

2020 NWTF and MN DNR Learn to Hunt Youth / Adult / Family Turkey Hunt April 18 and 19, 2020

Learn to Turkey Hunts are sanctioned and managed between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF). The hunts have three purposes:

1. They are intended as educational experiences to teach new turkey hunters (youth, their parents/guardians, adults and families) the skills and techniques needed to be life-long turkey hunters; and
2. They provide first time and inexperienced turkey hunters a high-quality experience to help recruit them as hunters; and
3. They provide opportunities to access locations that may otherwise be closed to hunting, expanding hunter opportunity in general.

Most of the Learn to Turkey Hunts will take place on private land. Access has been provided through the generosity of landowners and the hard work of NWTF volunteers. Participating in this program is a special privilege. Please be respectful, ethical and safe hunters.

Youth

- Be 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 or 17 years old by April 18, 2020;
- Possess a Firearms Safety Certificate; and
- Have a parent, guardian or adult authorized by a parent or guardian who will accompany (as a non-hunter) the youth hunter while hunting, at the pre-hunt clinic/orientation (cost is \$5 to \$10) and purchase a hunting license (12 year olds are \$1 and 13 through 17 are \$6); and
- Provide your **9 digit MN DNR number which can be found on a previous hunting or fishing license. If you have never purchased a Minnesota hunting or fishing license, you will need to provide your social security and driver license number.**
- Be a first time turkey hunter or have purchased no more than one license and have not harvested a turkey.

Adult

- Be 18 years of age or older and preferably apply with a friend or family member. If applying as an individual, you will be matched with another inexperienced hunter; and
- Possess a Firearms Safety Certificate or Apprentice Hunter Validation; and
- Participate in a turkey clinic/orientation (cost is \$5 to \$10) and purchase a hunting license (\$27); and
- Be a first time turkey hunter or have purchased no more than one license and have not harvested a turkey.
- Provide your **9 digit MN DNR number which can be found on a previous hunting or fishing license. If you have never purchased a Minnesota hunting or fishing license, you will need to provide your social security and driver license number.**

Family

- One youth 12-17 years old by April 18, 2020 and one hunting adult over 18 years of age may apply with the understanding that the youth will be given the first opportunity to shoot. Only one youth and one adult per application and only one application is allowed; and
- All participants involved in the hunt must possess a Firearms Safety Certificate (youth and adult) or Apprentice Hunter Validation (adult); and
- Must participate in turkey clinic/orientation (cost is \$5 to \$10) and purchase the appropriate hunting license (see requirements above for youth and adults). More information will be provided in a letter if you are drawn for the experience; and

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- Both applicants must be first time turkey hunters or have purchased no more than one license and have not harvested a turkey.
- All hunters to provide their **9 digit MN DNR number which can be found on a previous hunting or fishing license. If you have never purchased a Minnesota hunting or fishing license, you will need to provide your social security and driver license number.**

Application Process

- Youth, adults and families - may submit only one application.
- Clearly indicate the hunt for which you are applying by writing the Hunt Area number in the appropriate space on the application (**Not the Permit Area**).
- Legibly provide all of the data requested on the application including: DNR ID number, full name, date of birth, address, firearms safety information, phone number and signature.
- Your odds of being selected for a hunt improve if you apply for a Permit Area outside the twin cities metro core area and if you are flexible in your choice of where you would like to hunt.

The signed application/waiver page must be received by 11:59 p.m., Sunday, March 01, 2020. You may submit your application by mail, e-mail, or hand deliver. Please submit only the signed application/waiver page.

Mail to

Ralph Warzecha
Struttin' Blackbeards - NWTF
30123 145th Ave
Eagle Bend, MN 56446-9810

