

# News Release

## National Wildlife Refuge System



### Hunter Education Course at Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge

McBee, SC - Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge will offer a Hunter Education Course on Saturday, March 20, 2021. The course will be taught at the refuge office (23734 Hwy 1, three miles North of McBee, SC), **beginning at 8:30am until 5:00pm**. Hunter education is not just for kids and not just for hunters. The program is for anyone who enjoys the outdoors and has an interest in conservation. The course is also an excellent refresher for veteran hunters. All residents and non-residents born after June 30, 1979 must complete a hunter education course before obtaining a hunting license. In addition, all youth hunters must have completed hunter education to participate in refuge hunts, including youth hunts.

#### Requirements:

Pre-register on-line <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/163268> (you may also search SCDNR Hunter Education and then search by zip code, 29101)

Bring lunch or money for lunch offsite

**Children 12 years old and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian**

The course is **free** but limited to 10 students. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to the course for all participants. Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate should contact the refuge by phone (843/335-8350) by March 4, 2021 so that we may accommodate your request.

Due to COVID-19 concerns. The following procedures will be in place:

- Class size limited to 10 participants, including guardians.
- Participants must wear a mask while in class.
- Participants are encouraged to wash hands frequently or use hand sanitizer.
- If participants are not feeling well or have any of the following symptoms the day of the class, they should stay at home: fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- There will be no range activities.
- Please check <http://dnr.sc.gov/education/hunted.html> to learn of cancellations or updated information related to the current pandemic.

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*Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge features 46,000 acres of rolling hills dominated by the longleaf pine-wiregrass ecosystem. The refuge is home to the red-cockaded woodpecker, a federally endangered species, and provides a mosaic of habitats for 190 species of birds, 42 species of mammals, 41 species of reptiles, and 25 species of amphibians. More than 800 species of plants have been identified on the refuge, including rare species of pitcher plants, Well's pixie-moss, and white-wicky. The refuge, located in Chesterfield County, is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a national network of lands more than 540 units strong. The US Fish and Wildlife Service manages this outstanding network of lands to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.*