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Delta Chapter News

First Hunt Success Evident in Canada

Carter Hanna was just a boy when he hunted with South Nation Chapter's Ryan Robson for the first time. Now 16, Hanna isn't merely a tag-along: He helps mentor incoming youth during South Nation's annual First Hunt event.

He's learned quite a bit along the way, too.

"The kid can blow a goose call better than anyone in the chapter," Robson said.

Hanna is a product of the Berwick, Ontario, chapter's mentorship system, which began in 2008 and sponsors 10 young hunters every year. It also fully funds licensing and testing fees to complete the required Apprentice Hunting Program and Canadian Firearms Course — a total cost of \$2,500 a year, or \$250 per participant.

The chapter has partnered with the South Nation Conservation Authority, which helps fund the process and has donated roughly \$10,000 in five years. Delta's Waterfowl Heritage Fund covers the rest.

But the price is worth it.

"We (Ontario) don't really have a hunting course for youth, so it can be intimidating for them when they are in a classroom full of adults," Robson said. "This scenario makes it a lot more comfortable."

For successfully completing the lofty hunting requirements, South Nation participants are rewarded with a guided waterfowl hunt. It's the cherry on top, and helps spark passion that can lead to a lifetime of waterfowling.

"We don't just take a kid hunting, we make young hunters," Robson said.



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