Email

turkeywhisperer57@gmail.com

Important Information

- Hunters will be selected by lottery in late February and the adult will be notified by mail or e-mail in early March. **Only winners will be notified.** The winner's notice for youth will contain specific information about how and when to purchase your license at any DNR Electronic License System vendor. For the adults and families license, the process will be a bit different and be explained in your winner's notification. Please note that not all applicants will receive their requested area so consider being as flexible as possible with your hunt area request.
- **Your contact information will be shared with the National Wild Turkey Federation to facilitate the hunt.**
- Each youth (and his or her parent/guardian), adult and family pairing are required to attend an Advanced Hunter Education Turkey Clinic/Youth Hunt Orientation prior to the hunt. Details on those clinics will be provided in the winner's notice.
- Each hunter pairing will be assigned a volunteer mentor from the National Wild Turkey Federation. These mentors will have access to the specific hunting location that you are assigned. The mentor must accompany participant(s) at all times during the hunt including all time spent in the field.
- Cost of travel, food and housing are the responsibility of the participants.
- You will make arrangements with your mentor to do any pre-hunt preparation, including scouting, pattern testing your shotgun and etc. The hunter is expected to be prepared with appropriate clothing, gear, firearms, etc. **Do not assume that the NWTF volunteer mentor will provide everything you need, but if you need assistance, please ask.**

In the past we have had cancellations due to conflicts with participants schedules; we ask that you please make the outdoors a PRIORITY and to not take away another hunter's opportunity to participate. If you apply, be sure to follow through on your commitment. Our NWTF volunteers have put in many hours of preparation making these outdoor experiences the best they can be, please be respectful of their time and efforts.

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The turkey hunt dates are April 18 and 19 with shotguns, unless otherwise noted or arranged with a Hunt Coordinator. Using the chart below, identify your preferred Hunt Area # (green shaded column). The hunt areas are located within a 50 mile radius of the base camps nearest town. Transfer your Hunt Area # selection to the application/waiver page. The more flexible you are with your hunt area location choice, the better the odds are that you will be drawn.

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Permit Area	Hunt Area#	Chapter	Nearest town to Base Camp	Youth Only	Adult	Family
501	1	Chester Woods Park	Rochester			
501 & 502	2	Whitewater Longbeards	Plainview			
501 & 503	3	East Metro Full Fans	Hastings			
503 & 505	4	Dakota Strutters	Lakeville			
504	5	Watsonwan River Longbeards	Trimont			
504	6	Oak Ridge Gobblers	Fulda			
506	7	Crow River Cutters	Hutchinson			
507	8	Lake Area Gobblers	Detroit Lakes			
507	9	Stearns Cty T'Toms	Kimball			
507	10	Sand Dunes Gobblers	Zimmerman			
507	11	Leaf Valley	Leaf Valley and Garfield			
507	12	Struttin' Blackbeard's	Eagle Bend			
507 & 508	13	Benton County	Foley			
508	14	Rum River Longbeards	Milaca			
508 & 510	15	Long Spurs of Sunrise River	North Branch			
510	16	Struttin' Toms	Forest Lake			
510	17	Dakota Strutters	Eagan – 2 Archery Only Spots			

KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR REFERENCE!

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2020 Youth Learn to Turkey Hunt Application and Waiver

I understand that hunting is a sport involving firearms. Firearms, when mishandled, can be dangerous. Further, I understand that it is my responsibility to use the utmost care in the exercise of hunting and firearm safety. I intend to do so and realize that I have a duty to do so.

I further realize that the State of Minnesota, Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources (MN DNR) and National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF), their members, agents, employees, licensees, volunteers, and associates are participating in this hunt to give me a quality outdoor experience. This participation waiver by the referenced individuals will include travel to and from hunting areas. I understand that I will conduct myself in a manner so as to be safe around all of the individuals mentioned herein.

Further, I hereby waive all right to any claim, cause of action, right of litigation of any kind, whosoever, originating from the 2020 MN DNR/NWTF Sanctioned Learn to Hunt Youth/Adult/Family Turkey Hunt prior to and thereafter for all time as to NWTF, State of Minnesota and the MN DNR organizations and their members, employees, volunteers, licensees of said organizations and their agents. **I understand my contact information will be shared with the NWTF for the sole purpose of facilitating the hunt activities.**

I also give permission and rights to the State of Minnesota, MN DNR and NWTF to record my performance and to use images of performance, my sounds and me. I understand that this use includes the rights to reproducing, publishing, publicity displays, distributing, licensing and assigning said recording together with the copyright to these recorded images in all formats. In addition, I authorize my name to be used in connection with said uses, I will not be paid for these uses and I waive all rights to inspect, approve or control how these images and sounds will be used and the State of Minnesota, MN DNR and NWTF will not intentionally distort or misrepresent these images and sounds in use of them. I further agree not to sue and to hold harmless the State of Minnesota, MN DNR, NWTF and its officials, employees, contractors and licensees from any claims or damages arising from use of these recorded images and sounds of my performance and me.

