

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Santee National Wildlife Refuge

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We are continuing our “Family, Friends and Kids Hunt” to encourage adults to bring a kid hunting with them. A Quota Deer Hunt Application must be submitted to participate in this special hunt. You may stop by, call or email to get an application. Completed applications must be returned to the Refuge by September 2, 2023. Up to 12 applicants will be randomly selected for each of the 4 hunt dates.

Bluff Unit, Family, Friends and Kids Hunt:

October 7 - 8, 2023 (mornings) and October 20 - 21, 2023 (evenings)

The following rules apply for the “Family, Friends, and Kids Hunt:

- Each hunting party must include a youth (17 years of age or younger) and an adult at least 21 years old with a valid hunting license. Anyone born after June 30, 1979, must complete a hunter education course to hunt/discharge a weapon on the Refuge, including youth under the age of 17
- Both the adult and youth may possess a firearm and harvest deer if: youth are between 10-17 years of age, have a valid hunter education certificate and is accompanied by an adult. Youth ages 16 and 17 must be properly licensed
- Youth under 10 years of age, or older youth without a valid hunter education certificate are welcome to participate, but will not be allowed to discharge a firearm
- Valid hunting license and hunter education card (if required) should be in the hunter’s possession while hunting, and may be checked while on the Refuge
- Legal weapons for these hunts include muzzleloaders or shotguns with slugs
- The bag limit for each family is 1 antlered and 1 antlerless deer per day. Hunters may also harvest feral hogs as incidental take
- Fixed, two-person ladder stands will be provided for hunters with the youth and accompanying adult hunting from the same stand. Travel to and from the designated deer stands may be provided by Refuge staff; all hunters will be required to stay in their stands until the end of the hunt period
- Items you will need to bring include: a shotgun with slug ammunition or a muzzleloader, bug spray, flashlight, an orange hat and orange vest, hunting license if you are age 16 and older, and proof of hunter education.
- **All participants must arrive at the Refuge by 5:30 a.m. on October 7/8 and by 2:30 p.m. on October 20/21. The new Check-in Location will be at the end of Fort Watson Road, pass the rotary, keep right, to the parking lot near the Wrights Bluff trailhead.** Santee NWR, Bluff Unit, is located at 2125 Fort Watson Rd. Summerton, SC 29148, 8 miles south of Summerton on Hwy. 15/301 (I-95, exit 102)

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