

# News Release

## *National Wildlife Refuge System*



### Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

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#### LOST MOUND YOUTH DEER HUNT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 24

The US Fish and Wildlife Service has announced that the application deadline for the Youth Deer Hunt on the Lost Mound Unit (former Savanna Army Depot) of Upper Miss Refuge is 4:00PM on September 24. Applications are available at the Refuge Office located at 7071 Riverview Road, Thomson IL 61285 and can be dropped off or mailed to the office. A random drawing for the 15 hunt sites will be held at the office at 10AM on September 25 and is open to the public. The youth hunt dates are October 10-11.

All selected youth hunters are required to have an adult attendant capable of tracking and retrieving deer. A third non-hunting attendant is allowed for each youth hunter. A mandatory orientation and safety training program for the youth and their attendants will be held at the Refuge Office on October 3 from 9:00 am to 2pm. For additional information, call the office at 815-273-2732.

Wildlife Refuge Manager Ed Britton advised "The special youth deer hunt is conducted within the Closed Areas of the Lost Mound Unit where public hunting is restricted. The deer population in this area is high and provides a great opportunity for youth hunters."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System which encompasses 550 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas.

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