Application Instructions for Waterfowl Pre-Season Youth Hunt

To hunt Modoc National Wildlife Refuge during the Waterfowl Pre-Season Youth Hunt, you must apply to hunt and be drawn in the lottery. The number of youth hunters to be drawn will be determined at the time of the lottery but will not exceed 100 hunters.

- The Waterfowl Pre-Season Youth Hunt takes place 14 days before the waterfowl hunting season opens. This year, it will take place on **September 23**rd **and 24**th.
- There is no application fee for the youth hunt. It is **FREE** to apply!
- Only hunters possessing a valid California Junior Hunting License may apply. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult (18 years or older) with no more than two youth hunters per adult.
- To apply submit a **post card (3x5" index card)** that specifies "Youth Waterfowl Hunt." The card must also contain the following information:
 - Youth hunter name(s)
 - Youth hunter's date of birth
 - Mailing address
 - Name and contact information of parent/guardian
 - Parent/guardian must sign the card as authorization to apply
 - Optional: If you are specifically interested in the Grandma Tract, please specify that on the card.
- If the youth hunter has any handicap accessibility needs, please call the Refuge at 530.233.3572.
- You can mail the card to Modoc National Wildlife Refuge, PO Box 1610 Alturas, CA 96101, or you can deliver the card to our visitor center at 5364 County Road 115 Alturas, CA 96101.
- Cards must be received by August 15, 2023, to be considered.
- Successful applicants will be notified by mail and receive a Youth Hunt Permit. The permit is good for both days of the weekend. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified.
- If you have any questions, please call the Refuge at 530.233.3572. Good Luck!