



ATCHAFALAYA DELTA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (ADWMA)

2017 YOUTH LOTTERY DEER HUNTS

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

2415 Darnall Road

New Iberia, La. 70560



The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) will provide deer hunting opportunities for youths on two hunts, October 14-15, 2017 and October 21-22, 2017. Youth hunters will be selected by computerized lottery drawing and will be informed by letter permit. Selected youth hunters will be allowed to hunt from approximately 3:30 p.m. until ½ hour after official sunset on the first day, and from ½ hour before sunrise until 9:00 a.m. on the second day of each hunt.

Please remember: LDWF will provide some accommodations for the youth hunts. LDWF staff will provide UTV transportation on Big Island and furnish deer stands for the hunts. Selected youth hunters and chaperones will be required to utilize LDWF hunting accommodations. Hunters will not be allowed to provide their own stands and will not be allowed to access LDWF deer stands by foot. Participants must provide their own boats, camping equipment, food/drinks, firearms, and gear.

REQUIREMENTS

- Provide all of the youth’s information requested below and return the application to LDWF, Attention: ADWMA Youth Deer Hunt (2415 Darnall Rd., New Iberia, LA 70560) **no later than September 1, 2017.**
- Specify first and second choices of hunt dates. If you can only hunt one of the two dates, only request those dates.
- Only youths between the ages of 8 and 17 are permitted to participate.
- Attach a copy of the applicant’s “hunter safety certification” or “proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course.” Hunters that are between 8 and 15 years of age can still participate if they have not completed a safety course. However, a copy of the accompanying adult supervisor’s “hunter safety certification” or “proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course” or copy of “valid hunting license” must be attached to the application.
- Hunters that are 16-17 years of age must be properly licensed. 16-17 year old applicants only need to submit a copy of their “hunter safety certification” or “proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course” with this application. However, they will be required to show their hunting licenses before the hunt.
- Attach a \$5.00 check or money order made payable to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (non-refundable administrative fee) to this application.
- Please provide proof of age (birth certificate, student ID card, etc.) for the applicant if their hunter safety certification is not submitted with the application!
- Only one (1) youth’s name on an application – applications must be submitted separately.
- Only one (1) application per youth – submission of more than one application for a youth shall disqualify the applicant.
- Each selected youth hunter must be accompanied by one (1) adult 18 years of age or older. This includes hunters between the ages of 12-17. Only one adult per hunter is permitted.
- Regardless of license status, all hunters must provide deer tags for the hunt.
- See Provisions and Requirements for additional information.
- **Failure to provide all information, required attachments, or fees will void the application.**

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ MI: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE (HOME): _____ (MOBILE): _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ (proof of age required!)

CHAPERONE’S NAME / PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

OCTOBER 14-15, 2017 _____ **OCTOBER 21-22, 2017** _____

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2017 YOUTH LOTTERY DEER HUNTS PROVISIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

A Couple Important Provisions (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY):

1. Be advised that ADWMA is accessible only by water (i.e., by boat). It is only accessible via the Atchafalaya River which is a major navigation channel which is heavily used by crewboats and other large vessels used to navigate the deeper waters of the Gulf of Mexico. If you are selected for one of the youth hunts, you will be required to provide your own boat transportation to and from ADWMA and must have an adequate vessel to safely navigate the Atchafalaya River. You will also be required to navigate to and from the Big Island on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Please make sure you are comfortable/experienced with nighttime navigation and have all appropriate equipment (running lights, spotlights, GPS, communications, etc.) working properly.
2. Please be aware that LDWF will provide some accommodations for the 2017 youth hunts. LDWF will provide deer stands and vehicle transportation on Big Island for the hunts. All participants must utilize the LDWF furnished stands and transportation.
3. Participants are responsible for providing their own lodging, clothing, food/drinks, weapon/ammunition, foul weather gear, etc.

Hunt Details:

LDWF will provide deer hunting opportunities for **UP TO 15 YOUTHS ON EACH OF THE TWO, 2-DAY HUNTS (Oct. 14-15 and Oct. 21-22, 2017)**. Youth hunters will be selected by electronic lottery drawing and will be issued a letter permit indicating dates and a hunting location for the weekend. Youth hunters will only be selected for one of the two weekends. Selected youth hunters will be allowed to hunt from approximately 3:30 p.m. until ½ hour after official sunset on the first day and from ½ hour before sunrise until 9:00 a.m. on the second day. Hunters and chaperones must attend a mandatory safety meeting and hunt briefing at 1:30 p.m. on the Saturday of the youth hunt weekends. The meetings will be held at the ADWMA Headquarters Facility.

Only youths who are between 8 and 17 years of age may participate in the hunts. To be eligible to participate, the enclosed application must be completely filled out; including name, address, telephone, and date of birth of the youth applicant. Proof of age is required. Examples of proof of age include birth certificates, hunter safety certificates, or student identification cards. The application must have attached to it a copy of the youth's "hunter safety certification" **or** "proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course." If youth hunters under the age of 16 have not completed a safety course, they are still eligible to participate. However, a copy of the **accompanying** adult supervisor's "hunter safety certification" **or** "proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course", **or** copy of "valid hunting license" must be attached to the application. All youth hunters 16-17 years of age must be properly licensed. Applications must also include a **\$5.00 administrative fee** (check or money order made payable to Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries). This administrative fee is non-refundable.

Applications that are not 100% complete and do not have all required attachments and fees will not be processed for consideration in the lottery drawing. Applications must be submitted individually - only one youth's name per application. Only one application can be submitted per youth. The submission of more than one application for a youth hunter shall disqualify the applicant.

The completed application, with the required attachments, must be received at the address below by the “close of business” on Friday, September 1, 2017. A lottery drawing will be held after September 1 and selected applicants will be informed by “letter permit”. This letter permit will not be transferable and must be in the hunter’s possession while on the area on the days of the hunts.

Each youth hunter selected must be accompanied by one (1) adult supervisor, 18 years of age or older (including hunters that are 12-17 years of age). Adults may not possess a firearm during the hunting trip. Youth hunters may possess only one legal firearm while hunting. The supervising adult must be within “arms reach” of the youth at all times. The adult may supervise only one (1) youth during the hunt.

It is a law in Louisiana that all deer hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain deer tags and have them in their possession while hunting deer. Thus, deer tags must be obtained to participate in the ADWMA youth hunts as well.

Hunters and adult supervisors must provide provisions to overnight on or adjacent to ADWMA. Participants can tent camp in the designated camping area, stay in houseboats that are properly permitted, or stay in camps adjacent to ADWMA. Travel to and from Berwick is not recommended. Please be sure to bring all required gear for the weekend (tent, food, soft drinks, bug repellent, hunter orange/blaze pink, firearm, etc.). NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE ALLOWED for anyone participating in youth hunt events.

More details about the hunts will be provided in the letter permit issued to the selected applicants (schedule for the event, rules for accessing hunting locations, types of firearms permitted, shooting hours, harvest limits, etc.). Please feel free to contact the LDWF New Iberia Office at 337-373-0032 for more details.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ADWMA YOUTH HUNTS:

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