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TUTTLE CREEK LAKE PROJECT
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MANHATTAN, KANSAS 66502

Tuttle Creek Lake Assisted Deer Hunt

Each year the assisted hunt is held either the first or second weekend of October depending on when the pre-rut antler-less rifle season occurs. Kansas youth 11 through 16 years of age and Kansas residents with a certified disability are eligible to participate in this hunt. We host 10-15 hunters each year.

We prioritize the youth applicants in an effort to expose new hunters each year to the sport of deer hunting. It is also a priority to take youth and disabled hunters that wouldn't be able to hunt without our program.

In addition to the 2 days of hunting in October, hunt participants are also required to attend a firearm & hunting safety presentation and rifle sight-in at the Fancy Creek Shooting Range. The Friends of Fancy Creek Range provide NRA certified Range Safety Officers to staff the shooting range during the rifle sight-in.

A meal is provided the hunters, guides, Range Safety Officers, and other volunteers after the safety presentation and rifle sight-in. We also provide breakfast to all hunters and guides each morning of the hunt.

The Riley County Fish and Game Association, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT), and the Corps of Engineers at Tuttle Creek Lake are sponsors of this event. There are several other groups, businesses, and organizations that contribute to this hunt such as the Friends of Fancy Creek Range, Kansas City Chapter of Safari Club International, Lloyd Johnson Outdoor Youth Fund, and Tuttle Creek Lake Association. GTB Custom Meats of Riley, Clay Center Locker, and the Alta Vista Locker all provide basic processing of harvested deer free of charge for the hunters.

Participants are furnished a Kansas hunting license (if needed), and a deer permit. Scholarship assistance to purchase a hunting license and deer permit are provided by the sponsoring agencies and associations.

If participants do not have a rifle or ammo for the hunt, these items are provided. Some of these rifles are provided through KDWPT's Pass It On Program. Others have been purchased for the hunt over the years with donations from the various sponsoring organizations.

Each participant is paired with an experienced hunter who serves as volunteer guide. Other items provided for this hunt include accessible hunting blinds, hunting locations, hunter orange hats and vests, and transportation to and from the field. Public land surrounding Tuttle Creek Lake, including park areas normally closed to hunting, as well as private land nearby is utilized during the hunt.