

In accordance with direction from the membership at our '98 Annual Meeting and the need to introduce more youth to hunting, Executive of the Manitoba Wildlife Federation approached the Department of Natural Resources (now Manitoba Conservation) with several proposals. As a result of these discussions and in consultation with the Manitoba Wildlife Federation, the Province has introduced several **YOUTH HUNTING** initiatives.

Any person aged 12 - 17 who has successfully passed the Manitoba Hunter & Firearm Safety Training course may purchase a **Youth Hunting Licence Package** for a fee of \$10. The package would entitle them to hunt deer in archery, muzzleloader, shotgun/muzzleloader, and/or rifle season until the tag is filled, and to harvest and possess upland game birds in accordance with current bag limits and season restrictions. (see current Manitoba Hunting Guide for full details)

Waterfowler Heritage Days is a mentoring program which provides qualifying resident youth 12 to 17 years of age with the opportunity to hunt ducks and geese during a special season. (see current Manitoba Hunting Guide for full details)

The **free youth hunting provision** with a shared bag limit with a licensed adult remains in place.

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A youth who starts hunting at age 12 will be able to take advantage of this low cost package for up to six years -- a considerable saving for the family. The Department is to be commended for their cooperation on this positive initiative.