



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge 2024 Youth Waterfowl Hunt

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge's annual youth waterfowl hunt is scheduled for **December 14, 2024**. Participants in the youth hunt will be selected by random drawing. Each youth hunter or youth party (two youths) must be accompanied by one adult supervisor. **Adult supervisors will not be allowed to hunt and do not need a hunting license.**

Specific details on the location(s) and logistics of the hunt days will be provided to successfully drawn youth hunters upon notification of being drawn.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Eligibility requirements: Applicants for the youth waterfowl hunt must be 17 years of age or younger on the date of the hunt.

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

Each youth hunter or youth party (two youths) 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/hunters. The adult may supervise no more than two youths.

Access to hunt blinds may require wading or paddling a flat bottom boat (provided by the refuge). Hip or chest waders are recommended.

Shooting hours will be from ½ hour before sunrise until noon. Hunters are responsible for removing all used shells.

Dogs may be used to retrieve waterfowl, but they must be always under control.

Decoys may be used but cannot be left on the refuge overnight.

Questions? Please contact the refuge hunt coordinator Amy Ochoa at 843-226-5738 or SavannahCoastal@fws.gov.

APPLICATION INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the following rules and regulations before completing the permit application for the youth waterfowl hunt on Savannah National Wildlife Refuge.

The hunt will be limited to a maximum of 12 youth hunters (up to two per area) per day who will be selected by drawing. All applications must be received at the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex (SCRC) office by **October 31, 2024** to be entered in the drawing which will be conducted the following week.

To Apply: Request or download the **Savannah NWR Youth Waterfowl Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2349)**. Fill in the application date and all personal information requested in the form (name, address, phone number, email address). Both youth hunter and adult guardian need to sign the application.

Forms may be submitted via email to:

savannahcoastal@fws.gov

OR by mail to:

**Hunt Program, Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex,
694 Beech Hill Lane, Hardeeville, SC 29927**

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.

Two youths may apply together as a party however, each youth must fill out their own application. Once each application is complete, attach them to the same email or staple or clip them together and mail in the same envelope. Any two applications received in this way will be entered as a party.

A \$5.00 application fee per hunter is required at the time the application is submitted.

***Accepted payment methods are credit/debit cards (call 843/226-5738 to pay by phone), check or money order (made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.)**

HUNT DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2024

DEADLINE TO APPLY: OCTOBER 31, 2024



YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT APPLICATION National Wildlife Refuge System



SAVANNAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
694 Beech Hill Lane, Hardeeville, SC 29927
(843) 226-5738 / savannahcoastal@fws.gov

Fill out all information in the form below and return to Savannah NWR Headquarters by October 31, 2024.

A \$5 application fee is due at the time application is submitted. See instructions at bottom of page for how to make payment.
The drawing for this hunt will be conducted on November 5, 2024.

Please be sure to include a VALID email address as this is how hunters and parents/guardians will be notified if selected.
For questions, please call hunt coordinator at 843-226-5738 or email SavannahCoastal@fws.gov.

Date of Application: _____

Youth Hunter Contact Information

Full Legal Name _____ Age at Time of Hunt (must be 17 or younger) _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone (Incl. Area Code) _____ Cell Phone (Incl. Area Code) _____ Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Full Legal Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Relationship to Youth _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone (Incl. Area Code) _____ Cell Phone (Incl. Area Code) _____ Email Address _____

Hunt Date

December 14, 2024

I have read and understand the refuge hunt regulations and agree to abide by the regulations governing hunting on the refuge. For full refuge hunt regulations visit www.fws.gov/refuge/savannah/visit-us/activities/hunting.

Hunter Signature *Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)* *Parent/Guardian Signature*

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Date Received: _____ Payment Exempt/No Fee Payment Required Payment Amount: **\$5.00**

Payment Type: Personal Check Cashier's Check Money Order Other:

Notes: **To pay by credit/debit card, call Amy Ochoa at 843-226-5738. WE CANNOT ACCEPT CASH**

NOTICES

All information you provide will be considered in reviewing this application. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001).

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The information requested is authorized by the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee) as amended and the Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k – 460k-4, 640K-3, & 664).

Purpose: The collection of personal information is to verify that an individual is eligible to receive a permit to conduct monitored activity on areas within the National Wildlife Refuge System, national fish hatcheries, and other conservation areas administered by the Secretary of the Interior for fish and wildlife purposes.

Routine Uses: The individual's information will be used to verify permit status, provide permittees with permit-related information, and monitor activities conducted under a permit. This information may be shared in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and the routine uses listed in the System of Records Notices: FWS-5 National Wildlife Refuge Special Use Permits; FWS-21 Permits System; FWS-10 National Fish Hatchery Special Use Permits.

Disclosure: Providing the information is voluntary; however, as a requirement for maintaining a Federal permit under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, failure to disclose the requested information may be sufficient cause for revocation of the permit.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) to provide the refuge managers the information needed to decide whether or not to allow the requested use, and to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. The information that you provide is voluntary; however, submission of the requested information is required to evaluate the qualifications, determine eligibility, and document permit applicants. Failure to provide all required information is sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this collection of information and assigned OMB Control No. 1018-0140.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email at Info_Coll@fws.gov. Please do not send your completed application to this address.

APPLICANT DOES NOT NEED TO PRINT OR RETURN THIS PAGE