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LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE ANNOUNCES Managed Hunt Area (Duck Pond) call for Applicants

For the 2006-2007 hunt season, the Refuge will institute and administer managed waterfowl hunts in an area of the refuge known as the Duck Pond. Hunts in this area will be available only through a lottery drawing. Hunters (applicants) must be 21 years of age or older as of Oct. 15 to apply. Those selected will be allowed to bring two guests. Selected applicants will be allowed to hunt one day per season. Hunting in this area will be allowed on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the 60-day season. A special permit will be issued to selected applicants.

Applicants must submit their name, age as of Oct. 15, 2006, address, telephone number and day preference 1st and 2nd choice (dates). **Available dates are November 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, and 29 (2006), December 2, 16, 20, 23, 27, and 30 (2006), and January 3, 6, 10, 13, 17 and 20 (2007).** Applications must be received by the Refuge office or delivered in person by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 13, 2006 to be considered. Each applicant may only submit one application, if more than one application is submitted the applicant will be disqualified for the drawing. No phone applications will be accepted. If the required information is not provided, the applicant will be ineligible for the drawing. A public drawing to select lottery hunters will be held 1 p.m., Thursday, October 19, 2006 at the Refuge Headquarters. Successful applicants will be notified by mail.

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

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

Applicant's Hunter Safety I.D. Number (if applicable): _____

Youth Guest's Hunter Safety I.D. Number (if applicable): _____

Preferred Dates (first and second choice)

Mail application to:

Lacassine NWR

209 Nature Road

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