

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS  
DNR YOUTH DEER HUNTS - 2021  
SANTEE COOPER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will conduct three youth deer hunts at Santee Cooper Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The youth deer hunts are scheduled on December 3, December 10 and December 17. There are five youth slots available per hunt. The Santee Cooper WMA is a 2828-acre tract of land located in Orangeburg County on the south shore of Lake Marion. The property contains both upland pine and hardwood forest. Wildlife plantings are scattered throughout the tract. 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, thrills 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 Friday 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, October 8, 2021 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 - 2021**  
**Santee Cooper Wildlife Management Area**

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

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**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

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**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

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**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.

**12-3-2021**

**12-10-2021**

**12-17-2021**

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, October 8, 2021, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **SCDNR Participant Release Agreement**

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) appreciates your interest and involvement in our programs. In exchange for being allowed to participate, I, the Participant, enter into this Agreement to clearly address certain aspects of my relationship with the SCDNR. I affirm that my involvement with this program is as a participant for educational / personal enrichment purposes and not as an employee or volunteer of the SCDNR. I agree to comply with rules applicable to my program and understand failure to do so may result in my dismissal from the program.

**Liability Limitations and Acknowledgement of Risks** – I, the Participant, hereby release and hold harmless SCDNR and its officials, employees, and agents from any liability to me for any injury, accident, harm, or other damage to me that arises out of my participation in the program. I further accept and understand that any claims by me against SCDNR, or its officials, employees, or agents, are subject to the limitations of the South Carolina Tort Claims Act. I understand I may be exposed to potential risks from environmental conditions (for example, lightning, fire, smoke, heat, cold, swimming, diving, sharp objects, etc.), rigorous activities, exposure to wildlife and insects, vehicles, boats, equipment, tools, weapons, allergens, first aid or medical treatment for injuries, hunting and fishing activities, and others over which SCDNR may or may not have any control. Taking into consideration my personal health and access limitations for some work locations, I acknowledge that I have the ultimate responsibility to determine whether I can safely participate before engaging in specific program activities.

**Photo, Audio, Video Release** – I grant the SCDNR permission to use photographs, pictures, audio, and/or video broadcasts or recordings of me (collectively, “Content”) as described below. SCDNR may use the Content on the internet and similar platforms/applications, in broadcasts, and in any print or digital form including public presentations, publications, educational materials, derivative works, or similar uses. I understand and agree that the Content may be edited, copied, exhibited, published, or distributed and waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product or any derivative works. I also understand and agree that I may be identified as a participant, including by name, in information that might accompany the Content. My release of Content to SCDNR is a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and permanent / irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, republish or otherwise use the Content and has no geographic limits. If acquired by or provided to SCDNR, I agree that the Content is and shall remain the property of the SCDNR. I warrant and represent that this grant and release of Content does not in any way conflict with any existing commitment I have made. I forever release SCDNR, its trustees, employees, and agents from any and all claims, demands, rights, promises, damages and liabilities arising out of or in connection with the use or distribution of the Content, including but not limited to any claims for invasion of privacy, appropriation of likeness, or defamation.

By signing this Agreement, I acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understand and agree to be bound to these terms. Additionally, I warrant that I am eighteen (18) years old or more and competent to contract in my own name or, if not, that my parent or legal guardian has signed this Agreement below. This Agreement is binding on me and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives.

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Signature

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Date