

## Interested in learning about hunting but don't know any hunters?

Then our [Hunting Seminars](#) or [Getting Started Outdoors \(GSO\) Hunting Workshops](#) are for you! Come learn about the basics of hunting including:

- Hunting skills
- Equipment and strategies
- Wild game processing and cooking

### [Attend a Hunting Seminar](#)

**Attend a GSO Hunting Workshop** (*Info below*)

### What are GSOs?

Getting Started Outdoors Hunting Workshops address informational barriers to participation for those who are interested in hunting, but don't know how to get started. This is accomplished by providing a mentor experience for those lacking social support via an existing hunting mentor.

These workshops are designed to teach you how to hunt via a multi-faceted hunting-related skills and strategies experience. The goal of the workshop is to have you begin hunting on your own, or with support from family members and friends.

### GSO participant requirements

GSOs **are** for individuals that have never hunted or have very minimal hunting experience and lack social support for hunting (*i.e., hunting family members and friends*).

GSOs **are not** for existing hunters, or family members of existing hunters, where experience and social support for hunting already exists.

### GSO Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:** I'm an experienced hunter wanting to register a family member for a GSO. Can I register my family member?

**Answer:** *No. Individuals who have hunting family members already have readily available access to a hunting mentor. GSOs are intended for individuals lacking social support via a readily available hunting mentor.*

**Question:** I'm an experienced hunter wishing to donate my experience, time and effort at GSOs. Can I assist with a GSO Workshop?

**Answer:** *Yes. Building a pool of volunteer instructors/assistants is critical to GSO expansion. Individuals interested in assisting as instructors with GSOs will be required to "shadow" during a pre-workshop training session before becoming a GSO instructor.*

**Question:** I'm an inexperienced, new hunter and want to learn more so I can mentor my own family and friends. Can I attend the GSO Workshop?

**Answer:** Yes. GSO Workshops offer new, inexperienced hunters a mentor experience while encouraging continued mentoring of family members and friends beyond the workshop.

**Question:** I've never hunted and want to learn more before I begin hunting. Can I attend the GSO Workshop?

**Answer:** Yes. GSO Workshops offer individuals interested in hunting a mentor experience in the absence of an existing mentor.

**For more information about seminars and/or GSOs:**

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*NOTE: Pre-registration is required for seminars at [www.ncwildlife.org/sbs](http://www.ncwildlife.org/sbs)*