

The Scope of CLfT

Since its inception in 2004, CLfT has grown to include representation from more than 40 universities, 19 state agencies, and the USFWS.

CLfT operates 12 workshops at 7 locations throughout the United States.

Due to increased demand, CLfT is expanding program offerings for universities, agencies, and NGOs.



For more information on CLfT, or to view videos and pictures from the workshops, please visit:

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Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow



Conservation Education & Hunting Awareness



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"I have learned that hunters are this diverse group that should not be judged by their worst participants but by their continuing ethics that lead them to be fair and passionate individuals."

- Participant, Penn State University

"This program is a real active tenant positively addressing these things...the interactions they have here make stronger natural resource managers for the future."

- Agency Chief of Operations

"I learned a great deal and feel much better equipped to complete my job duties within the agency."

- Participant, State Agency

"I have seen first-hand how deeply CLfT affects the students who attend. They come away with a pivotal experience that will be with them their entire careers."

- Instructor, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point



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The Issue

Presently, greater than 50 percent of those graduating with wildlife degrees have never hunted and many have limited exposure to the hunting culture. Leaders among these graduates are rapidly advancing to become the next generation of natural resource administrators.

Hunting and the management of wildlife are a central mission and operation of every state wildlife management agency. Future conservation leaders will be unprepared to manage wildlife resources effectively if they do not understand the roles, values, motivations, and satisfactions derived from hunting and its associated constituency.

The Solution

CLFT promotes conservation and hunting awareness among leaders of natural resources based academic programs and government agencies through professional development workshops.

The educational goal of CLFT is:

“to identify future and current leaders of the natural resources profession who do not hunt and provide them with an understanding of the diverse values and important roles of hunting and its impact on conservation.”



CLFT is not intended to recruit or train participants to become hunters. The program utilizes the expertise of trained instructors to help participants develop an in-depth understanding of what others derive from hunting and provide them with an opportunity to experience the hunt first-hand.

The Program

CLFT consists of 4-day workshops that blend interactive classroom discussions with field experiences. Participants and instructors discuss the biological, economic and social importance of hunting, as well as the ethical concerns and motivations that surround hunting. Field exercises provide participants with insight to safe firearm handling, shooting techniques, and various hunting styles.

The Impact

Anonymous exit surveys indicate that 95 percent of CLFT participants develop from their experiences a deeper understanding of how the regulated and ethical hunting of game populations is an essential component of wildlife conservation, and how hunting is important to cultural and economic aspects of our society.

