

Responsible hunting and landowner relations

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field, not only for the benefit of continued hunting opportunities, but also for future generations and the perception of hunters as a whole. Here are a few ideas on how hunters can make the privilege of hunting more harmonious with landowners rights and the laws of Nebraska.

1. *Always seek and ask permission.* If a landowner is gone, come back another time, don't assume you can hunt. Also, ask permission every time you hunt a piece of ground. A landowner giving you permission a few years ago, does not mean you can hunt it whenever you want. Trespassing on someone's property not only damages the relationship with the landowner, but can also be a \$50-\$100 fine plus court costs, which makes for a very expensive pheasant. Finally, let the landowners who allow you access to their land know how much you appreciate their courtesy with maybe a gift or at least a phone call and a thank you. A fresh jar of salsa or a batch of cookies is a small price to pay for the hours of enjoyment you get from hunting.

2. *Always be courteous.* Please and thank you, really do

work. Many landowners not only complain about the violation of their property rights but also the rude attitude taken towards them. Think of your own property. How would you feel if someone walked into your front yard and picked a flower, or into your garden and took a tomato? Remember that you are a guest on someone's land and they are entitled to your best behavior during that time.

3. *Always let the landowner know who is on their property.* When you do receive permission, personal information (i.e. a business card) and a license plate number is a great way to give the landowner peace of mind. It also shows them that you will take responsibility for your actions should anything go wrong.

4. *Always obey the laws and regulations of Nebraska.* Two common violations include shooting from a road and having a loaded shotgun in a vehicle. Both are illegal. Hunters must be off the road and out of the right-of-way to hunt. Many hunters have been tempted to take game that they see from the road, but this ill-conceived act not only violates Nebraska laws, but also

damages the relationship between hunters and the rural community.

5.) *Always be a safe hunter.* The things you were taught when you were learning to hunt, the basics of safe hunting, should always be at the forefront of any hunting excursion. The concepts that potential hunters are taught in hunter education classes, should be closely followed to ensure a safe hunting trip. Things like gun safety, adherence to laws and a cautious attitude will make hunting safe for not only the hunters involved but also the landowners and homeowners in the area that is being hunted.

Hunting is a wonderful past time, an activity that builds bonds, teaches valuable lessons and provides pleasure to many Nebraskans. The legacy from hunting should be one of mutual respect and friendship between the hunter and the landowner and it is our duty as hunters to forge that partnership and continue to develop the relationships. This can only be done if we use common sense, ethical actions when afield, sound education and information when we fellowship with others in the hunting community. (DS)



NU Family Week activities

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In addition, you will learn about legal, safety and financial issues and how to deal with any related problems that arise.

This is an outstanding opportunity to interact with experts in the field and hear some of your concerns addressed. Cost is \$15 per evening per family or \$10 per evening per family if registration is submitted by November 1. Please ask about scholarships, if needed. For registration material, contact the extension office at 441-7180 or if you have additional questions ask for LaDeane.

UN Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County Extension is pleased to be one of the sites sponsoring a celebration of Nebraska Families during the week of November 8th. (LJ)



Halloween safety tips

Trick-or-Treaters

Carry a flashlight.

Walk, don't run.

Stay on sidewalks.

Obey traffic signals.

Stay in familiar neighborhoods.

Don't cut across yards or driveways.

Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.

Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume).

Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.

Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props.

Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.

Approach only houses that are lit.



Parents

- Make your child eat dinner before setting out.
- Children should carry quarters so they can call home.
- Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult.
- If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material.
- Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home.
- You should know where they're going.
- Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything.
- Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.

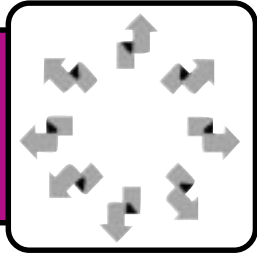
Homeowners

- Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip the young ones.
- Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable to a real flame.
- If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.
- Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle.
- Healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters include packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be microwaved later.
- Non-food treats: plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers, coins.

Drivers

- Go slow, slow, slow all evening.
- Adult Halloween party goers should have a designated driver. (LJ)

Miscellaneous



Jumpin' jiminy crickets

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chirping under the refrigerator, put a little corn meal in the center of the glue board and place it as close to the chirping sound as you can. Outside the house, a perimeter treatment can be useful. We recommend trying a granular formulation that has a corn cob base—crickets eat the bait and die pretty quickly.

Crickets are important insects in the balance of nature,

consuming vegetative material of all kinds. Some species, like mole crickets, are food for many vertebrate and invertebrate animals. When I was a kid, my grandpa said that crickets make the best live bait for panfish, even though they don't stay on the hook very well. You might try catching a few crickets and do a little fall fishing! (BPO)



Peer pressure and teens

Peer pressure is overrated as a negative influence in the lives of children. In fact, it can be a positive force. Generally, adolescents choose friends with similar values and tastes to theirs; however, parents still retain the major influence over the child's life. Research shows that parents who monitor their children can help prevent a number of risky behaviors, including alcohol use, sexual activity, delinquency and other misconduct that may be influenced by peers. Monitoring also gives children the message that with increasing privileges comes increasing responsibilities.

Parental monitoring means establishing guidelines and limits for your child in order to keep track of what is going on in his or her social world. It means knowing:

Where your kids are.

Who they are with.

What kinds of activities have been planned.

How they will get there and back again.

Parental monitoring also means making expectations clear with the child about what to do in an emergency. But parental monitoring does not mean demanding obedience, attempting to control a child's choices and behavior, or imposing a parent's will on the child.

While children may complain that parents "don't trust them" or that they are being unreasonable,

there is security in knowing that parents care enough to ask. Parents need to understand that monitoring is an important right and responsibility of parenting.

If you wait until the teen years to begin monitoring it will feel too much like you are trying to control them. Teens will turn the issue into a power struggle. So start monitoring children early in ways that are age appropriate. This will help children accept this as a part of life. Teenagers need increasing freedom to begin their road to independence and they need parents who monitor their behavior in a respectful and appropriate way. Starting early may be the best strategy, but it is never too late to begin.

Since you cannot always be around to monitor children, family rules will help parents monitor their children when they are out of sight. A phone call to a parent at home or at work at an agreed-upon time or when plans change will help parents know where their children are. If the parent is not available by phone, a neighbor or relative can serve as the connection.

The most effective remedy for negative peer pressure is effective parents who set high standards and are demanding but wrap this approach with warmth, love and involvement. (LJ)

Lancaster County Extension office welcomes new employee

Karen Wobig began working at Lancaster County Extension as an Extension Assistant with NEP on September 7. She will be working with Lincoln Housing Authority and Head Start families, Lincoln Public Schools, WIC programs and various groups and individuals. She grew up on a farm in northeast Nebraska, but has lived in Lincoln since 1973, receiving both her Bachelors and Masters degrees in Human Development and the Family from UNL. Karen and her husband Randy have a 12 year old daughter, Sarah. (MB)

