



HUNT MI COLLABORATIVE NEWSLETTER



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Explore, discover, and learn about wildlife conservation. The Hunt Michigan Collaborative allows you to begin or continue your journey into hunting while rekindling or starting a family tradition.

Hunt MI Collaborative Mission: GROW HUNTING



Why We Started:

The Hunt Michigan Collaborative is a collaboration between several organizations focused on recruiting, retaining, and reactivating (R3) people into hunting. By bringing together programs that provide hunting opportunities and those that promote hunting, we aim to streamline our efforts and grow the number of hunters in Michigan.

The HMC has been endorsed by several organizations, including the Michigan National Deer Association, Michigan National Wild Turkey Federation, Michigan Pheasant's Forever and several others.

Looking to Sponsor Youth Hunting, a Veteran or Someone in Need?

If you or your company is interested in sponsorship opportunities, please email admin@huntmicollaborative.com and we will send you our sponsorship package.

Reducing Crop Damage

The Hunt Michigan Collaborative/National Deer Association Farm Tour helps farmers reduce crop damage by allowing registered hunters to hunt their farmland through organized hunts. We understand it is difficult to farm, have a day job, and handle deer management. This is why we developed an organized way of reducing the deer population in areas where there is an abundance of deer.

Want help managing deer on your farm? [Click here.](#) We are happy to help!

Get Involved Today!

- Sign up as an [Interested Hunter](#) or [Interested Farmer](#)
- [Nick DiCresce Hunt Scholarship](#)
- Shop at our [HMC Store](#)
- Check out our: [Outdoor Programs and Events](#)
- Send us an email with questions: admin@huntmicollaborative.com



What is the HMC/NDA Farm Tour?



It starts with the farmers and property owners who have an overabundance of deer and allow access for people to hunt. Hunters then reserve a spot to hunt on a farm or property in their county of choice. On the day of the hunt, Farm Tour Hunt Leaders go over farm or property rules, drop hunters off at their set up hunting locations, assist with tracking and field dressing.

Farm Tour a Success in 2025

In 2025, we had over 300 individual hunting opportunities, 97 deer harvested successfully, and a lot of happy hunters who plan to come back in 2026. We were hosted by 6 farms in 2025, as well as nature preserves and other properties in Kalamazoo, Sanilac, St. Clair, Washtenaw and other Michigan Counties.

Our farmers were happy with the organization and structure of the hunts. Our leaders invested in the mission and the hunters they led, and our hunters were happy enjoying the comradery and support of HMC.

I think this was an amazing opportunity and would love to see this program reach out to younger adults/kids to get them involved in hunting, the importance of it, what it's actually all about. Ethical hunting. Proper rules to follow.

- Meghan

When can you sign up for a hunt?

2026 timeline to sign up for a HMC/NDA Farm Tour Hunt:

- April - Farms/Property Selection finalized
- Late April - Registration opens for 2026 sponsors and hunters **** OPEN NOW! Click here to sponsor a blind.****
- May - Interested hunters receive email invite to sign up for hunts. Get on this list here: **INTERESTED HUNTER**
- Mid May - Registration opens to the general public. Links will be promoted on <https://huntmicollaborative.com/>



Leading Hunts with Us

The first step is to attend a hunt, so you can experience the HMC/NDA Farm Tour. If you see yourself becoming a Hunt Leader, next step is to complete the [Hunt Leader Application](#). We will invite you to attend a HMC Leader Training. If selected to be a Hunt Leader, you will be placed on a Hunt Team of 3-5 Hunt Leaders (of your choice) who will work with a farm to lead future HMC/NDA Farm Tour Hunts

Hunt Leaders receive:

- HMC/NDA Vest
- Hunt Team Gear
- Opportunity to hunt
- Gift Card for each hunt led

The entire program is well organized, safely run, knowledgeable, and led by helpful hunting guides who love deer hunting as much as I do. The guides assist with every aspect of the hunt. -Tom

Thank you, Farmers!

Lord, thank you for the farmers that allow us to hunt and to everyone who helps put the hunts together. Please let us be safe and enjoy our time in the blind and thank you for all that you have given us. Amen.
Link to: [God Made a Farmer](#)