

# Hunter Safety and Public Shooting Ranges



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# Hunter Safety Program

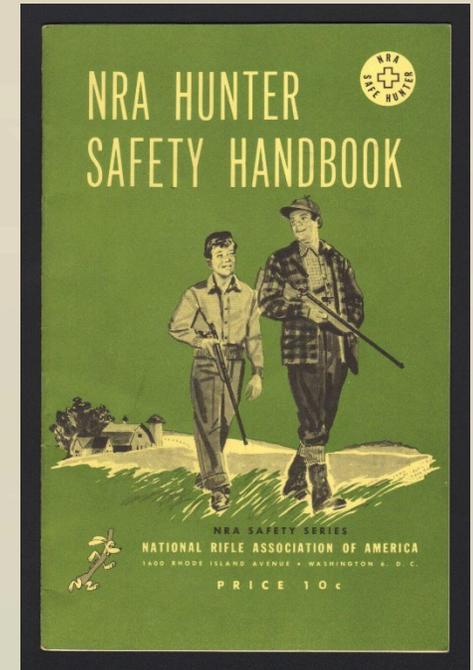


# Hunter Safety Program

## 379.3581 Hunter safety course; requirements; penalty.—(1)

This section may be cited as the Senator Joe Carlucci Hunter Safety Act.

(2)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a person born on or after June 1, 1975, may not be issued a license to take wild animal life with the use of a firearm, gun, bow, or crossbow in this state without having first successfully completed a hunter safety course as provided in this section, and without having in his or her personal possession a hunter safety certification card, as provided in this section.



# FWC's Hunter Safety Program

Florida's Hunter Safety Program:

Classes in every county

13,821 graduates in 2022

1,047 volunteers 8,000 since inception

The hunter education program is the largest success story involving industry, government and volunteer cooperation in the nation.



# S.A.F.E. Firearm Rules

- S** Safe direction-Always point your gun in a safe direction
- A** Always be sure of your target and what is beyond
- F** Finger is off the trigger until ready to shoot
- E** Every firearm must be treated as if it were loaded



# Hunter Safety Program

**93%** of non-hunters  
and

**89%** of active hunters  
support hunter safety  
training prior to  
accessing the privilege  
of hunting.



# Hunter Safety Program

20 years after becoming mandatory:

- **75%** decrease in hunting incidents
- **92%** decrease in hunting fatalities



# Hunting Incident Academy



# MyFWC.com/HunterSafety

- Hunter Safety
- Junior Hunter Safety
- Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp
- National Archery in the Schools
- Youth Hunting Program of Florida
- Public Shooting Range Program



# Junior Hunter Safety Program



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## Junior Hunter Safety Program

A Youth Program presented by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission.

This program provides a series of three free courses for grades K-5. These courses provide information on firearm safety, outdoor ethics and conservation.

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### Activity Books

[Grades K & 1](#)

[Grades 2 & 3](#)

[Grades 4 & 5](#)

### Instructor Manuals

[Grades K & 1](#)

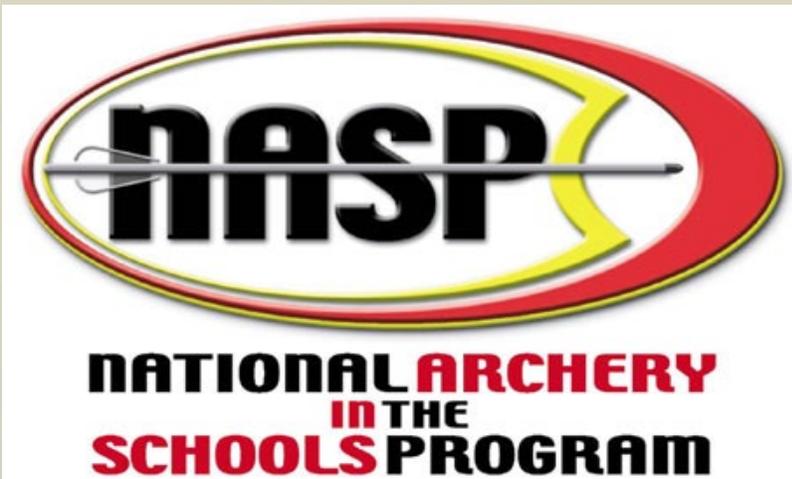
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# Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp







