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L.D.W.F. SEEKING EXHIBITORS FOR N.H.F.D. IN BATON ROUGE

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has set the date for the next National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHFD) statewide for Saturday, Sept. 22 and is currently looking for exhibitors for the Baton Rouge location.

Interested parties can download the 2007 Exhibitors' Registration Form from LDWF's Web site at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/aboutldwf/NHFD>. The form must be faxed or mailed back to the contact information on the form by Sept. 7. There is no charge to exhibit at NHFD.

Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day celebrates the outdoors by inviting people in the Baton Rouge metro area to come to Waddill Refuge at 4142 Flannery Road from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and view exhibits created by LDWF personnel, other government resource agencies and hunting and fishing groups like the Coastal Conservation Association and Ducks Unlimited.

The Baton Rouge event offers hands-on activities including canoeing, skeet shooting and a kids' fishing contest from 9-11 a.m.

As always, admission and activities are absolutely free.

The event is sponsored in part by Baton Rouge Coca-Cola Bottling Company, The Advocate, Louisiana Fish Fry Products and Associated Grocers.

Potential exhibitors should offer outdoor-related information or activities that are family oriented. Events should be safe, educational and most of all entertaining.

Solicitation is forbidden at this strictly free event, so exhibitors may not sell products or services. LDWF will only accept qualified groups or individuals. Space is limited, so send your registration form as soon as possible.



FREE ADMISSION

National Hunting & Fishing Day

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007 9a.m. - 3p.m.

Demonstrations include:
 bowhunting
 fly casting
 fly tying
 falconry

Activities include:
 canoeing
 fishing
 sports shooting
 archery
 duck & goose calling
 boating education

Exhibits include:
 Ducks Unlimited
 Operation Game Thief
 National Wild Turkey Federation
 Quality Deer Management Association
 Amite River Traditional Archery Club
 plus many more!

FREE SAMPLES OF LOUISIANA GAME & SEAFOOD DISHES

Activities and exhibits vary by location. Call the LDWF office in your area for more details on events throughout the state:

Baton Rouge	225-765-2925
Monroe	318-343-4044
Minden	318-371-3050
Woodworth	318-484-2212


Event presented by:  

Event sponsored by: **Coca-Cola**, **The Advocate**, **Associated Grocers**, **Front To Back Boat Service**



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L.D.W.F. FINALIZES SCHEDULE FOR THE 2007-08 YOUTH LOTTERY DEER HUNT SEASON

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has scheduled five youth deer lottery hunts on Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) across the state for the 2007-08 deer-hunting season.

Applicants must be between 8-15 years old, except for the Dewey Wills WMA hunts that require applicants to be under 16 years of age. Chosen applicants will be notified by mail after a random computer drawing and must also bring an escort that is at least 18 years of age to the lottery hunt.

Applications are available at LDWF's Web site at www.wlf.louisiana.gov/hunting/regulations/wma/lottery-hunts. Successful applicants will be notified by mail with their lottery permits. Applications are also available at LDWF's regional offices.

The following WMAs are included in this year's youth deer lottery season:

-- Sherburne WMA in St. Martin and Iberville parishes - Applications are due by Oct. 5. Hunt dates are on Dec. 21, 26, 28 and 31.

-- Floy McElroy WMA in Richland Parish - Applications are due by Sept. 7. Hunt dates are on Oct. 20-21, Nov. 3-4 and Nov. 10-11.

-- Dewey W. Wills WMA in Catahoula and LaSalle parishes - Applications are due by Oct. 12. Hunt dates are on Dec. 8 and 9, and Jan. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, and 20.

-- Tunica Hills WMA in West Feliciana Parish - Applications are due by Oct. 5. Hunt dates are on Nov. 3 and 4.

-- Buckhorn WMA in Tensas Parish - Applications are due by Sept. 28. Hunt dates are on Oct. 27 and 28, Nov. 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, and 29-30, and Jan. 5-6.

Only one application per youth hunter can be submitted for each WMA deer lottery hunt. A non-refundable \$5 check or money order made payable to the Louisiana

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is required with each application. Applications can be mailed with the title of the lottery hunt on the Attn: line. Example, Attn: Lottery Youth Deer Hunt - Floy McElroy WMA, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Youth hunters must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. However, this requirement is waived if the accompanying adult is in possession of a hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course.

For more information, contact Scott Longman at 225-765-2347 or slongman@wlf.louisiana.gov.

BAYOU PIERRE W.M.A. TO HOLD YOUTH WATERFOWL LOTTERY

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) will be providing youth waterfowl lottery hunts on the Bayou Pierre Wildlife Management Area (WMA) on Nov. 3 and 4 this upcoming hunting season. Applications are due by Oct. 1.

Applicants for the youth lottery hunt must be between 10-15 years old. A \$5 non-refundable check or money order made payable to LDWF is required with each application. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification.

Applications can be mailed to Youth Lottery Waterfowl Hunt - Bayou Pierre WMA, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898. Applications are available at LDWF region offices and on the Web site at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/hunting/regulations/wma/lotteryhunts>.

**For a complete list of youth and adult lottery hunts please visit:
www.wlf.louisiana.gov/hunting/regulations/wma/lotteryhunts.**



RACELAND MAN SENTENCED FOR DWI AND HIT AND RUN

On June 15, 2007, Clifton Thibodeaux Jr., 33, of Raceland, pled guilty to operating a vessel while intoxicated, and hit and run charges.

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents were dispatched to a boating accident, which occurred in the Company Canal in Lafourche Parish near Lockport on July 17, 2006. Agents conducted an investigation where it was determined that Thibodeaux caused a boating accident with another vessel that inflicted severe injuries to the two occupants of the second vessel and then fled the scene.

