Mentored Adult Wild Turkey Hunt

Mentored Adult Turkey Hunts are operated in partnership between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) and the National Wild Turkey Federation’s (NWTF). They have three main purposes:

- They are intended to be educational experiences to teach rookie adult turkey hunters skills and techniques to be life-long turkey hunters;
- They provide first time turkey hunters a high-quality experience to help recruit them as hunters; and
- They provide opportunities to access specific locations that may otherwise be closed to hunting, expanding hunter opportunity in general.

Most of the Mentored 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 a safe hunter.

**Adult must:**
- 18 years older by May 16, 2015;
- Possess a Firearms Safety Certificate, purchase an Apprentice Hunter Validation permit or be born before 1980 and
- **You must be a "first" time turkey hunter or very limited experiences.**

**Application Process:**
- An individual may only submit one application.
- **Legibly** provide all of the data requested on the application including: ID number, full name, date of birth, address, phone number and signature.
- An e-mail address is not required but it will enable the DNR to possibly expedite the winner’s notice.
- The application/waiver must be received by email, faxed or hand delivery by 11:59p.m., Monday, February 23, 2015. Please only send the application/waiver and keep this page for your information.

**Important Information:**
- Eligible applicants will be selected by lottery (if oversubscribed) in late February and will be notified by mail or e-mail. Only winners will be notified. In the winner’s notice there will be specific information about how and when to purchase your license at any DNR Electronic License System vendor.
- Each participant is required to attend an Advanced Hunter Education Turkey Clinic Hunt Orientation prior to the hunt ($5 to $10 cost). Details on those clinics will be provided in the winner’s notice.
- We encourage adults to apply with a friend or family member. If you apply as a single, **you could be matched with another participant and the pair of you will be assigned a volunteer mentor from the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF).** In addition, your contact information will be shared with the NWTF to facilitate the hunt. The mentor must accompany you at all times during the hunt including all time spent in the field. A turkey license is $27 for residents and $97 for nonresidents. Travel and accommodations are also the responsibility of the participant.
- **We have in the past had cancellations due to a conflict of schedules; please make the outdoors a PRIORITY and do not take away an opportunity from somebody else. If you apply......do what you say you are going to do. 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.**
- You will make arrangements with your mentor to do any pre-season 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 volunteer mentor will provide everything you need, but if you need assistance, please ask.**
2015 Mentored Adult Wild Turkey Hunt
Hunt dates are May 16 & 17, 2015

Hunts will take place in the Hugo, Long Prairie, Morton, Plainview and Fulda areas within about a 50 mile radius.

Applicants will be randomly drawn by lottery (if oversubscribe in an area) to participate in one of the Adult Mentored Turkey Hunts listed below. On the application/waiver page please indicate your hunt area(s) preference. Applicants may choose from a single hunt area or up to all five. Please rank your first choice with #1, second choice #2, third choice #3; and so on. In addition, only select those areas that you will absolutely be able to attend if drawn. Then transfer this information to the application page and keep this page for your reference.

Area: **Hugo** – just northeast of the Twin Cities metro
Area: **Long Prairie** – 2 hours northwestern of the metro
Area: **Morton** – 2 hours west southwest of the Twin Cities
Area: **Plainview** – 1 hour & 45 minutes south of the Twin Cities & northeast of Rochester
Area: **Fulda** – 3 hours southwest of the Twin Cities

Ranking example if able to attend all hunt areas:

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Hugo: 1  Long Prairie: 4  Morton: 3  Plainview 2  Fulda 5
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Ranking example if able to attend 2 hunt areas:

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Hugo: _  Long Prairie: 1  Morton: 2  Plainview _  Fulda _
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**DEADLINE**
Must be received at the DNR Central office by
11:59 pm, Monday, February 23, 2015

**Mail to:**
DNR/NWTF Adult Turkey Hunt
Division of Fish & Wildlife
500 Lafayette Road, Box 20
St. Paul, Minnesota  55155
Attn. Mike Kurre

**Email:**
Michael.Kurre@state.mn.us

**FAX:**
(651) 297-4916

*Keep this page for your reference!*
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 Mentored Adult 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.

I realize it is a privilege to participate in this mentored hunt and accordingly I will conduct myself in a safe manner consistent with all duties, which I have heretofore recognized.

Please Print Clearly

Adult Information:

Rank hunt areas from the previous page: Hugo_____ Long Prairie _____ Morton _____ Plainview____ Fulda ______

How did you find out about the hunt? (Circle) Newspaper Radio Web Social Media Other ________________________

Will you be using a Shotgun or Archery? (Please Circle Your Choice)

Date of birth: _____________ Phone Number: ___________________ Email address: _______________________________________

First: ____________________________________ MI: ________ Last: ______________________________________________

Street Address: _______________________________________________ City: ___________________ MN Zip: _____________

Firearms safety certificate number is required, an Apprentice Hunter Validation or you must be born before 1980:
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Signature __________________________________________________________________________ Date: ___________________

Please send via: Mail, E-mail or Fax THIS PAGE ONLY!