



Boater Education Instructor Application

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Boater Education

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The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission created the Boating Education Section of the Education and Outreach Division in 1985. With this action the Commission made the class available on a voluntary basis. In 1997 the Arkansas State Legislature passed ACT. 824 of 1997 making Boating Education mandatory for all operators of a motorboat in Arkansas born on or after January 1, 1986 to successfully complete an approved Boating Education Course before operating a motorboat on Arkansas waters. The challenge of the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission is to reach every boater in the State with the basic Boating Education Course. This is achieved by utilizing a force of volunteers approved and certified by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. One option is an instructor led class consisting of six hours of classroom instruction. Another method allow students to substitute the classroom instruction with a computer based course and then take a test administered by one of our employees or certified Boating Education Volunteers.

Volunteer Boating Education Instructors serve a very important role in the administration of Boating Education across the State. Even though volunteers can not receive compensation for their services, the personal benefits come from the satisfaction teaching the youth safety and boatmanship while on the waters of Arkansas. Below is a list of qualifications for becoming a Volunteer Boating Education Instructor:

To be certified as an Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Boating Education Instructor, you must:

- be at least 21 years of age. Junior Instructors (18 – 20 years of age) must be accompanied by a senior instructor while teaching.
- have successfully completed the basic student Arkansas Boating Education Course.
- Complete an "Instructor Application" form.
- Completed an "Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Individual Record/Child/Adult Registry Check Consent Form, **signed and notarized.**
- Not have been convicted of a violation of a game and fish regulation. If the applicant has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of a violation, a personal letter explaining the purpose of becoming a Boating Education Instructor must be submitted along with one personal reference.
- Be approved by the local Wildlife Officer, Regional Education Coordinator and Boating Education Coordinator.

A Boating Education Instructor can be dismissed and have instructor certification revoked if the instructor:

- fails to participate in at least one Boating Education activity per year.
- is convicted of a violation of a game and fish regulation.
- falsifies information.
- fails to exhibit proper sportsmanship or ethical conduct.
- Repeatedly fails to follow the prescribed procedures set forth in this handbook.
- Is so recommended by the local Wildlife Officer and/or the Region Education Coordinator.

A Boating Education Instructor who has had his or here certification revoked may submit a written request for reinstatement to the Boating Education Coordinator. Each case will be investigated and/or reviewed on an individual basis. The Regional Education Coordinator serving the instructor's area, the arresting officer, and other Agency personnel involved in the situation will have input; however, the final decision for reinstatement will be that of the Boating Education Coordinator.



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Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
(Month/Day/Year)

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Race: (Circle One) White African American Native American Hispanic Asian Sex: M F

Street Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Telephone: () _____ Work Telephone: () _____

Occupation: _____

(If Teacher, Name of School): _____

Your Highest Educational Level (Please circle last year completed):

School: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 College: 1 2 3 4 Graduate: 1 2 3 4 5

Previous Volunteer Experience: _____

Date Completed Boater Education Student Course: _____

Have you ever been a Boater Education Instructor? Yes No

List any special skills, training, or interest which you have that may help you as a Boater Education Instructor:

Have you ever been convicted of a Game and Fish Violation? Yes No

If the answer is YES, what was the violation and when did it happen? _____

Why do you want to be a Boater Education Instructor? _____

In case of emergency, notify (Name): _____

Relationship of Above: _____ Telephone: () _____

Name of your Physician: _____ Telephone: () _____

Your Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

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