

Sample agenda for Deer Steward I Course

Day One

5:00 pm Registration

6:00 pm Dinner

Day Two

7:00 am Breakfast on your own

8:00 am Late Registration

8:30 am Welcome & Opening Remarks

Session I – History, Biology, and Ecology

8:45 am History of White-tailed Deer Restoration and Management

9:15 am Whitetail Biology and Behavior

10:15 am **BREAK**

10:30 am Senses and Communication

12:00 pm **LUNCH**

1:00 pm Food Habits of the Whitetail

2:00 pm Population Dynamics, Diseases, Predators and other Mortality Factors

3:00 pm **BREAK**

Session II – Herd Management

3:15 pm Antlered Buck Management

4:00 pm Antler Growth, Genetics and Culling

5:00 pm **BREAK**

- 5:15 pm Antlerless Deer Management
6:00 pm Discussion Period – Questions & Answers
7:00 pm **DINNER**

Day Three

- 7:00 am Breakfast on your own

Session III – Habitat Management

- 8:00 am Timber Management
9:00 am Natural Vegetation Management
10:00 am **BREAK**
10:15 am Food Plot Management
11:15 am Minerals and Supplemental Feeding
12:00 pm **LUNCH**

Session IV – Hunter Management

- 1:00 pm Managing Hunters, Hunter Expectations, Hunting Pressure, and Maximizing Hunter Success
2:00 pm Managing Poaching, Trespassing & Liability

Session V – Herd Monitoring

- 2:15 pm Survey Techniques for White-tailed Deer
3:00 pm **BREAK**
3:15 pm Harvest Data Collection and Interpretation

Session VI – Sources of Assistance

- 4:00 pm State, Federal, and University Extension Programs and Resources
4:30 pm **BREAK**

Session VII - Testing

- 4:45 pm Test Review / Q&A
- 5:00 pm Test (to be completed individually or in small groups in approximately 1 hour)
- 7:00 pm Dinner followed by Graduation Ceremony and a Shoot-From-The-Hip session

Day Four (*Optional – may depart on previous evening if necessary*)

Session VIII – Demonstration

- 7:00 am Breakfast on your own
- 8:00 am Depart for Field Tour
- 11:30 am Return from Field Tour
- 12:00 pm Depart for home