

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS  
DNR YOUTH DEER HUNTS - 2020  
CONGAREE BLUFFS HERITAGE PRESERVE**

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will conduct three youth deer hunts at Congaree Bluffs Heritage Preserve. The youth deer hunts are scheduled on October 3, October 17 and November 7. There are four youth slots available per hunt. The Congaree Bluffs Heritage Preserve is a 201-acre tract of land located one mile west of Fort Motte off Highway 419. The property contains steep, undisturbed bluffs bordering the Congaree River. The preserve harbors significant stands of American beech, oak-hickory and bottomland hardwood forest. No comparable sites exist in the coastal plain of South Carolina. The area provides an incredible opportunity to introduce youth to the sport of deer hunting.

One of the best ways to recruit new youth hunters is through their friends and family that already participate in hunting activities. We support youth sportsmen in encouraging one or more of their friends, who do not hunt, to apply for DNR youth hunts. South Carolina Department of Natural Resources especially wants to introduce these new hunters to the challenges and enjoyment associated with hunting. Equally important, we want to make sure this introduction is done safely and ethically. Both youth sportsmen and new hunters, who wish to apply for these hunts must fully complete and return an application that includes a questionnaire about their hunting experience and a completed liability waiver form. Their legal guardian must sign both the application and liability waiver form.

All DNR Youth Deer Hunts will be held on Saturday afternoons and will conclude at sunset. At each hunt, there will be a brief discussion of deer biology and the role of hunting in wildlife management along with detailed comments regarding sportsmanship and hunter ethics. There will be a thorough review of firearm safety. More detailed instructions and directions to the hunt sites will be provided to applicants who are selected based on a random drawing. If parents have further questions regarding safety, supervision, etc., please contact Willie Simmons, DNR Wildlife Biologist at 803-734-3898 or E-mail [SimmonsW@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:SimmonsW@dnr.sc.gov).

The age requirements for these special youth deer hunts are 17 and younger. There is no application fee or any other costs associated with these hunts. Participants who are 16 and 17 will be required to have a junior hunting license. Young people who have an interest in trying deer hunting but have not had previous opportunities because they lacked a hunting connection should certainly apply. Applications are available from the Columbia DNR Office or the DNR website at [www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov). Applications can also be copied. Completed applications must be received at the Columbia DNR Office by 5:00 p. m. on Friday, September 11, 2020 for the hunts. Good luck!

**RETURN TO: DNR – YOUTH DEER HUNTS  
Attn: Willie Simmons  
P.O. Box 167  
Columbia, SC 29202  
(803) 734-3898**

**DNR YOUTH DEER HUNT APPLICATION - 2020**  
**Congaree Bluffs Heritage Preserve**

YOUTH NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
DAYTIME TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*

**SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUTH** (Please answer all questions)

1. Have you ever hunted any of the wildlife species listed below?  
Circle: Dove Quail Rabbit Squirrel Turkey Deer Other None
2. Who has taken you hunting in the past?  
Circle: No one Father Mother Relative Friend
3. How many times have you gone deer hunting?  
Circle: Never 1 to 3 4 or more Frequently
4. Have you ever attended a DNR Co-Sponsored youth hunt?  
Circle: Yes No
5. Have you ever killed a deer?  
Circle: Yes No

\*\*\*\*\*

**SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN** (Please answer all questions)

1. Do you participate in hunting?  
Circle: Yes No
2. Do you have or could you obtain a suitable firearm for your youngster to use during this hunt? Circle: Yes No
3. Do you want to sit in the stand with your youngster on this hunt?  
Circle: Yes No

\*\*\*\*\*

**NOTE** - The appropriate signatures acknowledges that the youth's parents or legal guardians grant permission for their youth to participate in this special youth deer hunt as described in this announcement. Please rank the following dates in the preferred order you would like to attend the hunt.

**10-3-2020                      10-17-2020                      11-7-2020**

Youth Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* Applications must be received at the Columbia DNR Office by 5:00 p. m. on Friday, September 11, 2020, to be eligible for the drawing. \*\*\***

## LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

I understand that there are risks and dangers inherent in participating in hunting activities. I also understand that in order to be allowed to participate, I must give up my rights to hold liable the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and all cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners who accommodate special DNR hunts for any injury or damage which I may suffer while participating in a Department of Natural Resources draw hunt.

Knowing this, and in consideration of being permitted to participate, I hereby voluntarily release the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners from any liability resulting from or arising out of my participation in the draw hunt.

I understand and agree that I am releasing not only the entities set forth in the two paragraphs above, but also the officers, agents, and employees of those entities.

I understand and agree that this release will have the effect of releasing, discharging, waiving, and forever relinquishing any and all actions or causes of action that I may have or have had, whether past, present, or future, whether known or unknown, and whether anticipated or unanticipated by me, arising out of my participation. This release constitutes a complete release, discharge, and waiver of any and all actions or causes of action against the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, and its officers, agents, or employees and cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners.

I understand and agree that this release applies to personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death, which I may suffer, even if caused by the acts or omissions of others.

I understand and agree that by signing this release, I am assuming full responsibility for any and all risk of death or personal injury or property damage suffered by me while participating in the draw hunt.

I understand that and agree that this release will be binding on me, my spouse, my heirs, my personal representatives, my assigns, my children and guardian ad litem for said children.

I understand and agree that by signing this release, I am to release, indemnify and hold the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, and its officers, agents, or employees and cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners harmless from any and all liability or costs, including attorney fees, associated with or arising from my participation in the draw hunt.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Talent Release Form

I hereby authorize the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to use the likeness, voice and/or image of \_\_\_\_\_ in the

**Congaree Bluffs Heritage Preserve Youth Deer Hunt.** Such authorization allows the

DNR the right to record onto videotape and/or audiotape the name, likeness, and voice of the person named above. I further authorize others as designated by the DNR to use the

likeness, voice and/or image of \_\_\_\_\_ in radio and

television broadcasts, for audiovisual information, and for educational and entertainment

purposes, throughout South Carolina, the United States, and the world. The South Carolina

Department of Natural Resources is hereby authorized to use in perpetuity and at its

discretion the images containing the described individual. It is understood that other

agencies and organizations will be permitted to use this program only with the permission of the DNR.