# Increasing Access



# Hands-on Training



**Skills Building**



**Safety**



**Marksmanship**



# Engaging New Gun Owners

- 15,000,000 new gun owners
- Notable increase in first-time purchases:
  - 58% African Americans
  - 40% women



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# Increasing Diverse Participation

- 56.4 million (24%) adults in the United States participated in target shooting
- Notable increase in participation:
  - 30% African Americans
  - 29% Hispanic or Latino
  - 19% 18-34 years old
  - 17% women



*First Shots Event at Tenoroc Shooting Range*



# Boosting the Economy

## Firearms and ammunition industry contributions:

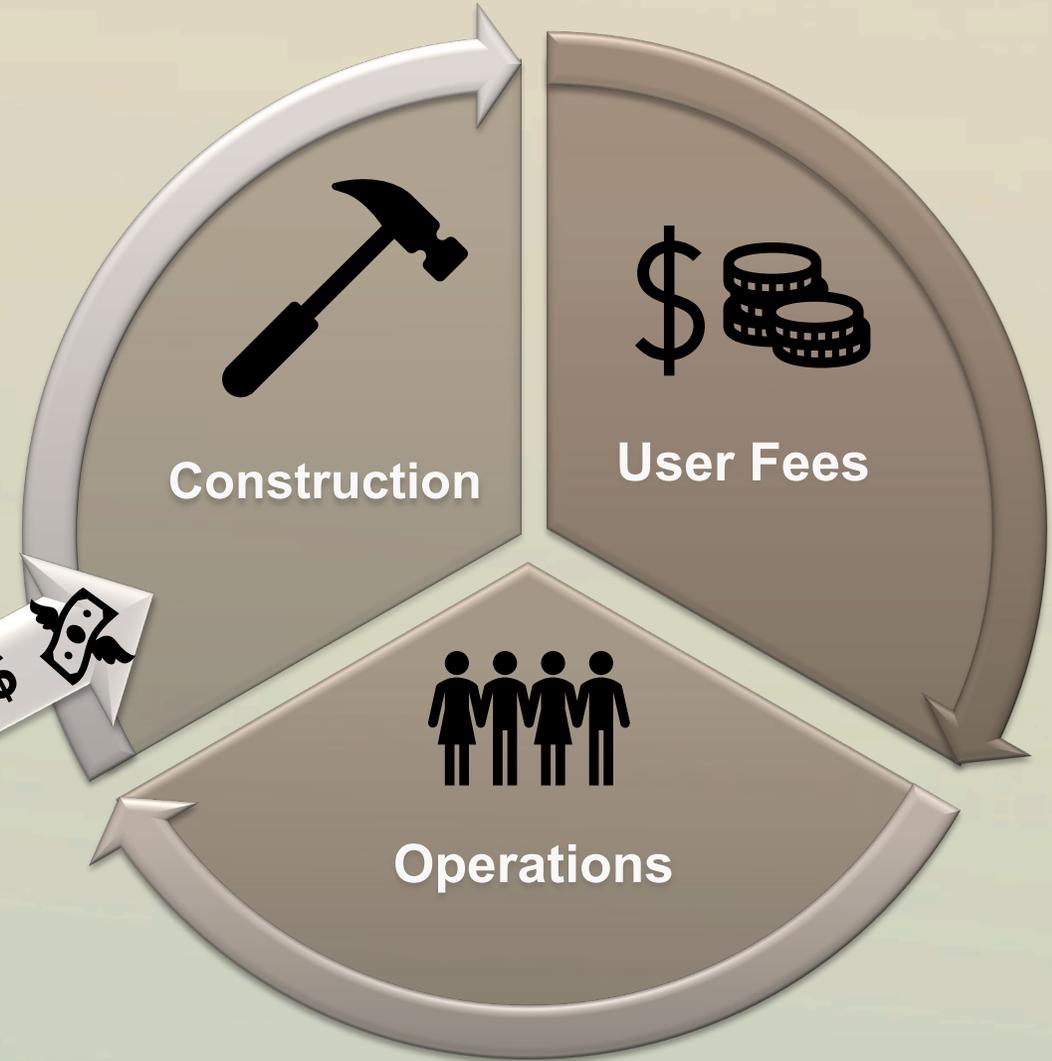
- \$3 billion to Florida's economy
- 18,000 jobs supported
- \$15 million to FWC's Wildlife Restoration
- \$7.1 million to FWC's Hunter Safety and Public Shooting Ranges



# Investing Inward



**Wildlife Restoration \$** 



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