video Transcript)

[Video opens with music]

Conservation Officer: Go to medium.

Instructor (off-camera): Shooters! Welcome to the range! We'll help you get moving into a shooting position.

Randy Grauer: It's a real pleasure working with these kids, they've obviously had a lot of training. They seem to know what they are doing when they get here - they're good shots. They enjoy working with a compass out here in the woods and when you talk to them a little bit they like to talk about the hunting and fishing that they do. So it is a real pleasure to work with the kids when they come here.

Range Instructor: Stand by for the whistle.

[Whistle is blown]

[Sounds of gun fire as the kids shoot the targets]

Boy: I think it's cool. I like it.

Video Director (off-camera): You having fun?

Shane Wilson: Well, yes sir! Right now we are shooting rifle, getting ready to shoot prone and, um, after this we are moving to shot-gun.

[Sound of the shot-gun being fired]

Kendall Alfred: Just being outside and shooting is just fun. You get a lot of enjoyment out of it, I love doing it.

[Shot-gun is fired]

Instructor: Alright, there's going to be one bird when you call 'pull'.

Girl: Pull!

[Fires shot-gun]

Video Director (off-camera): What kind of qualities can you learn in an event like this?

Jim Sharp: Tremendous amount about safety, and respect, and how to live their life in general. These kids, these children - who've grown up and are now seventeen, eighteen years old - I can trust them with anything. To be able to trust kids today like that means a lot to me.

Glenn Waleska: This whole thing for the kids I think is a great life experience. Not only does it give them skills for shooting, woodsmanship, survival, and everything else but it gives them an appreciation for being in the outdoors and more importantly I think it gives them an appreciation for performing as a team.

Video Director (off-camera): You think this is a good activity for kids to get involved with?

Billy Dean: Yes.

Video Director (off-camera): Why's that?

Billy Dean: Well for one thing, you learn a lot about hunter skills and safety and how to treat firearms safely and stuff like that. And also, you meet a lot of good friends here.

Brian Hass: It's good that we got kids out here learning hunting. Trying to keep the heritage going on I guess. I'm from Scott County, most people hunt there. Trying to keep people goin'. Trying to keep hunting alive.

Glenn Waleska: And I look at the expression on their faces and I look at how they do when they come out of one of these things. It doesn't matter if they broke the bird, hit the mark, shot the target. Everyone of these kids walked away a winner today because they advanced themselves.

[Music plays during short video montage]

Billy Dean: Can't wait to come back next year! Ready for it next year!