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PRESS RELEASE

SCOTT COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD CONTROLLED DEER HUNT APPLICATIONS

Attached is a copy of the information and application that will be made available on Saturday, August 29, 2009 for those hunters wishing to participate in the 2009 Controlled Deer Hunt at select Scott County Conservation Board areas.

Scott County Park and the Wapsi Environmental Education Center are designated as a Special Deer Management Zones and **special deer licenses** will be for **antlerless deer only**. The controlled 2009 hunt will allow for 50 individuals to hunt and remove up to 75 antlerless deer on special deer licenses from Scott County Park during the following season: **December 5th and 6th**. The controlled 2009 hunt will allow for 12 individuals to hunt and remove up to 20 antlerless deer on special deer licenses from the Wapsi Center during the same season as the Iowa first shotgun season, **December 5 - December 9**. License fees will be paid directly to the designated vendor (Gander Mountain) for special Scott County Park and Wapsi Center licenses **after** the selection process and completion of proficiency testing.

Applications will be available August 29th at the Scott County Park Entrance Station, Campground Office at West Lake Park (Gate 5), and the Wapsi Environmental Education Center and on-line at www.scottcountyiowa.com/conservation. Applications must be received by Friday, September 25th for a lottery drawing that will be held the first week in October. All applicants will be notified by mail of the results of the lottery drawing.

Only residents of the State of Iowa are eligible to participate. Handicap and youth hunters are encouraged to apply and a select number will be given preferential consideration in the selection process. A limited number of accessible blinds are available. If you have questions regarding fees, please refer to DNR 2009 Deer Application information literature.

First-time hunters selected for this special hunt will be required to pass a safety/orientation class and demonstrate shooting proficiency before a special license or authorization will be issued. The class and test will be offered November 7, 2009 at the Davenport Police Department Training Center. Hunters are encouraged to practice for the shooting proficiency test. **Only one chance is permitted to pass the test.**

Previous successful hunters drawn for this year's hunt will be permitted to attend the orientation class and re-shoot the qualification course without penalty if they desire.

OUR MISSION: To improve the quality of life and promote and preserve the health, welfare and enjoyment for the citizens of Scott County and the general public by acquiring, developing, operating, and preserving the historical, educational, environmental, recreational and natural resources of the County.

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DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM 2009 CONTROLLED HUNT INFORMATION



The Scott County Conservation Board is using biologically accepted deer herd management techniques to manage the number of deer at both Scott County Park and the Wapsi Environmental Education Center. The objective of the plan is to maintain a deer population that is in balance with plant life and other animal communities for the areas concerned.

The controlled hunt for 2009 will allow for 50 hunters to hunt and remove deer from Scott County Park during the following season: **December 5 and 6**. In addition, 12 hunters will be permitted to hunt at the Wapsi Environmental Education Center for the State first shotgun season: **December 5 - 9**.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has **designated both Scott County Park and the Wapsi Environmental Education Center as a Special Deer Management Zone** and has approved the issuance of **75** special deer licenses for Scott County Park and **20 for the Wapsi Center**. The special deer licenses will be for **antlerless deer only** for all hunts. Licenses will only be issued to residents of the State of Iowa and are in addition to any deer license the individual may have obtained for the regular deer season.

The special deer licenses will **only** be issued to successful applicants who have passed the shooter's proficiency test and attended the hunter safety session conducted by the Scott County Conservation Board. **No refunds** for cancellation or failure to meet or follow any deer management program requirements.

I. Application Process

Applications will be available from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. daily beginning Saturday, August 29th at:

- 1) Scott County Park
South Entrance Station; and
- 2) West Lake Park
Campground Office, Gate #5

Applicants wishing to hunt together (i.e. adult/youth, groups, hunters needing assistance), must staple and submit all applications together. **Send no money now. Fees are paid directly to the license vendor after all requirements have been met.**

Completed applications must be mailed or delivered to:

Scott County Conservation Board
West Lake Park, Gate #3
14910 – 110th Avenue
Davenport, IA 52804

by 4:30 p.m., Friday, September 25, 2009.

II. Selection Process

During the first week of October, a drawing will be conducted to select the 50 individuals needed for the Scott County Park hunt; and the 12 individuals needed for the Wapsi Center hunt. Written notification will be made to all applicants whether they are selected or not. We will select party or group applications only as long as slots are available. Preferential consideration will be given to youth and disabled hunters during the selection process.

Youth hunters are defined as residents 12 – 15 years of age hunting under the direct supervision of a parent, guardian, or other competent adult with the consent of the parent or guardian. A hunter education course must have been passed and state license requirements met. For youth, disabled and handicap hunters, a limited number of accessible blinds are available. Please mark your application requesting special assistance and we will contact you if selected.

III. Proficiency Process

The Hunter Safety Session and shooting proficiency tests will be required for "first time" participants only. These sessions will be conducted on **Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 8:00AM** at the Davenport Police Department Training Center, 8440 Harrison Street, Davenport, Iowa 52806 (next to the Izaak Walton League Lodge). Attendance is mandatory. Each hunter will be required to hit a 10" diameter circle three (3) times out of five (5) attempts with a shotgun slug or muzzleloader round at 40 yards. You must provide your own firearm and ammunition. Off-hand shooting required, **no second chance opportunities.** The required gun for hunting is a shotgun, shooting a single projectile in 10, 12, 16, and 20 gauges; or a muzzleloader .44 to .775 caliber. Successful hunters from previous years will be permitted to re-shoot the proficiency course with amnesty and also attend the class. **Handicap and youth hunters may shoot a modified course of fire.**

IV. Payment of Permit Fees (For successful applicants drawn in selection process only.)

Scott County Park special hunt licenses must be purchased directly from Gander Mountain, 3940 Elmore, Davenport, IA after receiving selection and approval documentation from the Conservation Board.

Tags need to be purchased BEFORE November 23 for both locations. For the Wapsi Center hunters, after 23 November, additional tags may be purchased up to the 20 total limit.

Fee: \$27.00 for first antlerless permit. \$12.00 for second or subsequent antlerless permit. If you have questions regarding fees, please refer to DNR 2009 Deer Application information literature.

For further information, please contact the Scott County Conservation Board **(563) 328-3280**.