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Santee NWR Bluff Unit, Family, Friends and Kids Hunt: October 8 - 9, 2022 (mornings) and October 21 - 22, 2022 (evenings)

We are continuing our “Family, Friends and Kids Hunt” to encourage adults to bring a kid hunting with them. All interested hunters must complete a Quota Deer Hunt Application to participate in this special hunt at Santee NWR. Applications can be obtained from the Refuge Visitor Center, or you may write, email, or call to receive one. Applications must be completed and returned to the Refuge by September 12, 2022. Up to 12 applicants will be randomly selected for each of the 4 hunt dates.

The following rules apply for the “Family, Friends, and Kids Hunt:

- To be eligible, each hunting party must include a youth (17 years of age or younger) and an adult at least 21 years old with a valid hunting license. Anyone born after June 30, 1979 must complete a hunter education course to hunt/discharge a weapon on the Refuge, including youth under the age of 17
- Both the adult and youth may possess a firearm and harvest deer (see more information below); hunters are also permitted to take feral hogs as an incidental take
- For youth 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. Youth ages 16 or 17 must be properly licensed
- Youth under 10 years of age, or older youth without a valid hunter education certificate are welcome to participate, but will not be allowed to possess or discharge a firearm
- Valid hunting license and hunter education card (if required) should be in the hunter’s possession while hunting on the Refuge
- Legal weapons for these hunts include muzzleloaders or shotguns with slugs
- Fixed, two-person ladder stands will be provided for hunters with both the youth and accompanying adult hunting from the same stand. Travel to and from the designated deer stands may be provided by refuge staff; all hunters will be required to stay in their respective stands until the end of the hunt period around noon
- Items you will need to bring include: a shotgun with slug ammunition or a muzzleloader, bug spray, flashlight, an orange hat, and vest, hunting license if you are age 16 and older, and proof of hunter education. If a hunter does not bring the proper orange required, they will not be permitted to hunt
- All participants must check-in at the Refuge Visitor Center by 5:30 a.m. on October 8/9 and by 2:30 p.m. on October 21/22. If you are not present, your space will be given to standby hunters. The Visitor Center is located at 2125 Fort Watson Rd. Summerton, SC 29148, 8 miles south of Summerton on Hwy. 15/301 (I-95, exit 102)

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