

**By Jan Schultz**

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A free hunter education course taught to two local instructors will start Sunday, Oct. 6, in Imperial at the fire hall.

The course will continue Oct. 7, 8, 9 and 10, running from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each evening.

Instructors will be Doug Mitchell and Duke Jaeger. The class is limited to 30 students, and all must pre-register online, Mitchell said.

Hunters in Nebraska age 12 to 29 must have completed a firearm hunter education course such as this one, and carry proof of the successful course completion when hunting with a firearm or crossbow.

Firearm and crossbow hunters under age 12 or those with an exemption certificate cannot hunt alone and must be accompanied at all times when hunting by a licensed hunter age 19 or older, who has completed the hunter ed. course.

Local students can sign up for the Imperial class at the Nebraska Game & Parks website: [www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov](http://www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov)

When at the site, click on the "education" link at the top of the page, then click on "hunter education" and finally the "Firearm Hunter Education Classroom Courses" link near the red circular logo. The courses are listed by the starting date, so look for Oct. 6 when searching for the Imperial class.

People with questions can contact Mitchell at 308-882-8306 or 882-4003, or Jaeger at 882-4459.