



What You Need to Know to Promote Youth Hunting

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A Workshop for Hunters, Hunter Educators, Outdoor Communicators and Conservation Professionals being sponsored by The Wildlife Society Wyoming Chapter.

The 2 hour workshop will be held **Tuesday, November 3, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** in conjunction with this year's TWS, SRM and SWSC annual conference.

Dr. Eaton will cover the following topics and conclude his workshop with a proposal for precisely what can be done in the state of Wyoming to dramatically impact youth recruitment to hunting and fishing, an increasingly important component of all wildlife managers' jobs:

- How important was hunting in shaping human life?
- Is it true that hunting gave rise to language, art, music, dance, science and technology?
- Why do we hunt and why do we love it so?
- Is hunting sport or is it instinct and why does it matter?
- What are the social and environmental justifications for hunting?
- Is it true that recreational hunters feel respect, admiration and reverence for the animals they hunt?
- Does taking the life of an animal awaken a moral sense?
- Why hunting is the ideal way to teach universal virtues including generosity, courage, fortitude, patience and humility.
- Is it true that hunting teaches compassion and makes people more peaceful?
- Why hunting still is a valid rite of passage.
- Why hunters are leading conservationists of wildlife and wild places.
- Do we have a hunting tradition but lack a hunting culture?
- Does hunting teach a philosophy of interdependence, a land ethic?
- Why hunting is good medicine for bad kids.
- How can we elevate the image of hunting beyond the choir?
- How to increase hunter recruitment: strategy, tactics and programs.

The workshop is available to all interested parties. Registration for the workshop is free for those attending the annual meeting, and \$20 for those wishing to attend the workshop only.

Accolades for Dr. Eaton:

"He had everyone sitting on the edge of their seats...there may not be a more dynamic ambassador anywhere for all that is good and right about hunting."

Stan Kirkland, President, Southeast Outdoor Press Assoc.

"Fascinating...one of the few truly humanistic scientists."

Edward O. Wilson, Harvard

“The foremost psychologist of hunting in the world.”

John J. Jackson, Past President, Safari Club International

“Provocative, a true scholar, articulate and speaks from the heart.”

Dave Guynn, Professor of Wildlife, Clemson

Dr. Eaton has been studying large predators, predation and hunting since 1966, and he has been hunting since 1956. He has made scientific and scholarly contributions in fields ranging from wildlife biology and conservation to anthropology, art history, animal ethics, human evolution, Native American studies, environmental ethics, men’s studies and philosophy. He was nominated to the post of Chief of the US Office of Endangered Species in 1972, and owing to his scientific work on the role of hunting in human evolution, was invited in 1981 by Edward O. Wilson to apply for a tenured position at Harvard. He published and edited the journal *Carnivore: Carnivorous Mammals Including Humans*, the editorial board of which included Nobel laureates and Pulitzer-prize winners among the leading biologists and anthropologists on earth. On the other hand he was awarded a Sacred Pipe in the Cherokee tradition, and has learned much from the Lakota and the Maya.

Dr. Eaton has served on the faculties of zoology, psychology, wildlife and humanities of several universities including University of Washington and University of Georgia. He has lectured on over 60 campuses in North America. In 2000 he was named as “Conservationist Lecturer of the Year” at North Carolina State, and in 2002 was “Distinguished Visiting Scholar” at U. Alberta where he became an adjunct faculty member. He received fellowships to lecture at the National University of Australia and at East Shanghai University.

Randall Eaton has authored/edited 14 books, two of which received national awards. He has received 13 awards for his TV productions including “The Sacred Hunt: Hunting as a Spiritual Path,” the all-time, top-selling production in its field. His 115 technical communications have appeared in *Science*, *J. Wildlife Management and Evolution*, among others; his several hundred popular communications have appeared in *Sports Illustrated*, *New York Times*, *Utne Reader*, *North American Hunter*, *Bugle*, *IHEA Journal*, etc.

A speech Dr. Eaton gave on the role of hunting in the ecology of North America was broadcast by CBS TV National News. Speaking alongside Gov. John Connally and actor Jimmy Stewart, the *San Antonio Light* said: “It was Dr. Randall Eaton who electrified the audience.” He was interviewed by PBS TV’s NOVA about the role hunting has played in the recovery of endangered species. A speech he gave in Toronto on “Why hunting is good medicine for bad kids” generated massive international publicity ranging from a TV appearance on “Canada AM” to CBC radio, the national papers of Canada and BBC radio worldwide. He also has been interviewed on CBS National Radio News, Fox TV National News and NPR.

His new book is entitled *From Boys to Men of Heart – Hunting as Rite of Passage*. Preeminent wildlife biologist, Valerius Geist, has described the book as “Provocative, very interesting and timely....wonderful.” With wilderness educator/tracker Jon Young he is producing “The Next Kid in the Woods” for TV. He was invited to participate in the White House Conference on American Wildlife Policy in Reno. He mentors youth and adults in the sacred hunt.

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