



# TWRA NEWS

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Tennessee’s first segment of the statewide Young Sportsman Deer Hunt will be October 25 & 26, this year, according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA).

This special hunt is open to youths 6 through 16 years of age. Each youth must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 21 years of age or older. The non-hunting adult does not need a license, but both youth and adult must wear 500 square inches of fluorescent orange.

Participating youth hunters 10 years of age and older are required to carry proof of successful completion of a Hunter Education Course or possess an Apprentice Hunting License. Adults who accompany the youth must be close enough to take immediate control of the hunting device (gun or bow).

The bag limit for this first segment is: Unit A – 1 antlered deer per day and 2 antlerless deer; Unit L – 1 antlered deer per day and 3 antlerless deer per day, Unit B (East Tenn.) -

1 deer either-sex. Antlered deer taken on this hunt count toward the statewide limit on antlered deer. Antlered deer are defined as deer with antlers 3 inches long or longer.

Some of TWRA's wildlife management areas will also be open for this hunt. A list of all WMAs and hunt dates can be found in the *2008 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide*.

Hunters, ages 6 through 12, do not need a hunting license but must purchase a permit if hunting on WMAs that require a permit. Resident hunters, ages 13 through 15, must have the Junior hunting license and permit if hunting certain WMAs or Lifetime Sportsman License. Residents that are already 16 (when they purchase the license) must purchase adult licenses and permits.

Parents should remember that in order to check out a deer, the youth hunter needs to have available a TWRA ID Number or if the youth is under the age of 13 and does not have a license or hunting under landowner exemption, a Social Security Number is required.

Another segment of the Young Sportsman's Deer Hunt will be January 17-18, 2009. More details can be found in the *2008 Hunting and Trapping Guide* or on the TWRA web page at [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org).

### **REMEMBER - ASK FIRST BEFORE HUNTING ON PRIVATE LAND**

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) would like to remind all hunters that Tennessee State Law (TCA 70-4-106) requires all hunters to have permission before hunting on private property.

Every year TWRA Offices across the state receive calls from landowners about people hunting without permission. TWRA personnel will, as in past years, assist landowners who wish to sign a warrant and prosecute hunters for hunting without permission.

The law requires hunters to have permission from the landowner before hunting, whether or not the property is posted. In most cases, verbal permission will work. If the property is properly posted with signs stating hunting by "written permission only", then hunters are required to carry written permission from the landowner.

TWRA urges all hunters to obtain a *2008 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* or go to [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org) and review the information before hunting. Each year, hunters are issued citations for violations that a few minutes of reading could have prevented.

Remember – “Stop Poaching” – in West Tennessee, call 1-800-831-1173 to report game law violations.

### **APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE AVAILABLE**

Tennessee’s Apprentice Hunting License is still available for those who have not completed a Hunter Education Course, according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA).

The Apprentice License, which began last year in Tennessee, exempts 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 an 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 other applicable licenses and permits.