

News Release

National Wildlife Refuge System



Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

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Potters Marsh Hunt Drawing Is July 25

The Fish and Wildlife Service has announced that the Potter's Marsh (Mississippi River Pool 13) drawing for waterfowl hunting sites will be held on Saturday, July 25, at the House of Events in Savanna IL. The House of Events is located in downtown Savanna at 108 Main Street, across from City Hall. Applications will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with the drawing to be held at 1:00 p.m. Please note the application and drawing time has changed from previous years. You must apply in person and must be present at the drawing. When your ticket is drawn in the lottery, you will select your choice from the 49 available blinds. A \$10 application fee is required. A \$100 non-refundable blind fee is charged for each applicant that receives a blind.

Applicants are required to show the following information: photo identification, 2009 Hunting or Sportsmans License, 2009 Federal waterfowl stamp, 2009 State duck stamp and a Firearm Owners Identification Card (IL residents only). Residents under 21 do not need the FOID but must be accompanied by an adult (21 or older) who has a valid card. Non-residents can provide a current year license and state stamp from their resident state. Applicants must be a minimum 16 years old.

Interested hunters may contact the Refuge Office at 815-273-2732 for an application and regulations or stop in the office. Information can also be obtained at <http://midwest.fws.gov/UpperMississippiRiver> website. The Refuge Office is located at 7071 Riverview Road, Thomson, IL (approximately 4 miles south of Savanna off of Hwy 84, behind Metform).

The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge is the most visited refuge in the United States. The refuge extends 261 miles along the Upper Mississippi River from Wabasha MN to Princeton, IA, protecting and preserving habitat for migratory birds, fish, and a variety of other wildlife. This 240,000 acre refuge was established in 1924.
