



TWRA NEWS

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NEW APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE WILL BE AVAILABLE DECEMBER 13

Tennessee's new Apprentice Hunting License will become available on December 13th, according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA).

The new Apprentice License will exempt a hunter, age 10 or older who falls within the hunter education requirement, from having to complete the mandatory hunter Education Course for the current license year.

The Apprentice License (Type 12) may be purchased for \$11 at any hunting and fishing license agent. The license is valid from the date of purchase through the last day of February.

This license may only be purchased once in the lifetime of the hunter.

While hunting, the apprentice hunter must be accompanied by a licensed adult at least 21 years of age, who is hunter education certified or otherwise exempt from the law.

In addition to the apprentice license, the hunter must have all other applicable licenses and permits.

The agency is hoping that the new license will encourage potential sportsmen to hunt with a friend or family member and ultimately become a regular in the outdoors world.

The license can only be purchased once and runs until the end of TWRA's license-year, which is the last day of February.

TWRA HAS THE GIFTS FOR THOSE ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST

Are you looking for a last minute gift for the angler, hunter or wildlife watcher in your family? If so, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) has just the gift for that hard to buy for person.

Wildlife License Plates:

Your gift recipients can show their support for wildlife by putting one of TWRA's wildlife license plates on their vehicle. Recent legislation has authorized the design of the new specialty smallmouth bass license plate in Tennessee. Just like the popular bluebird, bear, and turkey plates, the smallmouth bass plate will cost \$35 above the regular cost of registering your vehicle. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of these plates will go toward the management and protection of Tennessee's wildlife (both game and non-game species) and their habitats. The "Watchable Wildlife" plate, the familiar bluebird, will still be available with proceeds from that plate continuing to go into an endowment fund for the management of Tennessee's non-game and endangered wildlife. The new plate, along with the other wildlife plates, is designed to give people another choice as well as to allow them to support wildlife programs other than non-game. Art for the smallmouth bass license plate is from a print titled Sunlight on Bronze by renowned artist Al Agnew.

The new smallmouth license plate has already been received by some County Clerks and all should have the new plate in stock by the first of the year.

Tennessee Wildlife Magazine:

A gift subscription to Tennessee Wildlife magazine may be just what you've been looking for. Each issue is packed with stories about fish and wildlife right here in our state. Learn the latest hunting strategies, fishing techniques or get an update on Tennessee's elk restoration efforts. Find the best areas for wildlife viewing and get up-close-and-personal with some of our state's most interesting creatures.

A gift subscription for one year (6 issues) is just \$10, and includes the ever popular July/August calendar issue. If you wish to make the gift last longer, a two-year subscription is \$17 and three years is \$25.

To complete your order, go to our website and print off a subscription form at www.tnwildlife.org.

In order to have something to wrap for Christmas, just print the form, clip and wrap the top half, to let them know that you're providing them an opportunity to enjoy Tennessee Wildlife Magazine for a full year. Fill out and mail in the bottom portion of the form with your payment.

Lifetime Sportsman License:

Another item available from TWRA that would make a wonderful gift for the current or even future angler or hunter in your family is the Resident Lifetime Hunting/Fishing License. This is one of the few gifts that will have the same value Christmas after Christmas. Someone who gets this for a gift will never have to worry about another Tennessee license.

The Lifetime Hunting/Fishing is available to all ages, with the youngest sportsmen among us--actually future sportsmen--eligible for the best deal. If you think a newborn or toddler might one day be a hunter or fisherman, it's hard to beat the price of a Lifetime License.

Applications for a Lifetime License can be obtained at TWRA Regional Offices or the TWRA Central Office or printed from the TWRA web page at www.tnwildlife.org.

The following are current resident license costs, which are based on age:

Applicants under 3 years of age - \$200

Applicants 3 years of age through 6 years of age - \$540

Applicants 7 years of age through 12 years of age - \$810

Applicants 13 years of age through 50 years of age - \$1,620

Applicants 51 years of age through 64 years of age - \$945

Applicants 65 years of age or older - \$270

REPORT BANDED WATERFOWL TO WILDLIFE SERVICE

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) urges waterfowl hunters to report leg and neck band numbers they find on ducks and geese to the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service (USFWS). The recovery of waterfowl band numbers reveals scientifically valuable information necessary to monitor migration patterns and manage North America's ducks and geese.

The USFWS has implemented a toll-free number for hunters to report band numbers. The toll-free number is 1-800-327-BAND (2263). The information to report is the band number, the date of harvest, and the county or area of harvest.

Waterfowl bands are prized trophies to waterfowl hunters and do not need to be sent to the Wildlife Service. In return for reporting band numbers, the cooperating hunter will receive a fact sheet and a certificate appropriate for framing.