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Hunting Season Is Finally Here

Hunting has always been a huge part of Wisconsin's cultural heritage. It serves as a way for us to experience nature, reconnect with our communities, and provide food for our families and friends.

These values can be passed on to future generations if adults take the time to teach the youth of our families and communities. It is an opportunity to explain the importance of gun safety and spend quality time with our loved ones.

Often times we hear that young people are not motivated to do anything. That they are not interested in anything but technology. This is untrue. It is up to us as the prominent adults and role models in their lives to motivate them, and deer hunting season is a great way to start doing this. Small game and turkey hunting also provide a great learning experience for kids but there are many other avenues to show and teach the respect of nature such as spending a few hours in the great outdoors hunting, walking, or just exploring.

In this time of technology, spending a few hours in the great outdoors with our friends and family, embodying these principles of respect for nature and safety, can add a great deal of value to the entire community. Moreover, these opportunities to mentor the next generation about the world around them can really make a lasting positive impact in their lives.

When I was young, gun deer hunting season in Wisconsin only consisted of nine days that we tried to fit into our busy lives. Thankfully, this has changed to be more inclusive and consists now of a youth, disability, antlerless, muzzleloader and holiday hunt in some areas. Hopefully with all of these changes you are able to find a niche that works for you.

October sixth and seventh are the official dates for youth deer hunting this year. My daughter and I are very excited about being able to spend time bonding together and hopefully we will come home with some success and bag a deer. However, if not, we still will be able to take away a great experience and look forward to our next opportunity, which I hope she continues interest in the future. If there are any questions or concerns regarding the hunting season and its restrictions you can visit:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt/documents/deeryouthhunt.pdf>

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.

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