



BE PREPARED ORANGE SAVES LIVES

Hunting season has started in Georgia, and this rarely bring Scouts in contact with hunters in popular areas such as the AT in North Georgia. Additional steps should be taken by troops backpacking or hiking this time of year. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources advise:

"With the privilege of access comes responsibility on both the part of the hunter and the hiker to minimize conflicts between the two user groups. It is required by law that hunters born after January 1, 1961 must successfully complete a hunter education course prior to purchasing a season hunting license. When hiking or camping along the Appalachian Trail, users should recognize their responsibility of being aware that they are not the only people in the woods....

During hunting season, it is **strongly recommended** that everyone **wear blaze orange vests and hats**. Some units also have their scouts place orange plastic garbage bags over their backpacks. Increasing hiker visibility will greatly reduce any chance of mistaken identity by a hunter.

When units complete a tour permit for activities that will take them into areas that are potential hunting zones, the Service Center staff will remind them about taking these additional precautions to keep everyone safe while they are having fun.