**HCWA Veterans Deer Hunt General Information for 2023**

**Hunt to Be Held Saturday, November 18th, 5:00 AM-11:00 AM and 3:00 PM until Sunset**

**This Hunt Is Open To ALL Henry County Veterans**

**Who Have Been Honorably Discharged, Active Duty, and Reservist**

**Step 1:**  Applications can be found on hcwa.com website or may be picked up at Walnut Creek WRF, 1682 N. Ola Rd., McDonough GA. 30252 in person on Monday – Friday between 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM starting on Monday, August 7, 2023.

**Step 2:** Fill out application. Information provided will serve as contact information about the hunt so please print neatly and use accurate information. Make a copy of your driver’s license or water bill as proof of Henry Co. residency. Also, a copy of your DD 214 is required.

**Step 3:** Return the application with proof of qualifications by email to shelley.boggess@hcwa.com

You may also bring applications to Walnut Creek WRF, 1682 N. Ola Rd., McDonough GA. 30252 in person with proof of qualifications during the following dates/times **ONLY!**

Monday – August 7th – September 28th 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**\*No applications will be received after Thursday, September 28th, at 4:00pm\***

Drawing will be held at Walnut Creek WRF, 1682 N. Ola Rd., McDonough GA. 30252 on Friday, September 29th, at 9:00 AM.

**Important information for those applicants who are drawn for the hunt:**

**1.** It is **mandatory** that all applicants drawn for the hunt attend an orientation meeting at Walnut Creek LAS, 570 River Rd., McDonough GA. 30252 on Friday, November 17th, at 6:00 PM.

**2.** All blinds will be provided; however, applicants are responsible for providing all other hunting equipment (orange hunting vest, shotgun, ammunition, hunting stool, etc.). HCWA staff will transport hunters to and from their hunting locations.

**3**. You will be notified by email that you have been chosen for the hunt. We will also pick 10 alternates to fill a position of someone who for some reason cannot participate in the hunt. Those alternates will also be notified that they have been chosen as alternates. If you are chosen for the hunt and for some reason cannot participate, please let us know ASAP.

**Regulations for Deer Hunting**

1. **Hunters are responsible to insure that they have the proper license; all State laws and license are enforced and required.**
2. **Walnut Creek veterans hunt will be shotgun only, using only buckshot ammunition.**
3. ***Only deer may be harvested*. Bag limits will be discussed at orientation.**
4. **Hunters must use personal state issued deer tags.**
5. **Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on Authority property.**
6. **Hunters must remain in designated blind for duration of hunt. HCWA staff will escort hunters in and out of hunting blind.**
7. **All hunters are required to have a working cell phone.**
8. **All hunters are required to wear 500 sq. Inches of orange above the waist at all times.**
9. **Hunting areas will be assigned by lottery. Areas will be designated by Authority Staff.**
10. **No pre-hunt or post hunt scouting. Hunting is allowed *only* on specified date and times.**
11. **Only Ground blinds will be allowed for this hunt. All blinds will be pre-set and provided.**
12. **All deer must be brought to the check station before field dressed by the hunter.**
13. **NO tracking of deer will be allowed without accompany of HCWA staff member.**
14. **Any hunter who violates state law or special regulations set forth by the Henry County Water Authority is subject to losing their hunting privileges on Authority property, which will result in forfeiture of the hunt, and any future hunting opportunity’s on Authority property.**
15. **The Henry County Water Authority is not responsible or liable for loss, theft, damage or destruction of any person’s personal property.**
16. **By signing the waiver, I hereby grant HCWA and their representative’s permission to take and publish photographs of me at this event.**
17. **Be advised that under Georgia law, there is no liability for an injury or death of an individual entering our premises. If such injury or death results from the inherent risks of contracting Covid-19. You are assuming this risk by entering HCWA premises.**

**Release and Application Regarding Hunting on Henry County Water Authority Property:**

The undersigned Deer Hunter that the Henry County Water Authority is allowing the undersigned to become a participant in a managed hunt(s) of White-tailed deer on property belonging to the Henry County Water Authority, the undersigned does hereby release and discharge the Henry County Water Authority, its officers, directors, management, employees, and members of the Board of the Henry County Water Authority , of and from, any and all claims arising out of or by virtue of the undersigned being allowed to deer hunt on property of the Henry County Water Authority. This release is executed by the undersigned, for and on behalf of the undersigned, his or her heirs, successors, representatives or assigns, and is intended to be a full and complete release of the Henry County Water Authority of any and all claim that the undersigned may now or hereafter have against the Henry County Water Authority arising out of, or in any way connected with the undersigned’s presence on the property of the Henry County Water Authority for purposes of participating in a managed deer hunt(s).

 The undersigned acknowledges that he/she is a mere licensee whose right to remain on the property of the Henry County Water Authority is terminable at will and without notice. The undersigned agrees to vacate the property at such time(s) as the Henry County Water Authority or its representative in sole discretion determines is appropriate.

 **The undersigned expressly assumes all risks and damages incidental to the White-tailed deer managed hunt(s) conducted on the property of the** Henry **County Water Authority. The undersigned agrees and stipulates that the Henry County Water Authority, its officers, agents, employees, and Board Members are not responsible or liable for any injuries sustained and does hereby release any claim against them arising directly or indirectly from any such injury.**

***As evidenced by the below signature the signee has read and agrees to abide by the above release and all regulations governing the hunts on Authority Property to include both State Law and special regulations set by the Henry County Water Authority.***

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Will you need assistance? Yes / No (circle one)

If so do you have someone to assist you? Yes / No

If (No) we can provide someone to assist you.

T-Shirt Size: Large, XL, XXL (circle one)

Adult Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print Name**

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