



YANKEE CHAPTER 2020 DIRECTOR OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT REPORT Jason Carter

Director's Report

Unfortunately, we had to bow out of many of our youth development events this year. We were able to support a few events pre COVID.

Some highlights:

- We had one youth handler successfully qualify his NA pup this fall. Ian Yanofsky earned a maximum score in his NA test.
- We have continued to inspire and encourage youth interest in our Barking Dog Express youth page thanks to Nancy and Jacob Haskel. We are always looking for kid friendly articles, quizzes, jokes, games, pictures and so on. It's a fun tool to help families get their children more involved in understanding versatile hunting dogs and NAVHDA.
- We were again able to support Camp Sunshine's winter event for terminally ill children. An incredibly heartwarming experience that provides fun and laughter to a very sad situation. Thank you all who were able to support this event. Nothing is currently scheduled at this time for February.
- We also supported the Phippsburg Winter Youth Field Day. It ran concurrent with our nesting box project though I hear it went very well.
- We had some youth involvement at our clinics. We would always like to see more.
- No camp Scholarships were awarded in 2020- Scholarships are available in 2021 depending on the availability of camps. At this point we have no lifetime license

candidates or camp scholarship letters of interest. We are always looking for committed chapter youth to support.

Looking forward, I do plan on finding creative ways to hold youth-centered events this year in a safe way. We are considering a youth mock test, we have the AIMS and Rules Clinic which is 100% free for all youth attendees. We will be providing mentors for youth 16 and under. We still need to figure out if and when we could hold our apprentice hunter camp. Though we will be pulling a youth calendar of events together shortly.

Our Current Schedule of Events :

February

Wood Duck Project

The third Saturday in February will again be our targeted nesting box project date depending on weather and ice conditions. We hope to get more participation this year. Please get the word out as I'm sure the kids would love to get out of the house.

May

Aims and Rules - Handler Clinic

We are in search of youth wanting to join our clinic in May. The clinic is free for any youth.

June & September

Youth Testing

We would also love to get some youth involved in this year's testing. Again this would be free of charge to any interested youth.

None of this would have been possible without the outpouring of support from this chapter. Looking ahead to 2020 please consider mentoring a youth and introducing them to one or more of our programs. Our biggest struggle is finding youth participants and we need your help. Thank you all for making a difference and creating so many amazing memories for our future hunters and conservation leaders.

