



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge 2024 Youth Turkey Hunt & Learn Weekend

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge, in partnership with the National Wild Turkey Federation, will hold its annual Youth Turkey Hunt & Learn Weekend **March 15, 16 & 17, 2024**. This structured, educational hunting event focuses on the development of turkey hunting skills and conservation knowledge. Participating youth will have the opportunity to be involved in a variety of skill-based and conservation-focused programs throughout the weekend.

No prior turkey hunting experience is required to participate, and loaner hunting equipment (including guns) will be available on a first-come, first serve basis.

All instructional programs will be conducted at refuge facilities. All hunting will take place on refuge lands located along the Savannah River.

Specific details on the location(s) and logistics of the hunt days will be provided to successfully drawn youth hunters upon notification of being drawn.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All selected youth hunters and their guardians must arrive at the Savannah NWR Visitor Center (694 Beech Hill Lane) Friday, March 15, 2024, between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. for check-in, followed by evening programs and activities.

Each youth hunter must be accompanied by one adult supervisor. Adult supervisors will not be allowed to hunt and do not need a hunting license.

During the hunt, each youth hunter, along with their mentor and guardian, will be placed in one of ten pre-determined sites on the refuge.

Hunters may harvest one (1) gobbler per day.

Only shotguns with #2 shot or smaller, in accordance with state regulations, will be authorized for hunt. Use of slugs or buckshot is illegal during the turkey hunt.

Questions? Please contact the refuge hunt coordinator Amy Ochoa at 843-226-5738 or SavannahCoastal@fws.gov.

APPLICATION INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the following rules and regulations before completing the permit application for the Youth Hunt and Learn Weekend on Savannah National Wildlife Refuge.

The hunt will be limited to a maximum of 10 youth hunters. All applications must be received at the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex (SCRC) office by February 28, 2024, to be entered in the drawing which will be held on March 4, 2024. Successfully drawn hunters and their parent/guardian will be notified via email.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants for the Youth Hunt & Learn Weekend must be 17 years of age or younger at the dates the hunt occurs.

To Apply: Request or download the *Savannah NWR Youth Turkey Hunt & Learn Application*. Fill in the application date and all personal information requested in the attached form (name, address, phone number, email address). All other fields should be left "as is". Both youth hunter and adult guardian need to sign the application. The form may be filled out and signed electronically or printed and mailed/faxed.

Only one application may be submitted per youth hunter; applicants who apply more than once for the hunt will be rejected. Only complete and correct applications will be included in the drawing. Only selected applicants will be notified following the drawing.

Applications may be submitted via email to:

savannahcoastal@fws.gov

OR by mail to:

**Hunt Program
Savannah National Wildlife Refuge
694 Beech Hill Lane, Hardeeville, SC 29927**

Application Fee: A \$5.00 application fee will be required at time of application submission. Accepted payment methods are credit/debit cards (call 843/226-5738 to pay by phone), check or money order (made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service).

DEADLINE TO APPLY: February 28, 2024



YOUTH TURKEY HUNT & LEARN APPLICATION National Wildlife Refuge System



SAVANNAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
694 Beech Hill Lane, Hardeeville, SC 29927
(843) 226-5738 / savannahcoastal@fws.gov

Fill out all information in the form below and return to Savannah NWR Headquarters by February 28, 2024.

A \$5 application fee is due at the time application is submitted. See instructions at bottom of page for how to make payment.
The drawing for this hunt will be conducted on March 4, 2024.

Please be sure to include a VALID email address as this is how hunters and parents/guardians will be notified if selected.
For questions, please call hunt coordinator at 843-226-5738 or email SavannahCoastal@fws.gov.

Date of Application: _____

Youth Hunter Contact Information

Full Legal Name _____ Age at Time of Hunt (must be 17 or younger) _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone (Incl. Area Code) _____ Cell Phone (Incl. Area Code) _____ Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Full Legal Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Relationship to Youth _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone (Incl. Area Code) _____ Cell Phone (Incl. Area Code) _____ Email Address _____

Hunt Date

March 15, 16 & 17, 2024

I have read and understand the refuge hunt regulations and agree to abide by the regulations governing hunting on the refuge. For full refuge hunt regulations visit www.fws.gov/refuge/savannah/visit-us/activities/hunting.

Hunter Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date Received: _____ Payment Exempt/No Fee Payment Required Payment Amount: **\$5.00**

Payment Type: Personal Check Cashier's Check Money Order Other:

Notes: **To pay by credit/debit card, call Amy Ochoa at 843-226-5738. WE CANNOT ACCEPT CASH**

NOTICES

All information you provide will be considered in reviewing this application. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001).

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The information requested is authorized by the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee) as amended and the Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k – 460k-4, 640K-3, & 664).

Purpose: The collection of personal information is to verify that an individual is eligible to receive a permit to conduct monitored activity on areas within the National Wildlife Refuge System, national fish hatcheries, and other conservation areas administered by the Secretary of the Interior for fish and wildlife purposes.

Routine Uses: The individual's information will be used to verify permit status, provide permittees with permit-related information, and monitor activities conducted under a permit. This information may be shared in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and the routine uses listed in the System of Records Notices: FWS-5 National Wildlife Refuge Special Use Permits; FWS-21 Permits System; FWS-10 National Fish Hatchery Special Use Permits.

Disclosure: Providing the information is voluntary; however, as a requirement for maintaining a Federal permit under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, failure to disclose the requested information may be sufficient cause for revocation of the permit.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) to provide the refuge managers the information needed to decide whether or not to allow the requested use, and to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. The information that you provide is voluntary; however, submission of the requested information is required to evaluate the qualifications, determine eligibility, and document permit applicants. Failure to provide all required information is sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit. We may not conduct, or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this collection of information and assigned OMB Control No. 1018-0140.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email at Info_Coll@fws.gov. Please do not send your completed application to this address.

APPLICANT DOES NOT NEED TO PRINT OR RETURN THIS PAGE