

## Frequently Asked Hunting Questions

**1. Q:** How do I apply to get a hunting spot?

**A:** For the Sacramento, Delevan and Colusa NWRs you have three options: you can apply for a reservation through Department of Fish and Game, you can register for the lottery the evening before the hunt day between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. or you can obtain a first-come, first-serve number after 8:00 p.m. the night before the hunt day. For Sutter NWR you can apply for a reservation through DFG or obtain a first-come, first-serve number starting at 6:00 p.m. the day before the hunt day.

**2. Q:** How many people can get on a reservation, lottery and first-come, first-serve?

**A:**

	<b>Sacramento NWR</b>	<b>Delevan NWR</b>	<b>Colusa NWR</b>	<b>Sutter NWR</b>
<b>Reservation</b>	4 people per reservation	4 people per reservation	2 adult hunters per reservation, plus 2 junior hunters or two non-shooters or one of each per adult hunter (max of 6)	2 adult hunters per reservation, plus 2 junior hunters or two non-shooters or one of each per adult hunter (max of 6)
<b>Lottery</b>	4 people per card	4 people per card	4 people per card	n/a
<b>First-come, first-serve</b>	Each person has to be present to receive a number. However, adults can get a number for a junior hunter.	Each person has to be present to receive a number. However, adults can get a number for a junior hunter.	Each person has to be present to receive a number. However, adults can get a number for a junior hunter.	Each person has to be present to receive a number. However, adults can get a number for a junior hunter.

### Hunting Times

**3. Q:** When do reservations begin to get called on the morning of the hunt day?

**A:** Sacramento NWR starts 2 ½ hours before shoot time and 2 hours before shoot time at Delevan, Colusa and Sutter NWRs.

**4. Q:** When do they stop doing refills for the hunt areas?

**A:** No entry permits are issued after 3:00 p.m.

### Hunters with Disabilities

**5. Q:** If I have a reservation in the disabled reservation drawing, do I have to use the disabled hunting areas?

**A:** Yes, through a disabled reservation system you are limited to those facilities.

## **Junior Hunters**

**6. Q:** Does the adult whom accompanies a junior hunter need to have a hunting license?

**A:** No.

**7. Q:** Can hunters that are 16 and 17 years old hunt by themselves?

**A:** Yes, they may hunt by themselves but may not be accompanied by junior hunters.

**8. Q:** If I'm a junior hunter and I have a reservation for an in-season junior hunt through the Sacramento NWRC can I bring a fellow junior hunter with me under my reservation?

**A:** If you get a reservation for the junior hunt at Sacramento or Delevan you **can** bring another junior hunter with you. If you get a reservation for the junior hunt at Llano Seco Ranch you **can not** bring another junior hunter with you. Note that there are only two junior hunters allowed per adult.

**9. Q:** If I'm a junior hunter and I turn 16 during the hunting season can I still be eligible for the in-season junior hunts through the Sacramento NWRC?

**A:** For the in-season junior hunts at Sacramento and Delevan NWRs and Llano Saco Ranch juniors that possess a valid junior hunting license may apply. Junior hunters who turn 16 during the season or prior to the hunt must possess a Federal Duck Stamp. All juniors must have a Harvest Information Program (HIP) stamp.

**10. Q:** If I'm a junior hunter and I turn 16 during the hunting season can I still be eligible for the post-season youth hunts?

**A:** No, only juniors 15 years and younger may apply for the post-season hunts. Juniors who possess a junior hunting license, but turn 16 years old prior to the post-season hunts are not eligible to apply. There will be post-season youth hunts during Youth Hunting Days at Sacramento, Delevan and Colusa NWRs. Hunters may apply through the Department of Fish and Game waterfowl hunting reservation process.

## **Pheasant Hunting**

**11. Q:** If I have a reservation and I want to hunt pheasants, which doesn't start until 8:00 a.m., do I still need to be there prior to shoot time?

**A:** Yes, reservations must be presented at the check station at least 1 ½ hours before shoot time at Sacramento NWR and 1 hour before shoot time at Delevan, Colusa and Sutter NWRs.

**12. Q:** Can I hunt pheasants from an assigned pond?

**A:** No, except on the first Monday of pheasant season. See California Regulation book under specific hunt area for more details.

If you have **addition questions** please contact the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex at 530-934-2801.