



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge

2016 Youth Hunt & Learn Weekend - Turkey

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge's 3rd annual Youth Hunt & Learn Weekend for turkey is scheduled for April 1, 2, & 3, 2016. This structured hunt and educational event focuses on the development of turkey hunting skills and conservation knowledge. Participants will be selected by random drawing, and a mentor will be assigned to each child. Also, one adult guardian per child will be required to attend the entire program. **Adult guardians and mentors will not be allowed to shoot turkeys.**

Participating youth will have the opportunity to be involved in a variety of skill-based and conservation-focused programs throughout the weekend.

All instructional programs will be conducted at refuge facilities. All hunting will take place on a portion of the former Solomon Tract (Oak Grove Bluff) located in Chatham County, Georgia, as well as refuge lands located along the Savannah River.

For further information regarding the refuge or hunt management, please visit the refuge website (www.fws.gov/refuge/savannah) or contact the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex office at 843/784-9911.

APPLICATION INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the following rules and regulations before completing the permit application for the Youth Hunt and Learn Weekend on Savannah National Wildlife Refuge.

The hunt will be limited to a maximum of 10 youth hunters. All applications must be received at the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex (SCRC) office by January 31, 2016 to be entered in the drawing which will be held on February 5, 2016. **No prior turkey hunting experience required.**

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants for the Youth Hunt & Learn Weekend must be 15 years of age or younger. Hunters must have passed a state approved hunter education course (from any state) and present their hunter education card/certificate upon check-in.

To Apply: Request or download the **Savannah NWR Youth Hunt & Learn Application (FWS Form 3-2356)**. Fill in the application date and all personal information requested in the top half of the form (name, address, phone number, email address). All other fields should be left "as is". Both youth hunter and adult guardian need to sign the application. If you received the form electronically, please print it out.

Mail or fax applications to:

Hunt Program
Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex
694 Beech Hill Lane
Hardeeville, SC 29927
FAX: 843/784-2465

(DEADLINE: January 31, 2016)

Only one application may be submitted per youth hunter; applicants who apply more than once for the hunt will be rejected. Only complete and correct applications will be included in the drawing. Only selected applicants will be notified following the drawing.

A \$5.00 application fee will be required at time of application submission.

Accepted payment methods are credit/debit cards (call 843/784-9911 to pay by phone), cashier's check or money order (made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). No personal checks will be accepted.

Hunt permits are non-transferable, valid only for the individual whose name has been drawn.

SPECIFIC HUNTING REGULATIONS

All state hunting regulations will apply in addition to more restrictive, specific refuge regulations which are listed.

Each youth hunter must be accompanied by one adult who will participate in a non-hunting capacity. The supervising adult must be 21 years of age or older, and must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the youth hunter.

All selected youth and guardians must arrive at the Savannah NWR Visitor Center (694 Beech Hill Lane) Friday, April 1, 2016 between 4:00 and 5:00pm for check-in, followed by evening programs and activities.

During the hunt, youth will be placed in one of ten pre-determined sites on the refuge.

Hunters may harvest up to 3 gobblers; hunters are prohibited from taking feral hogs.

Only shotguns with #2 shot or smaller, in accordance with state regulations, will be authorized for hunt. Use of slugs or buckshot is illegal during the turkey hunt.