**2015 Adult Learn To Firearms Deer Hunt Pre-Program Questionnaire**

Thank you for participating in the 2015 MN DNR Adult Learn to Hunt Firearms Deer. Prior to beginning this program, we have a series of questions to ask you that will help us learn from and improve this program over time. We will also be asking you a similar series of questions at the end of this program. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

**Familiarity with Topic(s) Being Presented**

1.  Have you ever hunted before?

* Yes   If yes, how often?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What did you hunt? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* No

2.  How much **knowledge** do you have of the following topics? (In other words, how much do you know about the topic even though you may or may not have applied what you know.)

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| **Topic** | **A lot** | **Some** | **A little** | **None** |
| Safe handling and proper use of firearms |  |  |  |  |
| Firearms Safety and licensing requirements for deer hunting |  |  |  |  |
| Deer Seasons, Deer Series, Deer Areas, Deer Area Management Designations |  |  |  |  |
| What deer license to purchase, how to purchase and where to purchase |  |  |  |  |
| Whitetail deer biology & behavior |  |  |  |  |
| How to locate public hunting lands |  |  |  |  |
| How to access and use printed and on-line tools to locate and scout potential hunting areas |  |  |  |  |
| Scouting and understanding deer sign including, tracks, scat, trails, rubs, scrapes |  |  |  |  |
| Hunting strategy including choosing a location to sit or put up a stand, stalking and still hunting, deer drives, etc… |  |  |  |  |
| Deer hunting specific equipment knowledge including; the selection and safe use of a suitable deer hunting firearm, safe use of a treestand and treestand safety harness, creation and use of a survival kit, navigation/GPS/compass, clothing and footwear selection, use of scents and calls, etc… |  |  |  |  |
| Proper shot selection and shot placement to insure a quick and humane harvest |  |  |  |  |
| After shot strategies including blood trailing and recovery |  |  |  |  |
| Field dressing and proper tagging of deer for transport |  |  |  |  |
| Skinning and butchering a deer |  |  |  |  |
| Venison cooking |  |  |  |  |
| Organizations and groups that support deer hunters and hunting |  |  |  |  |

3.  How confident do you currently feel in your **skills** related to the following topics?

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| **Topic** | **Very confident** | **Confident** | **Somewhat confident** | **Not at all confident** |
| Safe and effective use of a firearm |  |  |  |  |
| Planning a hunt |  |  |  |  |
| Selecting the proper clothing and equipment |  |  |  |  |
| Scouting and navigation |  |  |  |  |
| Stand hunting, still hunting, stalking, deer drives |  |  |  |  |
| Tree stand safety |  |  |  |  |
| Sighting in a firearm and marksmanship |  |  |  |  |
| Making a safe and ethical shot |  |  |  |  |
| Recovering a deer after the shot |  |  |  |  |
| Field dressing and tagging a deer |  |  |  |  |
| Butchering a deer |  |  |  |  |
| Cooking venison |  |  |  |  |
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4. Prior to participating in this program how would you rate your level of knowledge and skills related to firearms deer hunting?

* Very high
* High
* Moderate
* Low
* Very Low

5.  How important do you think this program will be for improving your knowledge and skills in deer hunting?

* Very important
* Important
* Somewhat important
* Not important

**Background Data:**

Name:

*Please note: Your responses will be kept* ***confidential*** *and only be used for administrative and program improvement purposes.*