

# Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) Conservation Education

## What an 18-year-old should know and be able to do!

### Conservation Literacy:

- Prepared to be a citizen scientist
- Schoolyard habitat
- Fish and wildlife ID
- History of Conservation Law
  - Endangered Species Act
- Understand role of fish and wildlife agencies
- Play in a natural area (non-landscaped)
- Ecosystem knowledge
- History of conservation: Visionaries Leopold, Pinchot JR
- Natural resources: what are they, how they are used, their conservation
- Every student/youth/child has done 3 field investigations
- AFWA core concepts
- Backyard habitat
- Vote yes on conservation issues
- Understand the importance of habitat
- Support F&W agency through license/donation/purchase of item
- Understand how fish and wildlife is funded (DJ/PR)
- Complete a hunter ed course

### Summary

- Knowledge/ID/ecosystem/natural resources
- Field investigation/citizen scientist
- Habitat/schoolyard/backyard
- History of conservation
- Laws/political role
- Roles of agencies
- Funding
- RR management – hunting role

### Stewardship

- Follow & obey wildlife laws
- Volunteer/ride along with a conservation agent
- Best practices manual stewardship
- Volunteer for conservation project (fence project, banding)
- Scout/youth 4H Projects
- Forest keepers
- FFA activities
- Adopt-a-street
- Planning, development & maintenance of outdoor classroom/schoolyard habitat
- Serve as mentor to other kids in conservation projects
- Meet a wildlife rehabilitator
- Habitat & restoration activities
- Stream team
- Youth – build a bird feeder or house at home – worms in the classroom/at home recycle

### Outdoor Participation

#### Mentor another in

- Kayaking, canoeing, boating
  - Geocaching
  - Hunting/new hunter (18+)
  - Bird watching/wildlife watching
  - Outdoor safety/first aid
- Walking  
Play outside an hour a day  
Archery  
Camping/outdoor cooking  
Fishing  
Shooting, hiking  
Orienteering  
Map and compass

Through WILD etc  
Through Hooked On fishing  
Not On Drugs  
Aquatic Resource Ed.