

SANTEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE 2009 BLUFF UNIT DEER HUNTS

BLUFF UNIT DEER HUNTS - GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Santee NWR will be hosting two special quota deer hunts on the Bluff Unit this fall. Legal weapons for these hunts include muzzle loading rifles (black powder rifles) or shotguns with slugs. The hunts will be afternoon hunts only and up to 12 applicants will be randomly selected for each hunt date. To be eligible, each child must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years old with a valid hunting license and hunter education card. Fixed, two-person ladder stands will be provided for hunters and, both the youth and accompanying adult will hunt from the same stand. Special Hunt applications are available for downloading at the links provided below or by calling or writing the Refuge office: Santee NWR, 2125 Fort Watson Rd. Summerton, SC 29148 (803) 478-2217. See below for details of each special hunt.

SANTEE NWR BLUFF UNIT YOUTH HUNTS

Santee NWR will be hosting two days of special youth hunts on the Bluff Unit. The two dates, Sept 25 and Sept 26, 2009 will be traditional Youth-only (age 10-17) hunts. During these two dates, only the youth may possess a firearm and harvest a deer. Accompanying adults are prohibited from possessing or discharging a firearm during the Youth-only hunts. For Youth-only Hunt applications, print application form as displayed, complete and return to Refuge Headquarters by September 15, 2009. For Youth Hunt application Forms, click here:

<http://www.fws.gov/santee/pdf/SanteeNWRYouthHuntForm.pdf>

FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND KIDS HUNTS

In addition to the customary Youth-only hunt, the Santee NWR will be holding 4 more days of adult-child hunts on Oct 2, 3, 16 and 17, 2009. These special hunts, called "Family, Friends, and Kids" are an effort to encourage adults to share an outdoor experience with kids by bringing a child hunting with them. The following rules apply for the special Family, Friends, and Kids hunt:

- Eligible hunters must include a party of one adult and one youth.
- Both the adult and youth may possess a firearm and harvest deer during the Family, Friends, and Kids hunt, if qualified.
- For the child to harvest a deer, they must be between 10-17 years of age, have a valid hunter education certificate, and be accompanied by an adult.
- Children under 10 years of age or without a valid hunter education certificate are still welcome to participate, but will not be allowed to possess or discharge a firearm. However, adults may harvest deer.

For Family, Friends and Kids Hunt applications, print application form as displayed, complete and return to Refuge Headquarters by September 15, 2009. For Family, Friends, and Kids Hunt application Forms, click here:

<http://www.fws.gov/santee/pdf/SanteeNWRFamilyFriendsKidsForm.pdf>