

### **SHERBURNE WMA YOUTH LOTTERY WATERFOWL HUNT PARTICIPANT:**

This letter will provide information about participating in the hunt. After reading the information contained in this letter if you still have any questions please call the LDWF Lafayette office at (337)262-2080.

Successful Youth Lottery Hunters will receive an email with their hunt date and permit. Youth hunters and their guardian/adult chaperone are to arrive at the Sherburne South Farm Check Station location (see directions below for details) no later than **5:00 a.m.** the morning of the hunt for a **mandatory pre-hunt meeting**. Youth hunters will be hunting from blinds placed at selected locations on the North Farm by LDWF. The blind you hunt will be determined by LDWF the morning of the hunt.

Hunters and their escorts should wear waders or hip boots; waders are preferred due to potential higher water depth from rain. It is required that hunters use a shotgun that they are familiar with and capable of safely operating in a duck blind situation.

***The following list of participants' rules for the hunt shall be reviewed by the youth and escort prior to the hunt date.*** These rules and any other instructions will be reviewed in the pre-hunt meeting.

1. Each youth hunter must have one adult (18 yrs. of age or older) escort to participate. The escort is not allowed to shoot. Each duck blind hunted will have 2 youths with their escorts and a LDWF appointed guide.
2. **Safety is first and foremost; the guide will review all safety requirements with the youth and escort, and may terminate the hunt at any time if he deems the situations and safe firearms handling are unsatisfactory to continue.**
3. Only 1 shotgun is permitted, and it is to remain unloaded, with the action left open, and encased until arrival at the duck blind. The shotgun should only be loaded once hunter and escort are secure in the blind and the guide has directed the youth to load. The guide will also direct the youth when to shoot and when to unload the shotgun. Prior to exiting the blind, the shotgun is to be unloaded and encased, with the action left open. Not abiding by the guide's instructions will result in the youth's hunt being terminated.
4. Each youth may bring a maximum of **2 boxes (50 shells) of non-toxic shotshells** for the hunt. *Please ensure the shells are appropriate for the gun being used.*
5. You may bring food and drink items, and are encouraged to bring bug repellent, flashlight, and clothing suitable for existing weather conditions. All litter and items brought to the duck blind must be removed upon completion of the hunt.

6. You will be expected to assist the guide in setting out and picking up decoys, if requested. Additionally, you will be expected to exert any effort necessary to retrieve any waterfowl downed from your shooting activity.
7. A “WMA Youth Waterfowl Hunt” video has been developed to reiterate safety and demonstrate expectations of the Youth and Escort for this hunt. The video is available at: <https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/wma-youth-waterfowl-hunt>.

All hunters and guests must possess all required licenses prior to hunting on the WMA.

### **DIRECTIONS TO SOUTH FARM CHECK STATION**

#### **From Baton Rouge**

Take I-10 West to Ramah, Exit 135. Turn right and go approximately 100 yards, then turn left onto LA 3000 South. Take the first right and drive west towards the levee. Cross the bridge and turn right (North) at stop sign. Going north, follow the gravel road approximately 1.25 miles until you see SOUTH FARM sign, cross ramp to South Farm check station.

#### **From Lafayette**

Take I-10 East to Ramah, Exit 135. Turn right and go approximately 0.25 miles, then turn left onto LA 3000 South. Take the first right and drive west towards the levee. Cross the bridge and turn right (North) at stop sign. Going north, follow the gravel road approximately 1.25 miles until you see SOUTH FARM sign, cross ramp to South Farm check station.

#### **From Highway 190**

From Krotz Springs, travel east to the first stop light in Livonia. Turn right onto Highway 77 and continue south towards Maringouin for approximately 6 miles (Highway 77 turns into Highway 76 in Maringouin). Go through Maringouin and turn right onto Musson Lane (next to a small bar) towards the east protection levee of the Morganza Spillway. Follow the levee road south approximately 3 miles. Look for sign on side of the levee, SOUTH FARM, cross ramp to South Farm check station.

Gates have been erected on the East Protection Levee near Lottie, LA so you must go to Livonia now to get to the levee leading to the South Farm.

#### **Coordinates:**

30.416261

-91.524469