



BOSQUE DEL APACHE NWR
2014 YOUTH SPRING TURKEY HUNT
APPLICATION INFORMATION

ABOUT THE HUNT

The Youth Spring Turkey Hunt is a high quality guided hunting opportunity for hunters under 18 years of age. The hunt provides a unique opportunity for young hunters to experience the excitement of hunting this wary and challenging native species of New Mexico. The goal of the hunt is more than just harvesting a bird. The hunt focuses on teaching young hunters safe and ethical hunting practices and the art of setting up blinds, decoys and calling turkeys. All hunters must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE YOUTH SPRING TURKEY HUNT:

This hunt opportunity is a permit only hunt. Youth hunters are selected by a lottery drawing of submitted applications. Please fill out the attached application (FWS Form 3-2356) to participate in the drawing. Applications are available at:

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

Only one application per hunter may be submitted. Completed applications must be received by March 14, 2013.

A **\$6.00** application fee is required for each application and must accompany each application returned to the refuge. Make checks or money orders (no cash) payable to: US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Five permits will be issued for the 2013 BDANWR Youth Spring Turkey Hunt. One permit for one hunter will be issued for each of the following hunts: *Hunt 1*: April 12-13, *Hunt 2*: April 19-20, *Hunt 3*: April 26-27, *Hunt 4*: May 3-4 and *Hunt 5* (May 8-9). Applicants may list the date of the specific hunt choice when submitting their application; however, the Refuge reserves the right to assign selected applicants available hunt dates. Permits may not be transferred to another person or hunt dates changed. Letters to successful applicants will be mailed by the week of March 24, 2014.

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH \$6.00 APPLICATION FEE TO:

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

For additional information contact: Sean Brophy, Hunt Program Coordinator (575) 835-1828 Extension 231 or <Sean_Brophy@fws.gov>.

HUNTER INFORMATION:

- Only the selected youth hunter and their parent/legal guardian will be allowed in the hunt area. The hunter and guardian will be accompanied by a guide at all times.
- Successful hunters will receive an information packet with details about check in times, equipment to bring and other details.
- Hunters are encouraged to bring their own calls and decoys if desired. These will also be provided by your guide.
- The bag limit for the refuge hunt is one (1) bearded turkey per hunter. All other wildlife species are protected. A harvested turkey will be counted toward the state bag limit of 2 bearded turkeys during the spring season.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Over-the-Counter Spring Turkey License
2. New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Junior Game Hunting License.

-Note from New Mexico Hunter Education Requirements:

LEGAL SPORTING ARMS:

Any shotgun, including muzzleloading shotguns using shot only; Bow and arrow or crossbow and bolt. No centerfire or rimfire rifle or handgun use is allowed. Nontoxic shot is required.

It is illegal to shoot a turkey roosting in a tree or on a structure.