

Youth Hunting / Fishing Exchange Program

The Atlantic Province's Youth Hunting & Fishing Exchange Program is endorsed by the governments of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador and is supported by various participating sponsors with an interest in wildlife. Government and non-government agencies responsible for managing wildlife and habitat depend a great deal on the support of hunters and anglers in our management programs. We all have a common interest in ensuring that our precious resources continue to exist and be enjoyed by ourselves and our future generations.

The Youth Hunting and Fishing Exchange Program embraces the heritage and culture of hunting and fishing in Atlantic Canada and encourages our youth to become involved in conservation awareness in our own communities. Through their participation in programs like the Firearms Safety/Hunter Education Course, young people, age 12 to 17, can also win an opportunity to experience other cultures and lifestyles involving hunting and fishing in our neighbouring provinces.



NL Youth Exchange winner Curtis Glover and his dad Clayton, and PEI Conservation Officer/Exchange Coordinator, John Clements (centre).

This year's youth hunting and fishing exchange between Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador proved to be another great success thanks to the many supporters and sponsors. Newfoundland winner, Curtis Glover, age 16, from Trinity, Bonavista Bay was accompanied by his dad, Clayton, on a Canada Goose hunt in PEI during October 2002. They both had an exceptional visit in PEI and were highly appreciative of the hospitality given by their hosts and to the people involved in making the trip happen, especially to the Newfoundland and Labrador Outfitters Association for arranging their return air travel. Likewise, PEI's exchange winner, Nathan Whelan, age 14, accompanied by his mom and two siblings also experienced an unforgettable salmon fishing adventure and enjoyed a cozy stay at the Tuckamore Lodge on the Northern Peninsula in July 2002. Both events were well supported and generated considerable awareness to the Exchange Program and to the types of hunting and fishing opportunities available in the provinces involved. **Major sponsors for the 2002 Exchange include; Newfoundland and Labrador Outfitters Association and Air Canada Jazz, Barb Genge-Owner/Operator of Tuckamore Lodge, The Newfoundland Sportsman Magazine, Partridge Forever Society, Complete Gunsmithing Services, Lomer and Donna MacDonald (PEI), Newfoundland and Labrador - Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation and Prince Edward Island - Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Environment.**

Plans are currently underway for the **2003 Atlantic Province's Youth Hunting & Fishing Exchange Program** and will involve a similar exchange between Newfoundland and Labrador and Prince Edward Island.

Newfoundland and Labrador Contest Entry Rules

- Open to all residents between the age of 12 and 17 and who have completed the Firearms Safety/Hunter Education Course or other sponsored events (ie. hunter awareness workshops) between July 2002 and June 2003.
- The winner must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is lawfully entitled to possess and use firearms and is lawfully qualified to hunt.
- The winner will be drawn in July 2003 and must be able to confirm their participation within 14 days of being notified as the winner. Otherwise, a second draw will occur and a new winner will be selected.

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