

News Release

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Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge Taking Youth/Senior Waterfowl Lottery Hunt Applications

Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge will be hosting its 6th annual Youth/Senior Lottery Duck Hunts. The lottery is open to hunters 10 - 15 years old (youth hunts) and seniors age 55 and older (senior hunts). Youth hunts are scheduled on Saturdays and Senior hunts on Wednesdays during the second split (West Zone) of the Louisiana Duck Season, December 16, 2006 to January 21, 2007. Three hunters are allowed in each of the four available blinds, as specified below.

Youth hunter applicants and the youth guest who hunts must be both 10 - 15 years of age by October 15, 2006. All selected youth hunters and youth guests must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older as of October 15, 2006 to access the hunt area.

To apply, please include the following information on a plain sheet of paper:

Permit Type: Youth Hunt

Youth Applicant's Name, Address, Phone Number and Age as of Oct. 15, 2006

Youth Applicant's Hunter Safety I.D. Number: _____

Adult Supervisor and Youth Guest Names, Addresses, Phone Numbers, and Ages as of Oct. 15, 2006 and

Youth Guest's Hunter Safety I.D. Number: _____

Dates Preferred (first and second choice)

All participants may harvest the legal limit of waterfowl during the lottery hunt. Dates for the youth hunts are December 16, 23, and 30 (2006), and January 6, 13, and 20 (2007). Applicants will be randomly selected for each of the above dates.

Senior hunt applicants must be 55 years of age by October 15, 2006 and are permitted to bring two guests, one of which must be a senior 55 years old or older or a 10 - 15 year old youth and a second guest of any age.

To apply, please include the following information on a plain sheet of paper:

Permit Type: Senior Hunt

Senior Applicant's Name, Address, Phone Number and Age as of Oct. 15, 2006

Youth or Senior Guest's Name, Address, Phone Number, and Age as of Oct. 15, 2006

Second Guest's Name, Address and Phone Number

Dates Preferred (first and second choice)

Youth hunter's safety I.D. Number (if applicable)

All participants in the senior hunt may harvest the legal limit of waterfowl. Dates for the senior hunts are December 20 and 27 (2006) and January 3, 10, and 17 (2007). Applicants will be randomly selected for each of the above dates.

Mail your application to:
Lacassine NWR
209 Nature Road
Lake Arthur, LA. 70549

If you wish, you may submit your application in person to the above address at Lacassine Refuge Headquarters. No phone applications will be accepted. Applications must be received by 4:30 p.m., Friday, October 13, 2006. If the required information is not provided, the applicant will be ineligible for the drawing.

A public drawing to select lottery Youth/Senior hunters will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at the Lacassine Refuge Headquarters, 7 miles west of Lake Arthur on Highway 14, and 5 miles south on Highway 3056. All applicants will be notified of the results of the drawing in writing by November.

For additional information come by the Refuge Headquarters located at the end of Highway 3056 (209 Nature Road), phone 337-774-5923 from 7:30 to 4:00 Monday through Friday, or email: fw4rwlacassine@fws.gov.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System that encompasses more than 540 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands, and other special management areas. It also operates 70 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resource offices and 78 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. The agency also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

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