I am over 18 years old and have the right to contract in my own name. I have read this document, and I understand its contents. (If the recorded images, performance and sounds are of a minor, I am the legal guardian signing on the behalf of the minor).

Youth Hunter (please print clearly)

How did you find out about the hunt? ☐ Newspaper ☐ Radio ☐ DNR ☐ Web ☐ Social Media ☐ Other _____

Hunt area number you are applying for _____ Hunt option (choose one) Shotgun Archery

If first choice is not available, are you willing to travel to another hunt area? Yes No How many miles? _____

Date of birth: _____ Do you have a firearms safety certificate **REQUIRED**? Yes No

If youth will be, or currently is attending a firearms safety class, they must have completed and passed prior to the day of the hunt.

MN DNR number – the 9 digit number located on your hunting or fishing license and is **REQUIRED** _____

Social security number if you have never had a hunting or fishing license in MN **REQUIRED** _____

First _____ MI _____ Last _____

Any special needs such as physically challenged or language barrier? (select) Yes No Other _____

Non-hunting parent/guardian of youth hunter

First _____ Last _____ Daytime phone _____

Street address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Youth Signature (REQUIRED)

Parent/Guardian Signature (REQUIRED)

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2020 Adult Learn to Turkey Hunt Application and Waiver

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Adult Hunters - each hunting adult needs to complete the Adult Hunter portion on the application below and sign (maximum of two hunters per application). If applying alone, you will be matched with another adult. **Please print clearly.**

Adult Hunter 1

Hunt area number you are applying for _____ **Hunt option** (choose one) Shotgun Archery

If first choice is not available, are you willing to travel to another hunt area? Yes No How many miles? _____

Do you have a firearms safety certificate **REQUIRED?** Yes No
If adult will be, or currently is attending a firearms safety class, they must have completed and passed prior to the day of the hunt.

MN DNR Number – the 9 digit number located on your hunting or fishing license and is **REQUIRED** _____

Social security number if you have never had a hunting or fishing license in MN **REQUIRED** _____

Driver's license number if you have never had a hunting or fishing license in MN **REQUIRED** _____

First _____ MI _____ Last _____

Street address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ Email address _____

Any special needs such as physically challenged or language barrier? Yes No Other _____

Adult signature (REQUIRED) _____ **Date of birth** _____

Adult Hunter 2 – use when applying with another adult

Hunt area number you are applying for _____ **Hunt option** (choose one) Shotgun Archery

If first choice is not available, are you willing to travel to another hunt area? Yes No How many miles? _____

Do you have a firearms safety certificate **REQUIRED?** Yes No
If adult will be, or currently is attending a firearms safety class, they must have completed and passed prior to the day of the hunt.

MN DNR Number – the 9 digit number located on your hunting or fishing license and is **REQUIRED** _____

Social security number if you have never had a hunting or fishing license in MN **REQUIRED** _____

Driver's license number if you have never had a hunting or fishing license in MN **REQUIRED** _____

First _____ MI _____ Last _____

Street address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ Email address _____

Any special needs such as physically challenged or language barrier? Yes No Other _____

Adult signature (REQUIRED) _____ **Date of birth** _____

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Family Youth Hunter Portion - please print clearly

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MN DNR number – the 9 digit number located on your hunting or fishing license and is **REQUIRED** _____

Social security number if you have never had a hunting or fishing license in MN **REQUIRED** _____

First _____ MI _____ Last _____

Any special needs such as physically challenged or language barrier? Yes No Other _____

Family Adult Hunter Portion - please print clearly

Hunt area number you are applying for _____ **Hunt option** (choose one) Shotgun Archery

If first choice is not available, are you willing to travel to another hunt area? Yes No How many miles? _____

Do you have a firearms safety certificate **REQUIRED**? Yes No
If adult will be, or currently is attending a firearms safety class, they must have completed and passed prior to the day of the hunt.

MN DNR Number – the 9 digit number located on your hunting or fishing license and is **REQUIRED** _____

Social security number if you have never had a hunting or fishing license in MN **REQUIRED** _____

Driver's license number if you have never had a hunting or fishing license in MN **REQUIRED** _____

First _____ MI _____ Last _____

Street address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ Email address _____

Any special needs such as physically challenged or language barrier? Yes No Other _____

Youth signature (**REQUIRED**)

Adult guardian and hunter (**REQUIRED**)