

## News Release

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*Pineville, La. (January 17, 2013)* – Hunting is the top recreational activity on the Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) and turkey hunting is one of the most popular of all the hunts. This year the KNF will open all five districts for a youth turkey hunt on Saturday, March 16, 2013. This is a one-day only event for youth 8 – 17 years of age.

“In coordination with the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Kisatchie National Forest is proud to offer to the youth of our great state this new youth turkey hunting opportunity,” said Jonny Fryar, Wildlife Biologist on the Calcasieu Ranger District of the KNF. Opening the 600,000 acres of forest land that make up the KNF will almost double the amount of land available, and more importantly double the opportunity, for youth turkey hunting in Louisiana.”

There are 20 hunting spots available on each district of the KNF, except for the Caney District that has 15 spots. Participants will be chosen in a lottery-style method by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) at their office in Baton Rouge. To apply for the KNF youth turkey hunt download the application at the following address <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/hunting/lottery-hunts> from the LDWF website. Applications must be completed and returned to the LDWF office no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 1, 2013. A \$5 non-refundable administrative fee is required with each application.

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Jimmy Stafford, Wildlife Biologist, with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, explains, “Besides the tremendous educational experience for the young people who will be involved in this hunt, it will be a time when parents and their children can get out in the woods and enjoy the national forest. We expect a lot of memories to be made.”

The lottery drawing will take place in early March and those selected will be notified by mail. Luke Lewis, National Wildlife Turkey Federation (NWTf) Regional Biologist for Louisiana, said, “We have been a partner with Kisatchie National Forest and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries since the early 1970’s and this designated spring youth hunt helps our organization close the circle for conservation, hunter safety, and getting our youth involved in hunting in our state and experiencing the beauty of our National Forest.”

For more information about Kisatchie National Forest or the turkey youth hunt call the Forest Supervisor’s office in Pineville at (318) 473-7160.

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