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Postponement of Tensas River NWR Hunting and Fishing Day 2020

Tensas River Refuge Association in coordination with Tensas River NWR, have made the decision to postpone the Tensas River NWR Hunting and Fishing Day 2020 due to the increase in COVID- 19 cases across the state of Louisiana and surrounding states. In recent years, attendance ranged from 1,500 – 3,500 people. These individuals come from all areas of the region, some in and out of state. We feel that we will not be able to maintain proper safety and sanitization measures outlined for the anticipated volume of people. This event has people handling items and touching common surfaces at a rate that would result in us not being able to maintain proper sanitation measures as outlined. We feel this postponement is in alignment with local, state, government, and CDC recommendations to limit large social gatherings. Similar events have also been cancelled in the local area and across Louisiana. We hope you all understand and support our decision to postpone the Tensas River NWR Hunting and Fishing Day 2020.

Youth Lottery Hunt

The Tensas River NWR 2020 Youth lottery Hunts are not being cancelled or postponed at this time. The youth lottery hunts are scheduled for November 28, 2020 and December 19, 2020. We will conduct this year's application submission and lottery drawing via [iSportsman](#). This will be the same process we have in place for other lottery/special purpose hunts on the Refuge. Individual profiles will have to be setup for each youth hunter planning to enter the lottery. Youth cannot be entered into lottery using a parent or guardian profile. These accounts will be setup as a youth profile. Based on their date of birth, this type of profile will allow a youth hunter to enter the lottery. If drawn, the youth hunter will have to show proof of eligibility when they arrive for the hunt.

Entry Period and Drawing

Tensas River NWR will begin accepting entries Monday, August 17, 2020. We will stop accepting entries on Monday, September 21, 2020. Winners will be announced on National Hunting and Fishing Day, Saturday, September 26, 2020. The initial notification will occur via the email listed on the [iSportsman profile](#).

iSportsman Profile Setup

If the youth hunter does not currently have iSportsman profile/account, one will have to be setup. This cannot be done by USFWS staff. User profiles can be created by going to <https://tensas.isportsman.net/>.

We recommend that all accounts have a unique email address versus sharing email address between multiple accounts. If youth hunters already have an account/profile, USFWS staff will need to change their existing account type before they can register for the Youth Lottery Hunt. If individuals have questions or need help with registration and lottery entry, they can call Tensas River NWR Office. Staff will be available to assist Tuesday-Thursday, from 8:00 am- 3:00 pm. Staff can be reached via phone at 318-574-2664. Email correspondence can also be sent to tensasriver@fws.gov .
