APPLICATION

2012 YOUTH UPLAND GAME WORKSHOP and PHEASANT HUNT
BITTER LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

NAME	Last:	First:	MI:
MAILING ADDRESS	Street or P.O. Box:		
	City:	State:	Zip Code:
PHONE NUMBER			
NAME- ACCOMPANYING ADULT	Last:	First:	MI:

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge my awareness of and approve my child's application to be entered for drawing for the Bitter Lake NWR Youth Upland Workshop and Pheasant Hunt. I also certify that the applicant will be younger than 18 years of age on December 1, 2012 and agree that we will participate in the entire workshop on that day.

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Signature: Parent or Legal Guardian

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Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge is hosting an all day upland game workshop and pheasant hunt for youths 17 years of age or younger on December 1, 2012. The event focus is to educate young outdoor enthusiasts on the heritage of upland game hunting, habitat conservation, upland game ecology and hunting ethics. The workshop and hunt offers opportunities to learn from experts in the fields of upland conservation, biology and hunting.

Youths drawn for this hunt will first participate in an upland hunting workshop beginning with a free breakfast at **5:30 a.m.** at Bitter Lake NWR Visitor Center, east of Roswell, NM. The workshop will include topics such as the National Wildlife Refuge System's role in wildlife habitat conservation, upland game hunting culture and heritage, safety, bird identification and field dressing. Following the workshop, the hunt will begin at approximately 10:00 a.m. at the refuge South Tract. Experienced upland hunting mentors/guides will be available to assist youth hunters throughout the workshop and during the hunt to assist with safety, game habits, game retrieval, and/or provide advice.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE YOUTH UPLAND WORKSHOP AND PHEASANT HUNT:
The Youth Upland Workshop and Pheasant Hunt at Bitter Lake NWR is a permit only event. Applications must be received or postmarked no later than October 31, 2012. A total of 16 youth permits will be issued. Hunters are selected by public drawing. Fill out the attached application to participate in the drawing. Applications will be accepted by youths who are younger than 18 years of age who have passed a Hunter Education course (proof must be provided). Hunting conditions may be fairly rigorous (tall, heavy cover, etc.) and it is suggested (not required) that applicants be at least 11 years old. Successful applicants will be notified by phone no later than November 14, 2012.

Each person can only apply once. If a person's name appears on more than one application, those applications will be voided. A maximum of 16 youth permits will be issued. Each permit is valid for this workshop/hunt only.

HUNTER INFORMATION: For additional information contact: (575) 625-4009 or 625-401012

1. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a non hunting parent or legal guardian. **ONLY** the youths issued a hunting permit and their respective parent/legal-guardian will be allowed to participate in activities associated with the workshop and hunt.
2. **Hunters must report to the refuge Visitor Center by 5:30 am on December 3** and participate during the entire workshop to be eligible to hunt.
3. The bag limit is 3 male pheasant. A bag limit of 15 quail may also be taken during the hunt. **All other wildlife species are protected.**
4. Only non-toxic shot may be used (or possessed) while hunting on Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS: *Youth must bring valid proof of the following*

1. New Mexico Department of Game and Fish small game or general hunting license.
2. Hunter Education certificate.

LEGAL SPORTING ARMS:
Pheasant and Quail may be taken with shotguns no larger than 10 gauge holding no more than 3 non-toxic shells.

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge
Attn: Youth Workshop
4200 East Pine Lodge Road
Roswell, NM 88201