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**Cape Girardeau, Missouri** - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) will host a Bowhunter Education Certification Course, June 21, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Elk's Lodge in Perryville.

According to DeeDee Dockins, an outdoor skills specialist with the MDC, this will be the only Bowhunter Education Certification Course offered this year in the southeast region.

"Most of the demand for bowhunter certification stems from hunters who are traveling out of state to bow hunt, because Missouri doesn't require bowhunter education," Dockins said. "As of now, 20 states have regulations requiring bowhunter education certification in order to purchase permits."

Dockins said she encourages all bow hunters to attend the class.

"The number of tree stand accidents continues to rise and we address safety issues when hunting from an elevated position," she said.

The course provides comprehensive information about the knowledge, skills, safety and additional opportunities available to bow hunters. Topics covered include different types of bows and equipment, opportunities available to the bow hunter, safety information related to hunting from an elevated platform,

the role of the hunter and hunting in wildlife management and conservation, responsibilities of the outdoorsman, distance estimation, ethical practices of the hunter, and much more.

Those successfully completing the course will receive a Bowhunter Education Certification Card from the Missouri Department of Conservation. Students must be 11 years of age or older to attend.

**Pre-registration is required. To register, visit [mdc.mo.gov](http://mdc.mo.gov). For further information, call the MDC Southeast Regional Office at (573) 290-5730.**

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