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# News Release



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Release # Youth Deer Hunt  
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## 2019 Youth Deer/Hog Hunt to be held on St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge December 6-8, 2019.

Do you know someone between the ages of 11 and 17 years old that would like to participate in a deer/hog hunt, but don't have someone who knows how to hunt, or don't have a place to hunt? Then this news is for you! St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge in coordination with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Youth Hunting Program of Florida is hosting their annual deer/hog hunt on St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.

If you or someone you know is interested you can go to the following link to register for the hunt. <https://outreach.myfwc.com/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1253059&group=> Online registration is available until Nov 8, 2019. Once registration closes the drawing process begins. Those drawn for the hunt will start being notified by November 12, 2019. No more than 10 youth hunters will be drawn.

To be eligible for these hunts, applicants must be between the ages of 11-17, and have passed a state-certified hunter safety course. (Good news, three will be held at St Marks National Wildlife Refuge in the upcoming months. Go to MyFWC.com <https://myfwc.com/hunting/safety-education/courses/> or Click on the dates listed to register for the in person portion of the hunter safety course. [September 28](#), [October 12](#), [November 2](#) Participants must have completed the online portion prior to the date of the course at the refuge.

Each permit allows only one youth to hunt. An adult supervisor who is 18 or older must accompany the youth. The accompanying adult cannot hunt. Proper hunting licenses and permits are only required for those youth 16 years of age and older. A guide will be provided for each youth chosen for the hunt.

Prior to the hunt, both the youth and the supervising adult must attend the range qualification and orientation. Participants must camp and participate in all activities the entire weekend, no exceptions. The hunt will start with the sign in on Dec 6, 2019 at 12:30 pm. Register now for this wonderful opportunity.

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