

2018 SPECIAL YOUTH DEER HUNT INFORMATION & APPLICATION PROCESS



The State of Minnesota has scheduled 17 Special Youth Deer Hunts with limited numbers of permits available for the fall of 2018. Applications will be taken via the Electronic License System beginning **July 1, 2018**. Deadline for applications is **August 17, 2018**. Apply at any of the license vendors around the state or website for only \$1 or at <http://licenses.dnr.state.mn.us/> and click on Purchase.

2018 Special Youth Deer Hunt Schedule

AREA NAME	HUNT STYLE	COUNTY	AREA NUMBER	DATES	NO. OF PERMITS	BAG LIMIT*	SPONSOR	MANDATORY Orientation/Clinic
Camp Ripley Archery	Archery 630	Morrison	950	10/13 to 10/14	175 Either sex	1	MDHA, MSAA	Friday or Saturday, October 12 or 13
Lake Alexander Preserve	Archery 630	Morrison	955	10/13 to 10/14	20 Either sex	1	TNC, MSAA, MDHA	Friday or Saturday, October 12 or 13
Afton State Park	Firearms 631	Washington	951	11/3 to 11/4	25 Either sex	2	DNR Parks & Trails	Saturday, October 20
Banning State Park	Firearms 631	Pine	965	10/27 to 10/28	6 Either sex	2	DNR Parks & Trails	Friday, October 26
Blue Mounds State Park	Firearms 631	Rock	966	11/17 to 11/18	10 Earn a Buck	2	DNR Parks & Trails	Friday, November 16
Buffalo River State Park	Firearms 631	Clay	959	11/3 to 11/4	14 Earn a Buck	2	DNR Parks & Trails	Park will mail information
Camden State Park	Firearms 631	Lyon	967	10/27 to 10/28	12 Earn a Buck	2	DNR Parks & Trails	Friday, October 26
Itasca State Park	Firearms 631	Clearwater	961	10/13 to 10/14	75 Either sex	2	DNR Parks & Trails, MDHA	Friday, October 12
Kilen Woods State Park	Firearms 631	Jackson	963	10/27 to 10/28	6 Either sex	1	DNR Parks & Trails, MDHA	Park will mail information
Lake Bemidji State Park	Firearms 631	Beltrami	954	10/19 to 10/21	20 Either sex	2	DNR Parks & Trails, MDHA	Thursday, October 18
Lake Shetek State Park	Firearms 631	Murray	968	11/17 to 11/18	12 Earn a Buck	2	DNR Parks & Trails	Friday, November 16
Rydell National Wildlife Refuge	Firearms 631	Polk	957	10/27 to 10/28	15 Either sex	2	Friends of Rydell NWR, MDHA	Sunday, October 21
St. Croix State Park	Firearms 631	Pine	956	10/27 to 10/28	90 Either sex	2	DNR Parks & Trails	Saturday, October 20 or Friday, October 26
Savanna Portage State Park	Firearms 631	Aitkin	958	10/27 to 10/28	25 Either sex	2	DNR Parks & Trails	Friday, October 26
Sibley State Park	Firearms 631	Kandiyohi	952	10/27 to 10/28	10 Either sex	1	DNR Parks & Trails	Friday, October 26
Tettegouche State Park	Firearms 631	Lake	960	10/27 to 10/28	10 Either sex	1	DNR Parks & Trails	Friday, October 26
Zippel Bay State Park	Firearms 631	Lake of the Woods	953	10/20 to 10/21	20 Either sex	2	DNR Parks & Trails	Park will mail information

* **Bag limits may be added to the limit in the surrounding deer permit area. Bonus tags can be purchased for harvest of antlerless deer. However, a buck must be tagged and registered under your regular archery or firearms license.**

2018 SPECIAL YOUTH DEER HUNT LOTTERY PROCESS

The licensing agent will ask for the following information when applying:

1. Customer identification (ID): State Driver's License or State ID or Firearms Safety Certificate number, or MDNR#: Give ID to License Agent and verify current address.
2. Social Security Number will be needed if you are applying for the lottery or purchasing a license for the first time.
3. Customer Date of Birth.
4. Agent asks for License Type and Area - 630 for archery or 631 for firearms (see above) and the hunt area (see above).
5. Cost is \$1. You will receive a receipt of your application information. Keep your receipt as proof of application and check receipt to ensure information was entered correctly. **Corrections can only be made at the time of application.**

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These Regulations apply to all youth deer hunts:

