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Marksmanship Certification

*(Print, complete and bring to hunt with valid Hunting License and appropriate tags or stamps when required.
Also bring proof of Hunter Education.)*

The responsible and humane pursuit of wild animals for food involves many ethical considerations including a desire for excellence in marksmanship. A good sportsman is a good marksman and requires:

- Practice to become a capable shooter with the firearm or bow you intend to use during the hunt.
- Being able to place a one-shot kill to avoid wounding animals.
- Knowing how to maintain and clean your equipment.

TYHP has established these rules to foster good sportsmanship and ethical hunting practices:

1. Each youth hunter is required to practice with the firearm or bow they will use on the hunt within 14 days prior to the scheduled hunt. The exception to this rule is if you're borrowing a firearm from a Huntmaster AT the hunt, certification will take place onsite in this case (communicate with Huntmaster well in advance. (Please ask your Huntmaster about the appropriate type of firearm or bow as well as proper ammunition for the hunt.) This requires, at a minimum, the following to be accomplished (practice may be accomplished at any range - private or public - and over a number of days):

- a.) **Rifle hunts** - using factory loaded ammunition, fire a minimum of 5 rounds, at a range of 100 yards, placing at least 3 shots within an 8 inch circle target and present the target with this completed form at the check-in for the hunt.
- b.) **Shotgun hunts for turkey** - a suitable pattern target (turkey head or 36 inch circle) fired on at 30 yards; in all cases, fire a minimum of 5 rounds with factory loaded ammunition of the proper size shot for the game to be hunted and present with this completed form at the check-in for the hunt.
- c.) **Bow hunts** - an archery target showing 10 arrows placed within an 8-inch circle from a range of 20 yards is to be presented with this completed form at the check-in for the hunt.

2. A marksmanship range for youth hunters will be established as soon as practical on each youth hunt. The youth hunter will be required to demonstrate proficiency and knowledge of their firearm or bow in order to be allowed to hunt. The Huntmaster may exclude the participant from hunting. If the youth hunter's equipment is malfunctioning, an alternate firearm or bow may be located. If targets and/or this form are not presented at check-in, the Huntmaster could exclude the participant from the hunt until proficiency has been demonstrated.

Parent/Guardian _____
Signature

*Third party (non-relative) _____
Signature

Participant (youth hunter) _____
Signature

The above certify that _____ (youth hunter) did use a _____ (firearm or bow) fired at _____ yards on _____ (date) and did exhibit sufficient skill to participate in a youth hunt.
(* this may be range personnel or an observer from