



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tuttle Creek Lake
5020 Tuttle Creek Blvd.
Manhattan, KS 66502

April 5, 2018

Dear Prospective Hunter,

Plans are underway for the 15th annual youth/handicap assisted deer hunt at Tuttle Creek Lake. The event is sponsored by the Riley County Fish & Game Association, Tuttle Creek Lake Association, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, the Lloyd Johnson Outdoor Youth fund, Cox Bros BBQ, Early Edition restaurant, Friends of Fancy Creek Range, and the Corps of Engineers at Tuttle Creek Lake.

Participants wishing to qualify for this hunt as a disabled hunter are required to have a handicap identification card or similar proof of their permanent disability. Youth 11 through 16 years of age are also eligible to participate in this hunt.

The hunt itself will be held on October 6th & 7th, 2018 during the Pre-Rut Antlerless rifle season. During the Pre-Rut Antlerless rifle season hunters may only harvest a doe/antlerless deer.

Prior to the hunt we will hold a rifle sight-in at the Fancy Creek Range near Randolph on Sunday, September 16th at 4:00p.m. The sight-in is mandatory for all participants. We will be providing a meal that evening so bring your rifle, ammo (a rifle and ammo will be provided if you don't have your own) and your appetite. During the sight-in, all participants will qualify for the hunt by demonstrating the ability to hit a "pie-sized" target (provided) 2 out of 3 shots at 50 yards. Don't worry, you will have plenty of time to warm up before qualifying. On the afternoon of the sight-in we will also be addressing the hunting license and deer permit needs of each participant. Limited scholarships are available for those that need this assistance.

On October 6th & 7th, to begin the hunt, hunters and guides will meet at 5:00 a.m. at the Tuttle Creek Lake Visitor Center (located at 5020 Tuttle Creek Blvd., Manhattan) for breakfast. After breakfast, all hunters and their guides will disperse to their predestinated hunting blinds. All hunters will have a guide and a hunt location assigned to them well before the hunt. Guides will know the assigned hunting locations. Hunters who are unsuccessful during the morning hunt can make arrangements with their guides for afternoon/evening hunts on these days.

Hopefully everybody will have the opportunity to harvest a deer. We have made arrangements to have the deer processed free of charge at area lockers for those participants that need these services. We also have made arrangements for the deer to be transported to these lockers.

If you would like to participate in this hunt, please fill out an application and send it back to me no later than August 25th. Applications will be prioritized shortly thereafter and all applicants will be notified of their status.

If you have any questions about this event please contact me at 785-539-8511, ext. 3170, wyatt.m.cooper@usace.army.mil, or Game Warden Ben Jedlicka at 785-256-3614, ben.jedlicka@ks.gov.

Sincerely,

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