

Suggestion for Hunter Education Instructors: After teaching the Hunter Responsibility portion of the course, pass out the following worksheet. Have the students fill in the blanks, and develop their own "Hunter's code of ethics". I normally give this out as a voluntary homework assignment on the first day of the course, and have the students return the worksheet on the second day. About 50% of the students complete the assignment, and you can get some very interesting responses. - Bill Tidwell

## HUNTER'S CODE WORKSHEET

### IZAACK WALTON LEAGUE'S

#### *A Hunter's Pledge*

Responsible hunting provides unique challenges and rewards. However, the future of the sport depends on each hunter's behavior and ethics. Therefore, as a hunter, I pledge to:

Respect the environment and wildlife.

Respect property and landowners.

Show consideration for non-hunters.

Hunt safely.

Know and obey the law.

Support wildlife and habitat conservation.

Pass on an ethical hunting tradition.

Strive to improve my outdoor skills and understanding of wildlife.

Hunt only with ethical hunters.

By following these principles of good conduct each time I go afield, I will give my best to the sport, the public, the environment and myself. The responsibility to hunt ethically is mine: the future of hunting depends on me.

### NRA HUNTER'S CODE OF ETHICS

I will consider myself an invited guest of the landowner, seeking his permission, and so conducting myself that I may be welcome in the future.

I will obey the rules of safe gun handling and will courteously but firmly insist that others who hunt with me do the same.

I will obey all game laws and regulations, and expect that my companions do likewise.

I will do my best to acquire those marksmanship and hunting skills which will assure clean, sportsmanlike kills.

I will support conservation efforts which can assure good hunting for future generations to come.

I will pass along to young hunters the attitudes and skill essential to a true outdoor sportsman.

EVERY HUNTER SHOULD DEVELOP HIS OR HER OWN PERSONAL HUNTER'S CODE TO GUIDE THEIR ACTIONS IN THE FIELD. USE THE ABOVE CONCEPTS AND YOUR OWN IDEAS AND WORDS TO BEGIN THE CREATION OF YOUR OWN UNIQUE HUNTER'S CODE.

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