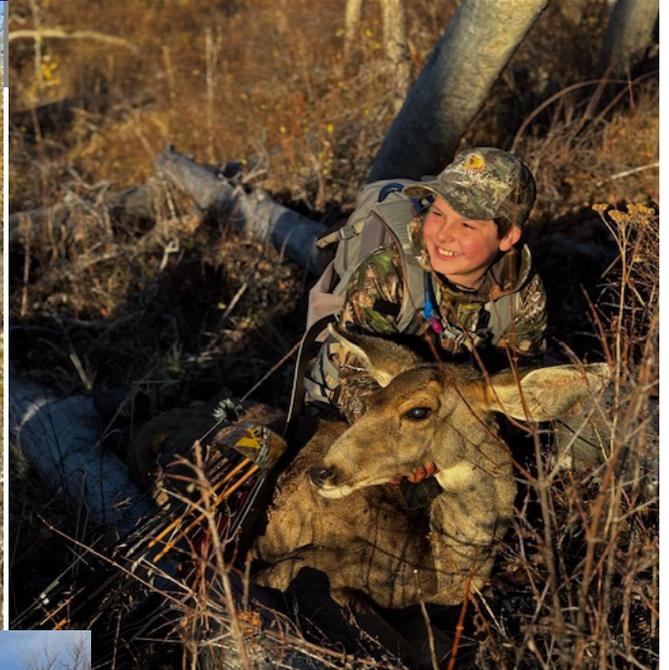


Colorado Traditional Archers Society YOUTH HUNT

AN AMAZING TRADITIONAL HUNT EXPERIENCE FOR COLORADO YOUTH



CTAS provides hunting licenses, food, lodging in wall tents, hunting blinds and mentors.

A parent or legal guardian must accompany the youth in camp.

Warm clothes and a warm sleeping bag are necessary.

Weather is generally nice, but we have hunted in snow.

The hunt takes place southwest of Grand Junction on a private ranch. Youth will hunt mule deer does with traditional equipment. Youth must be 12-17 years old, a Colorado resident, must have their hunter safety card, never have taken a big game animal with traditional equipment, and be able to pull 35 pounds and shoot accurately by the hunt date.

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YOUTH HUNT APPLICATION

Youth Name: _____ Hunter Education Certificate No.: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. Do you have a current Colorado Hunter Education Certificate? Yes _____ No _____
2. If the above answer is no, can you arrange to complete a Colorado Hunter Education class prior to the hunt? Yes _____ No _____
3. Do you have a recurve or longbow? Yes _____ No _____ If yes what weight? # _____
4. Have you ever hunted a big game animal? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, what species and what weapon? _____ Were you successful Yes _____ No _____
5. Why do you want to attend this hunt? _____

Legal Guardian Information: Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Youth Hunters will use traditional archery (longbows or recurve bows only) to hunt Mule Deer doe on a private ranch in Unit 40 south of Grand Junction. Youth must be 12 to 17 years old and able to shoot a 35# traditional bow with reasonable accuracy. All applications will be screened and youth selection will be at the sole discretion of CTAS. Open to Colorado resident youth with a hunter safety card and who have not yet harvested a big game animal with traditional archery equipment. A legal guardian will be required to sign a liability release form and be present in camp but will not hunt. We do ask legal guardians to help around camp. CTAS will provide experienced mentors who will not hunt but will accompany and advise the youth hunter. The legal guardian may serve as the mentor only if they are an experienced bowhunter. **A lot of time, effort, passion and funds are expended to provide this hunt opportunity. Youth who are selected for this hunt are expected to attend and give this activity priority over other activities that may conflict. If there are less than four applicants the hunt may be cancelled.**

If the selected hunters do not own traditional archery equipment, CTAS will provide equipment (bow, arrows, quiver, arm guards, etc.) and archery instruction prior to the hunt. **It will take some time and effort throughout the summer to become proficient with a traditional bow and arrow.**

The hunt is tentatively planned **for October 8-11, 2026**. Participants are required to furnish their own transportation to and from the hunt and must meet at the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Grand Junction Office, 711 Independent Ave, at 3 p.m. on October 8th to go through the big game licensing process. Thursday evening dinner will be served at camp **followed by a mandatory safety/orientation seminar**. Hunting will be from Friday morning through about noon on Sunday. Hunters, parents, and mentors will stay in wall tents. CTAS will provide food and licenses. Youth hunters and parents need to bring a **warm sleeping bag** and personal gear including **cold weather clothing**. A maximum of 6 youth hunters will be selected to participate in the hunt.

Send completed applications as soon as possible to: Colorado Traditional Archers Society, PO Box 4262, Grand Junction, CO 81502 or text or email to the contact below.

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