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Youth Hunt Planned for Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge

Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge will host its seventh Youth Lottery Waterfowl Hunt. The lottery is open to hunters 10–15 years of age. The youth hunts are scheduled on Saturdays and selected school holidays within the western zone Louisiana waterfowl-hunting season, November 4, 2006 to January 20, 2007. Three hunters (an adult 21 years of age or older, youth applicant and youth guest) are allowed in each of the five fiberglass pit blinds as specified below. Decoys are provided. State set daily bag limits apply.

Youth hunter applicants and their youth guest must be 10-15 years of age by October 20, 2006. One adult will supervise no more than two youth hunters. Youth hunters and supervisors born after September 1, 1969, are required to possess a Louisiana Hunter Safety Certification card or equivalent from another state prior to application. If course has been taken and the card has not been received please send a copy of certification completion.

To apply, please submit ONE 3 x 5 index card to Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge 1428 Highway 27, Bell City, LA 70630, by close of business on Friday, October 20, 2006, with the following information:

Adult name, age, address, and telephone number.

Youth applicant name, age, and hunter safety certification number.

Youth guest name, age, and hunter safety certification number.

The date for which you are applying and TWO alternate dates (Individuals submitting more than one card will be disqualified from the drawing).

The 15 available hunt dates for the 2006-2007 Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge youth hunt are November 4*,11,18,22,and 25 (2006), December 2, 16,20,23,26,28, and 30 (2006), and January 6, 13, and 20 (2007). * Youth only hunt on youth waterfowl day. Adults must supervise youth, but adults cannot hunt on this date. Except for the youth only hunt, the adult hunter will be allowed to harvest a limit of waterfowl in compliance with state law, youth hunters must harvest their own limit.

Successful applicants will receive a permit in the mail by early-November. For more information regarding the youth hunt program you may visit the refuge headquarters at 1428 Highway 27, Bell City, LA 70630, call 337-598-2216, or download the refuge hunting regulations from our website at: http://www.fws.gov/southeast/pubs/SWLcomplex_hunt.pdf .

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