



**HOW TO APPLY FOR THE BOSQUE DEL
APACHE NWR YOUTH ONLY
LIGHT GOOSE HUNT**



**YOUTH ONLY LIGHT GOOSE HUNT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 2014**

Applications are available at:

http://www.fws.gov/refuge/bosque_del_apache/visit/activities/hunt.html

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge offers hunts for light geese on select days within the Light Goose Conservation Order. 'Light geese' are defined as snow, blue-phase snow, and Ross's goose. This hunting opportunity provides wildlife dependent recreational use while contributing to the overall goal of reducing of light goose populations as part of the Light Goose Conservation Order.

The Youth Light Goose Hunt at Bosque del Apache NWR is a permit only hunt open to hunters age 17 and younger. Permits are issued following a lottery drawing of submitted applications. To participate in the drawing hunters must fill out a 2014 Youth Light Goose Hunt Application Form, available on the refuge website or in the visitor center. Up to three youth hunters may apply together as a group. Each individual within the group must submit an individual application. Group applications can be sent together or mailed individually with a note indicating the names of the other hunters you want to apply with. Applying as a group does not increase or decrease the odds of being drawn. Each person may submit only one application per year for the Youth Light Goose Hunt. Youth hunters may apply separately for the General Light Goose Hunt, and apply as a standby hunter during the General Light Goose Hunt.

Applications must be postmarked by January 17, 2014. The drawing for hunts will be held January 21, 2014. Notification letters (permits) to successful hunters will be emailed or mailed by January 23, 2014. Unsuccessful applicants may come to the visitor center on each hunt day two hours before sunrise to apply for any unfilled blinds as a standby hunter.

HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Fill in the information boxes. Please provide the name and contact information both the youth hunter and the parent or guardian of the hunter (this helps the Hunt Coordinator make expedient notification of draw results).
2. Have both youth hunter and parent/guardian sign application

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT TO:

Bosque del Apache NWR
Attn: Sean Brophy, Hunt Program Coordinator
PO Box 280
San Antonio, NM 87832

HUNTER INFORMATION:

1. All Federal and State hunting regulations and license requirements apply. Please refer to the New Mexico Small Game Rules and Hunting information booklet for a complete list of these regulations, available at <<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us>>.
2. For hunters possessing a Handicapped Game License requesting assistance with access to the hunting area, please select the 'Hunter with Disability' option on the application.
3. All wildlife species other than light geese are protected.
4. Youth hunters 17 years of age or younger must hunt under the supervision of an adult.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS HUNT:

1. New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Junior Game Hunting License.
2. Migratory Bird Permit (HIP) Number
3. Signed Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp) for hunters over 16 years of age.
4. Light Goose Conservation Order Permit. This permit is available free from the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish <http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us>.
5. Light Goose Hunting Permit issued by Refuge
Note- Successful Hunter Letter will serve as the permit for those participating in the application process. Standby hunters that can be placed into a hunting area will be issued a permit following payment of \$6 application fee on morning of hunts.

For additional Information contact Hunt Program Coordinator Sean Brophy at (575) 835-1828 ext. 231 or <Sean_Brophy@fws.gov>.

