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Archery Deer Hunters,

In order to continue to provide quality archery deer hunting, Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge will again be conducting a limited quota draw system to allow archery deer hunter's access to hunt on the Refuge this year.

All state of Kansas hunting regulations apply (i.e. a valid Kansas hunting license and a valid Unit 3 archery deer hunting permit are required). Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge is located in Kansas Deer Management Unit 3.

The Refuge limited quota draw application is available online at <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/kirwin>. Completed applications must be returned by August 31. The drawing will be held the first week of September. The names of the successful archery applicants will be posted online after the drawing date. Applications will be accepted electronically in 2016 as well as by mail to: Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge, 702 E Xavier Rd., Kirwin, KS 67644.

Earn-A-Buck: The archery season of 2015 was successful due to the number of does harvested as a result of the earn-a-buck requirement. All archery hunters must harvest an antlerless deer, from the Refuge, prior to harvesting an antlered deer. Plan your hunt accordingly. (Youth are not required to harvest an antlerless deer.) Multiple herds of well over 100 deer have been observed on the Refuge for the past several years. Antlerless deer must be harvested to manage a deer herd. Archers need to harvest more antlerless deer. Otherwise, other means of harvest, such as muzzleloaders and/or firearms, will be reviewed.

Special Youth and Disability Archery Deer Hunt: The Refuge will be allowing youth and persons with disabilities to archery deer hunt during the Youth and Disability deer season running from September 3rd through September 11th. There will be an unlimited number of Special Youth and Disability Permits offered for this season.

Youth Hunting Requirement: All youth hunters, who participate in either the Special Youth Archery deer hunt or the regular Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge Archery deer hunt, must be accompanied by an adult, 18 years of age or older. The accompanying adult may assist with scouting, stalking, and game retrieval, but may not participate in the actual harvest. The accompanying adult is responsible for safety and compliance for the youth hunter. It is prohibited for an adult to permit a youth hunter to violate state or federal laws or regulations while hunting at Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge.

Continued Eligibility: It will be a requirement, in order for Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge to determine quality management, to send a photo of all deer harvested and fill out a hunter survey card. All those persons chosen in the initial drawing will be required to fulfill these criteria or be removed from any future drawings.

Adults may assist other adults only with the removal of a harvested deer, unless the archer has special physical needs and prior permission is given.

Thank You,

Brad Krohn

Refuge Manager

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FWS FORM 3-2354 BIG GAME HUNT APPLICATION

1) Locate the application on the Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge Website at:
http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Kirwin/Visit/Visitor_Activities/Archery_Deer_Hunting.html

2) Click on the Archery Application Link:

Rules and Regulations for Archery Deer Hunting on the Refuge.

- All hunters must possess a valid Kansas hunting license and all the necessary stamps and/or permits as required by Federal and State laws.
- **Archery deer hunters are required to obtain a Refuge Access Permit though the Refuge's limited quota draw application process.** See [Instructions \(272 KB PDF\)](#) and [Application \(470 KB PDF\)](#) here or below. Successfully drawn archery deer hunters names will be posted on the website shortly after the close of the application process.

3) The following form will pop up:

http://cmsimage.fws.gov/net/uploadedFiles/Archery%20Application_distributed1.pdf - Windows Internet Explorer

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuge System	Big Game Hunt Application	OMB Control Number 1018-0140 Expires 4/30/2015
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Follow instructions in the refuge hunt publication; all fields may not be required.
Read and comply with all refuge regulations, including application deadlines (*August 31, 2015*, receipt date).
Applications must be printed and mailed.

1. Name of Refuge	Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge	2. Date of application	<input type="text"/>
3. Legal Name	<input type="text"/>	Area Code/Phone No.	<input type="text"/>
Mailing Address	<input type="text"/>		
City, State, ZIP	<input type="text"/>	e-mail	<input type="text"/>
4. Method	Archery	5. Species	white-tailed deer
6. Special Hunt	<input type="text"/>		
7. I have read and understand the refuge hunt regulations and agree to abide by the regulations governing hunting on the refuge.			
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
<small>Primary hunter signature (By typing your name you are agreeing to all refuge hunt regulations)</small>	<small>Guardian signature (required for hunters under 18 years of age)</small>		

4) Fill out the form as follows.

1. Date of Application: Write or type today's date
2. Contact Information: Write or type your full, legal name, mailing address, a phone number where you can usually be reached during the day, and your email address, if you have one.
3. Special Hunt: Not required for our regular season – fill this out only if you are applying for the youth and/or disabled hunt.
4. Acknowledgement and signature: Once you have completed all fields and printed the form, please sign here. Legal guardian's signature is required ONLY for hunters under the age of 18.

5) You may scan the completed form in and attach it to an email if that is most convenient for you. Our email address is kirwin@fws.gov. Otherwise, please mail the application to: Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge, 702 E Xavier Rd., Kirwin, KS 67644.