Horicon Marsh
Learn to Hunt Waterfowl Application - 2018

Sponsored by:
Ducks Unlimited, Wisconsin Waterfowl Association,
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources,
Friends of Horicon National Wildlife Refuge

Applicant Name: (first) ________________________ (last) ________________________

Applicant Date of Birth*: ____________________ Sex*: ____________________
(*Age and sex are confidential & solely used for best pairing options for mentors & students.)

Applicant Address: (street) ______________________________________________
(city, state, zip) __________________________________________________________
(phone) ________________________________________________________________

Applicant DNR Customer Number: __________________________

Have you participated in the Horicon Marsh Learn to Hunt Waterfowl in the past?
(Preference must be given to first time applicants) YES NO (*please circle one)

Classroom Dates: a) Saturday, 09/15/18 – 10:30am – 3:00pm
b) Sunday, 10/07/18 – 10:30am – 3:00pm

Class Location: Horicon NWR Visitor Center, W4279 Headquarters Rd., Mayville

Hunt Dates: 1) Saturday, 09/15/18 (PM hunt) 2) Sunday, 09/16/18 (AM hunt)
3) Sunday, 10/7/18 (PM hunt) 4) Sunday, 10/14/18 (AM hunt)
5) Saturday, 10/20/18 (AM hunt)

Please list dates in order of preference: (*Please note adults may choose September classroom
date but are only allowed to hunt during October dates due to WI regulations.)

Classroom Date: 1st choice: _________ 2nd choice: _________

Hunt Date: 1st choice: _________ 2nd choice: _________
3rd choice: _________ 4th choice: _________
5th choice: _________

OVER.......
Gauge of your shotgun: 12 ga / 20 ga  
(*please circle one)  
Ammo Size Needs: 2 ¾” / 3”  
(*please circle one)  
(*Please note that a shotgun can be provided to you if needed)  
Please check if needed  

Will you be bringing a hunting dog with you? YES NO  
(*please circle one)  

Is there a need for “Special Needs” accommodations?  

Please tell us what, if any, hunting and/or gun handling experience you have had:  
__________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________  
__________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________  
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Emergency Contact Name: (first) ____________ (last) ____________________________  

Emergency Contact Phone: (home): ___________________(cell) ____________________  

Please print this form and return to:  

Waterfowl LTH  
Horicon National Wildlife Refuge  
W4279 Headquarters Rd, Mayville, WI 53050  

For more information/questions please contact:  

Erin Railsback  
Visitor Services Manager  
Horicon National Wildlife Refuge  
920-387-2658 ext 124  
Erin_Railsback@fws.gov
Learn to Hunt Waterfowl at Horicon Marsh

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Thirty novice hunters from ages 10-adult will have the unique opportunity to experience a once in a lifetime duck hunt on the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) through a Learn to Hunt Waterfowl Program offered this fall which will be hosted by Ducks Unlimited (DU), Wisconsin Waterfowl Association (WWA), Friends of Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR).

Prior to the hunt, successful applicants must also complete a mandatory four hour orientation and training session. The class will include waterfowl identification, gun safety, water safety, duck calling, range estimation and hunting tactics. The classroom sessions will be held at the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, W4279 Headquarters Rd., Mayville, located off Cty Rd. Z. Lunch will be provided by the Friends of Horicon NWR.

The hunts will be mentored by experienced waterfowl hunters. There will be one mentor per hunter and only the novice hunter will be allowed to hunt. Applicants are not required to have completed hunter education certification in order to participate in a mentored Learn to Hunt program. For more information on Learn to Hunt waterfowl programs visit https://www.wisducks.org/education/wi-dnr-learn-to-hunt-waterfowl/

The Horicon Marsh Learn to Hunt Waterfowl application may be downloaded from the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge website at https://www.fws.gov/refuge/horicon/ or obtained from the refuge visitor center. Completed applications should be mailed to: Waterfowl LTH, Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, W4279 Headquarters Rd, Mayville, WI 53050.

A drawing of the applications will be held on August 29th, 2018. First time applicants will be given priority. Learn to Hunt applicants whose names are drawn will be notified by phone by August 31st 2018 and will be required to pay a $15.00 non-refundable registration fee.

For more information please contact: Erin Railsback, Visitor Services Manager at 920-387-2658 ext 124 or Erin_Railsback@fws.gov.
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Participating in a Learn to Hunt Event –
Frequently Asked Questions

Who may participate in the Learn to Hunt Program?
Anyone who is 10 years old or older, who has not previously participated in a Learn to Hunt event for the species being hunted may participate. A hunter may not participate in a Learn to Hunt event if they received an approval authorizing hunting in any prior license year, including a Class B bear license, for the species being pursued in the specific Learn to Hunt event they desire to attend. No hunter education certification is required. We encourage LTH sponsors to focus on adults and families.

Are participants required to have a DNR Customer ID?
Yes, all learn to hunt participants must have a DNR Customer ID. Every customer is assigned a unique DNR Customer Number the first time they purchase a license or approval through the Automated License Issuance System. If a participant does not yet have a DNR Customer ID, they may call 1-888-936-7463 (seven days/week, 7am -10pm) to obtain one.

How many hours of classroom or field experience prior to the hunt are required?
A minimum of 4 hours of classroom and field instruction must be conducted prior to the hunting activity.

Who are mentors and what are their qualifications and responsibilities?
Mentors may be the course instructors or they may be a parent or other adult guardian of the participant. All mentors shall have at least 5 years of hunting experience and must undergo a background check (Form 4100-217). As seasoned hunters, mentors help their assigned novice hunter with any hunting-related questions or situations that may arise in the field during the actual hunt.

Mentors cannot hunt or handle/carry the firearm used by the participant, unless the firearm jams and the participant requires help getting it in working condition or for other safety reasons.

What is the required ratio of novice hunters to mentors?
During the actual hunt a mentor shall be assigned to no more than one participant at a time. This one mentor to one participant ratio provides the highest level of instruction and greatest safety.

What game animals can be hunted in a Learn to Hunt program?
Pheasant, wild turkey, upland game, waterfowl, deer or bear may be hunted in a Learn to Hunt event. Hunt sponsors should select only one game animal per event.

Learn to Hunt programs can occur outside of the normal hunting season for most game animals, except waterfowl. Waterfowl hunting seasons are controlled by the US Fish and
Wildlife Service, so any Learn to Hunt program involving waterfowl must be held within the federal framework.

Do game animals harvested during the Learn to Hunt event have to be tagged or registered?
Deer and bear must be tagged and registered. Turkeys must be tagged, but registration is optional though a count of the harvested birds must be reported to your local wildlife biologist. The Learn to Hunt sponsor will provide you with necessary tags and registration forms you may need as well as provide you with a location where participants can register their harvested game.

What fees, licenses, permits, or stamps are required?
The Department waives the state license, stamp and application fees for all Department-approved Learn to Hunt events. Learn to Hunt events focusing on migratory birds must be offered within federal framework, using federally mandated bag limits. HIP certification is required for all participants that involve migratory species and a federal waterfowl stamp is required for all hunters 16 years of age and older.

The Learn to Hunt sponsor may not charge participants a course instruction fee that exceeds the cost of course materials, equipment rental, meals and overnight accommodations. Most clubs have not charged their participants any fees.

How are participants selected?
Participants are selected by the organization or club holding the event. Random drawings are often held if there are more applicants than the group can accommodate.