- **Applications will be accepted beginning July 1, 2018.**
- Each person must apply at an ELS license agent, online or the DNR License Center in St. Paul.
- Group applications and party hunting are not allowed; participants must shoot their own deer.
- A lottery will be held if applications exceed the number of permits.
- Applicant may only apply for one youth archery hunt and one youth firearms hunt. Cost is \$1 each.
- Participating in a special youth hunt does not preclude one from hunting the regular season.
- Unsuccessful applicants receive preference for future youth hunt drawings of the same type.
- **An adult parent/guardian mentor, who may not hunt, must accompany youth participants while hunting at all times and will abide by all hunting rules.**
- All youth participants and an adult parent/guardian mentor must attend a mandatory pre-hunt orientation session. **If you can't make it to the orientations, don't apply and remember if you apply please take advantage of the opportunity....because if you don't, you are taking away an experience from somebody else!!!!**
- Blaze orange or pink (recently approved by legislation) is required during youth firearms hunts.
- Tree stands and pop-up blind in special **State Parks Hunts Only:**
 - Are permitted up to 7 days prior to the hunt, placed during normal park hours and must have owner/hunter clearly identified on them with their MN DNR license number. (This is to facilitate hunt preparation by youth who are normally in school Monday thru Friday and to capitalize on some of the Youth Hunt Clinics conducted one week prior to the hunt).
 - Only clamp-on or strap-on portable stands may be used that do not damage trees or other vegetation are allow. **NO** nails, screw in steps or other devices that damage the bark of trees are allowed.
 - Hunters may not place multiple stands.
 - Other hunters or the general public may not occupy stands legally placed by a hunter.
 - Stands must be removed no more than one day after the hunt.
 - **All other State Park Rules Apply!!!!**

Youth Firearms Deer Hunts (License Type 631)

- **Application Deadline is Friday, August 17, 2018 and costs \$1.**
- Applicants must be at least age 12 and under age 16 at the time of the hunt.
- Participants must obtain a valid license for taking deer by firearms prior to the start of the hunt. The license may be for any zone or season option.
- The rifle-shotgun boundary is in effect. (See 2018 Hunting Regulations)

Youth Archery Deer Hunts (License Type 630)

- **Application Deadline is Friday, August 17, 2018 and costs \$1.**
- Applicants must be at least age 12 and under age 18 at the time of the hunt.
- Participants must obtain a valid archery license at least **one day prior** to the start of the hunt.

Special Youth Archery Opportunity

Sand Prairie WMA (near St. Cloud) is open to youths 10-17 years old during the archery season. All deer rules apply.

For more information and requirements, visit the youth hunting page in the regulation book.

What would you have missed if someone hadn't shown you the outdoors and what it offers?

Could you track a deer, identify a duck in flight or flush a bird? Today's world is different but kids are the same - they're naturally curious, thirsty for adventure and always ready to explore. The outdoors is still there. So take advantage of the special hunts, weekends and fishing activities listed here. They're designed to get you involved and kids interested.

Take A Kid Hunting Weekend: Bonus day! Take a youth 15 or younger hunting and you can both bypass the license requirement for Saturday and Sunday, September 22 and 23. Youth and adults must comply with regular seasons, limits and other regulations.

Youth Waterfowl Day: A day set aside for a non-hunting adult to share the sights and sounds of waterfowling with a youth age 15 and under two weeks before the regular season. All migratory bird hunting regulations apply. Waddle over to scout out more information at: www.mndnr.gov/discover.

Special Youth Deer Season: Get a jump on the regular deer season and stock up on memories with a youth (10-15 years of age) during this special season in the SE (including Whitewater Game Refuge), NW and 601 areas of MN during MEA break. Scope out the details on the DNR web site at: www.mndnr.gov/discover.

Learn to Upland Bird Hunt for Youth, Adults and Families: Get the rush of the flush with an experienced Pheasants Forever hunting hosts when this lottery deadline happens in early September for the October hunt. Keep the binoculars focused on www.mndnr.gov/discover for more details.

Learn to Turkey Hunt for Youth, Adults and Families

Gobble your way to a great experience with a National Wild Turkey Federation hunting mentor. Applications are accepted in January to mid-February for April hunts across Minnesota's wild turkey range at: www.mndnr.gov/discover.

"I Can Fish!" - Yes you can! Visit a number of weekly summer programs scattered across the state to learn the basics of fishing on the banks of a Minnesota State Parks waterway with knowledgeable anglers. For details visit: www.mndnr.gov/parks and click on "I Can Fish!" events.

Take a Kid Fishing Weekends: Set the hook with these opportunities in January and June. Minnesota resident's 16 years old and older can fish free with a child younger than 16. Get fishing tips at: www.mndnr.gov/takeakidfishing.

For more Discover Your Outdoors info visit: www.mndnr.gov/discover