

INFORMATION – SPECIAL HUNTS Fall 2017 - Winter 2018

- **REVIEW THIS INFORMATION COMPLETELY** before online application.
- The Kansas Special Hunt Program is available to **Residents and Non-Residents** at no cost.
- Hunts can be viewed by clicking the “View Special Hunts List” button on the previous page. You can Display All Hunts, or hunts can be sorted by: Species (All, Dove, Whitetail Antlerless Only, Upland, Duck/Goose, Deer, Turkey and Furbearers); Hunt Type (All, Youth, Mentor, Open, Disabled); or by Area (list of all participating properties).
- **Descriptions** for weapon types, special requirements, and hunt area maps are found by clicking “More Info” on the special hunt list.
- Hunts are grouped in seven species groups: **DOVE, WHITETAIL ANTLERLESS ONLY, UPLAND** (may include pheasant, quail, and/or other upland game depending on property), **DUCK/GOOSE** (may include duck and/or geese depending on property), **DEER, TURKEY AND FURBEARERS**.
- There are four **HUNT TYPE CATEGORIES: YOUTH, MENTOR, OPEN, OR DISABLED**.
- **OPEN Hunts** – These hunts are available to all persons with no age or experience restrictions.
- **YOUTH Hunts** – These hunts require parties to contain at least one youth who must be accompanied by an adult mentor. (Some hunts may have more specific age requirements.) Adults may not hunt.
- **MENTOR Hunts** – Hunts open to both youth and/or inexperienced (novice) hunters who are each supervised by a licensed adult mentor. Both Novice and Mentor may hunt.
- **DEFINITIONS: Please see specific hunt narrative for additional requirements.**
 - **YOUTH** is a person 16 or younger. Some hunts have more specific age requirements.
 - **ADULT** is a person, 18 years or older, who supervises and/or participates in a hunt restricted to youth or novice (inexperienced) hunters. Some hunts have more specific age requirements and Mentor hunts require the adult be a licensed hunter.
 - **NOVICE** is a youth 16 or younger; or anyone who has not hunted the species listed on the special hunt in the last three years. Some hunts have more specific age or experience requirements.
 - **DISABLED** hunters must possess a valid Department of Motor Vehicle Individual Identification card.
- Special accommodations may be made for physically challenged hunters upon request to the hunt contact person.
- Several hunts allow additional hunters to accompany a permit holder.
- Special hunt permits **PROVIDE ACCESS ONLY**. All appropriate licenses, stamps, tags and permits are required. Deer hunters are reminded that they must purchase a valid permit for the Deer Management Unit where the special hunt is located. DMU’s are listed on the Special Hunt Narrative.
- **NO-SHOWS** – Please make every effort to attend selected hunts. If you are unable to make your awarded hunt, please contact the Hays Regional Office (785) 528-8614 or mike.nyhoff@ksoutdoors.com as soon as possible so the hunt opportunity may be passed to an alternate.
- **HUNTER EDUCATION:** Youth 15 and younger may hunt without hunter education if directly supervised by an adult 18 or older. Anyone 16 or older may purchase a two-time deferral of hunter education, called an apprentice hunting license. The deferral is valid through the calendar year in which it is purchased and the holder must be under the direct supervision of a licensed adult 18 or older.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND INSTRUCTIONS

- Persons must create an account annually and may submit one application for one or both draws: Sept. & Oct. hunts; Nov, Dec., Jan. & Feb. hunts.
- Before starting an application, review the hunts and dates available and become familiar with your choices (up to three per species) per drawing.
- Weapon Types, especially for deer hunts, can be found by clicking “More Info” on the special hunt list.
- **Apply online** at ksoutdoors.com. If absolutely no internet access is available, application can be made by calling (785) 628-8614.
- Applicants must create an account and remember User Name, Password and email address for future login and editing of current choices.
- **To review or edit your current application, use the “My Information” link found on the upper right corner after login.** □ Email address must be valid and security settings enabled to receive the reply.
- Participants will be selected by computerized random drawings. There is no preference point system.
- There are no “buddy applications”. Some hunts allow the permit holder to bring one or more hunters with them.
- All applicants will be notified within 5 days after each drawing by email whether successful or not.
- There will be two application deadlines and two draws, Application period for Draw 1 is July 15 to 9:00am on August 14. Application period for Draw 2 is July 15 to 9:00am on September 25. Drawings will be held within 2 days of the deadline.
- Each Hunt is listed by a specific date or range of dates. Some hunts are single day and some are for entire seasons.
- To assist in date selection a Sportsmen’s Calendar is available at <http://www.kdwpt.state.ks.us/news/Hunting/When-to-Hunt/Sportsmen's-Calendar> □ Successful applicants for hunts in a state park will need state park vehicle entrance permits to enter the park.
- Successful applicants will receive an on-line survey to be completed after the hunt whether the hunt was attended or not.

DEADLINES

DRAW #1: Sept. and October Hunts – 9:00am. August 14, 2017

DRAW #2: Nov, Dec, and Jan. Hunts – 9:00am. September 25, 2017

ONLINE APPLICATION: <https://programs.ksoutdoors.com/Programs/Special-Hunts>