

Hunter Education Volunteers Jean and Kim Goodell

Jean and Kim Goodell, from Winchester, N.H., are Hunter Education program coordinators and dedicated volunteers. They commit an astounding volume of time to Hunter Education. In a single year, Jean donated 273 hours, the most of any instructor in the state. Not far behind him, Kim donated 236 hours. They both volunteered on more than 15 weekends. This certainly is a testament to their dedication to Hunter Education.

Add to this their willingness to travel to help teach: Last year, they logged a total of 1,477 miles volunteering for Hunter Education! That was not unusual for them – the year before, Jean gave 279 hours and traveled 1,549 miles. Kim donated 233 hours.

As part of their responsibilities, Jean and Kim also attend Hunter Education chief instructor meetings, the annual recognition banquet and in-service workshops. These two remarkable instructors certify, or help to certify, roughly 300 students each year. This is especially impressive when you consider that in New Hampshire, we certify approximately 3,000 students in a year. That means 10% of our students pass through Jean and Kim's courses!

Teaching with multiple teams of instructors and having the opportunity

to see a variety of teaching styles and methods is an effective approach to becoming a better instructor. Jean and Kim take this recommendation to heart. Along with being the lead instructors for four of their own courses, they help three other teams, for a total of 12 courses for Jean and 11 courses for Kim.



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Hunter Education in New Hampshire, as in most states, is funded by excise taxes collected from the manufacturers of firearms, ammunition and archery equipment. This money is collected and distributed to state agencies

through the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, but the state has to put forth \$1 to get \$3 from their allotment. This can be accomplished by using cash (either donations or general funds), donations of services or goods, or volunteer time. In N.H., Hunter Education is entirely funded by using volunteer time and mileage as the match for federal grant funds. Jean and Kim's time and mileage alone account for over \$30,000 per year.

Jean and Kim not only give their time selflessly to Hunter Education, but also find time to mentor new hunters and help out with activities at their local gun clubs. Hunter Education in New Hampshire would not be the same without them.

– *Josh Mackay, Hunter Education Coordinator*