When agents located Thibodeaux, he showed obvious signs of impairment and was transported to the local jail where sobriety testing led to his arrest for reckless opera-



tion of a watercraft, hit and run, and fourth offense DWI.

Thibodeaux received a prison sentence of 10 years for each offense at hard labor to run concurrent. He was also ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine plus court costs.

He was taken into custody by the Lafourche Sheriff's Office and will remain at the Lafourche Parish Jail until his transfer to the Department of Corrections. The case was handled and prosecuted by Lafourche District Attorney Cam Morvant's office.

Agents participating in the case were Senior Agents Thomas Dewitt and Jamie Folse.

For more information, contact Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze at 225-765-2988 or klacaze@wlf.louisiana.gov.

FIVE CITED FOR SHRIMPING DURING A CLOSED SEASON

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents acting on an Operation Game Thief complaint cited four men and one woman on three separate shrimping vessels in Iberia Parish, east of Marsh Island, for allegedly shrimping during a closed season inside state waters on Aug. 8.

Agents cited Than Van, 29, of Buras, and Van Lol, 52, of Orlando, Fla. for allegedly trawling during a closed season and failure to display a valid certificate decal.

On the second vessel, agents cited Vui Van, 46, and Co Thi Nguyen, 45, both

of Buras for allegedly trawling during a closed season, taking shrimp with illegal size gear and failure to display a valid certificate decal.

On the third vessel agents cited Mong Van Vo, 44, of Empire for allegedly trawling during a closed season.

The cases were made in Zone 2 in closed state waters. Zone 2 opened Aug. 13 at noon. A total of 13,660 lbs. of white shrimp was seized and sold for \$12,294. Six skimmer nets were seized and are being held as evidence.

Taking shrimp during a closed season carries a fine between \$400 and \$750, or jail time up to 120 days, or both

plus court costs and forfeiture of anything seized. The penalties for taking shrimp with illegal gear is a fine between \$250 and \$500, or jail time up to 90 days, or both plus court costs. Failure to display a valid certificate decal is punishable by a fine of \$50, or 15 days in jail or both.

Agents participating in the cases were Senior Agents Jason Romero and Donnie Bozeman and Agent Jason Marks.

For more information, contact Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze at 225-765-2988 or klacaze@wlf.louisiana.gov.



L.O.W.A. ANNOUNCES WINNING ENTRIES FOR THE 2007 Y.J.C.

The Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association (LOWA) announced and honored the winners of the 2007 Youth Journalism Contest (YJC) at their annual conference in Shreveport Aug. 18, 2007.

LOWA sponsors its YJC to encourage youth literacy and encourage the wise use of our outdoor resources. The contest is designed to interest students in writing and photography about outdoor subjects such as hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, or any activity in the outdoor spectrum.

The contest is open to all students 18 years of age and younger. This year 248 students submitted 339 entries from across Louisiana and a few from Mississippi.

There were 72 entries in Senior Essay (14-18 years of age (YOA), 95 entries in Junior Essay (13 YOA and under), and 172 entries from 81 students in Photography (18 YOA and under).

Each category receives the following prizes: 1st Place-\$150 and a certificate; 2nd Place-\$100 and a certificate; 3rd Place-\$50 and a certificate; and Honorable Mention (4th Place)-certificate only.

The winners learned their ranking in the contest at the awards ceremony. Any student who was unable to attend will receive his/her check and/or certificate by mail after the event.

SENIOR ESSAY (14-18 YOA)

1st Place

David Henderson-17 YOA
"Philmont, New Mexico"
C.E. Byrd High School
Shreveport, La.

2nd Place

Jake Hayden-16 YOA
"One Glass of Nature, Please"
The Dunham School
Baton Rouge, La.

3rd Place

Caitlin Norris-17 YOA
"My Favorite Place"
C.E. Byrd High School
Keithville, La.

Honorable Mention

Elliott Boudreaux-15 YOA
"My Redfish Spot"
Episcopal High School
Baton Rouge, La.

PHOTO WINNERS (18 YOA and Under)

1st Place

Brittany Alane Barbay-10 YOA
"Acadian Home in Black and White"
Bains Elementary
St. Francisville, La.

2nd Place

Michael Gronowski-17 YOA
"The Shoreline"
St. Amant High School
St. Amant, La.

3rd Place

Gaia Burrage-12 YOA
"Trees Shrouded in Fog"
Boyet Jr. High
Slidell, La.

Honorable Mention

Robert Gallant-17 YOA
"Sunset Lake"
Airline High School
Bossier City, La.

Honorable Mention

Amy Weaver-14 YOA
"Black Labrador"
Monteleone Junior High School
Metairie, La.

JUNIOR ESSAY WINNERS (13 YOA and Under)

1st Place

Amanda Wolff-13 YOA (Repeat winner in 2006)
"The Hunt"
Home Schooled
Baton Rouge, La.

2nd Place

Michael Carrigee-13 YOA
"Hunting the Dark Continent"
Home School
Folsom, La.

3rd Place

Maria LaGrone-10 YOA
"The Day I Will Never Forget"
Home Schooled
Livonia, La.

Honorable Mention

Luke LeBlanc-10 YOA
"My First Deer"
Holy Family School
Addis, La.

Gordon Hutchinson, LOWA Youth Journalism Contest chairman said, "This was our second largest contest to date, and again the judges had a difficult time choosing the winners. The quality of submissions was high, and showed real skills and creativity in writing and photography. We congratulate all the winners, and encourage everyone to enter again next year. You are all winners in our book when you are promoting the wise use of our outdoor resources and learning to communicate your appreciation of them."