

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**  
**DNR CO-SPONSORED YOUTH DEER HUNTS – 2020**  
**UPSTATE PRIVATE AREAS – REGION I, UNIT C**

These special youth deer hunts are made possible by very generous private landowners. The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the hosts for these hunts have designed them to encourage more participation by youth who **have never been deer hunting or have hunted very little**. Sportsmen's kids who are able to hunt often with their father are certainly welcome to apply for the hunts but their opportunity to be selected will be greatly enhanced if they bring with them another youth who has never been deer hunting or has very limited hunting experience.

Preference will be given to "new hunters." We especially want to introduce "new hunters" to the challenges, thrills, and enjoyment associated with hunting. Equally as important, we also want to make sure this introduction is done safely and ethically. We feel that one of the best ways to recruit "new hunters" is for youngsters who hunt "youth sportsmen" to encourage one of their friends who don't hunt to apply. Also, "youth sportsmen" who sponsor or get a "new hunter" to apply with them (applications submitted together) will be given preference. Both "new hunters" and "youth sportsmen" must complete and return an application and **liability waiver form signed by both the youth submitting the application and their parent or legal guardian**.

There is no application fee or any other costs associated with these hunts. Youth must be between the ages of 10 to 17 and must have an adult 21 years of age or older to attend with them. Participants who are age 16 or 17 are required to have a hunting license. Youth hunters may purchase a Junior Sportsman license or an Apprentice license that waives the Hunter Education requirement for one year.

There will be a thorough review of firearms safety and an opportunity for each youth to shoot their rifle at their respective hunt locations. Make sure that all rifles brought to the hunt are properly sighted in prior to arrival. A firearm will be provided for those who need them if a request is made on the application.

The hunt will be held on October 31, 2020. Detailed instructions and directions to the meeting location will be provided to the applicants who are selected. If parents have further questions regarding safety, supervision, etc., please contact Mark Carroll, SCDNR Wildlife Biologist at [carrollm@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:carrollm@dnr.sc.gov). **Applications and liability waiver forms must be received at the Union DNR office by 5:00 PM Monday, September 5, 2020**

**RETURN TO: SCDNR – YOUTH DEER HUNTS**  
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**UNION, SC 29379**  
**(864) 427-5140 or FAX (864) 427-8460**