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Applicant,

One of the prerequisites to be considered for selection in the Peters Township archery deer management program is the successful completion of the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Successful Bowhunting Program.

This program covers a variety of topics including, responsible bowhunting, big game anatomy and shot placement, map and compass basics, distance estimation, shooting basics, a 3D field course, hunting methods and techniques, treestand use and safety and big game recovery and care

There are currently two training options to complete this course. We recommend attending the 1 day, 8 hour training course that is held at various locations throughout the Commonwealth. However, this training may also be completed entirely online. Both methods of completion will be sufficient to meet the requirements to participate in a deer management program.

Successful completion of this course is only one step in the selection process and will not guarantee your selection for a Peters Township archery deer management hunt.

Thank you,

James Stevick
Coordinator



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Archery Proficiency Testing

Applicants will be hunting in close proximity to residences and businesses within their designated hunting zone(s). Therefore, accuracy is essential to ensure quick deer recovery. All applicants must successfully complete the following proficiency testing prior to be considered for selection.

Testing Procedures

Applicants will be tested in a series of up to 6 shooting scenarios. In order to replicate similar situations as those found in the field, applicants will shoot from an elevated position (12 – 15 feet) at 3D deer targets. The targets will be placed at varying distance ranging from 5 yards to 35 yards from the base of the elevated platform. While the preferred shot distance in suburban environments is 15 to 20 yards, some hunting locations may afford archers longer shots. Therefore, we must ensure accuracy of the archers out to 35 yards. The 3D deer targets will be placed at varying angles (quartering towards, quartering away and broadside) to the applicant. There will be at least one “no shot” scenario that will be created using a very steep target angle or other obstruction to prevent an ethical shot at the vital area of the deer.

All targets will have approximately 1 inch diameter colored dot placed in the center of the vitals. The dot will be placed to ensure proper shot angle into the vitals of the animal. If the decision is made to shoot, applicants must shoot at the dot placed on the target. The 3D target placed at 35 yards will be broadside to the applicant and will be a required shot for scoring purposes. Only one shot will be scored per target.

Before removing the arrow from the target measurements will be taken from the outside of the dot to the outside of the arrow shaft. Measurements will be recorded to the nearest 1/8 of an inch. A sum of the measurements will be recorded on the attached scoring sheet. At the conclusion of the testing, an assessment will be made by scoring personnel to determine the applicant’s proficiency. A sum of greater than 18 inches will result in the disqualification of the applicant. A failure to hit a 3D deer target will also result in the disqualification of the applicant.



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Archery Proficiency Testing Score Sheet

Name of Applicant (Last, First, Middle)		Date
Testing Location		
Bow / Crossbow (Make, Model, Draw Weight)	Arrow (Make)	Broadhead (Make, Model, Grain)

Target	Measurement	Comments
5 yard target		
15 yard target		
25 yard target		
30 yard target		
35 yard target		
Steep angle target (No shot)		
Obstructed Target (No Shot)		
Total		

NOTE:

A decision not to take a shot must be accompanied by a reasonable explanation as to why the applicant felt that the shot was unsafe and/or unethical. No applicant will be penalized or disqualified solely based on his/her decision not to take a shot.



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Rules and Regulations

All rules and regulations have been created by the Peters Township Police Department to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the deer management hunt. A violation of one or more of the below rules and regulations will result in disciplinary action up to and including removal from the management program. All decisions by the hunt coordinators are final and not subject to appeal.

1. Pennsylvania Game Laws will be strictly adhered to at all times. Game law violations will not be tolerated
2. All harvest data will be reported to the PTPD via email within 24 hours
3. All hunting data including date, time and harvest information will be recorded on the provided forms and submitted at the conclusion of the program
4. The maximum shot distance, as designated by the PTPD, will be strictly adhered to
5. Hunting will be limited to those seasons without a fluorescent orange requirement
6. Every third deer harvested will be donated to Hunters Sharing the Harvest Program (HSH)
7. Treestand type and location must be approved by private property owners
8. Vehicles will only be parked in designated areas, established by the property owner and/or PTPD
9. Identification and permission forms will be carried at all times and exhibited to property owners or law enforcement upon request
10. Field dressing protocols will be followed at all times
11. Do not engage in confrontation. Leave the area and contact PTPD
12. No private property will be entered for any reason without the permission of the property owner
13. Only authorized hunters will be permitted on private properties and/or public parks for any reason
14. Still hunting, stalking and blind hunting will only be permitted in locations with steep terrain that provides a sufficient backstop. Hunting from the ground will require prior approval from the PTPD.
15. Authorized hunters may share hunting zones
16. Use of a fall restraint harness is required at all times

I, _____ (print name) have been provided with a copy of the rules and regulations. I recognize that a failure to follow all of the above rules and regulations may result in the removal from the management hunt. Furthermore, I realize that all disciplinary decisions made by the PTPD are final and not subject to appeal.

Signature _____ Date _____