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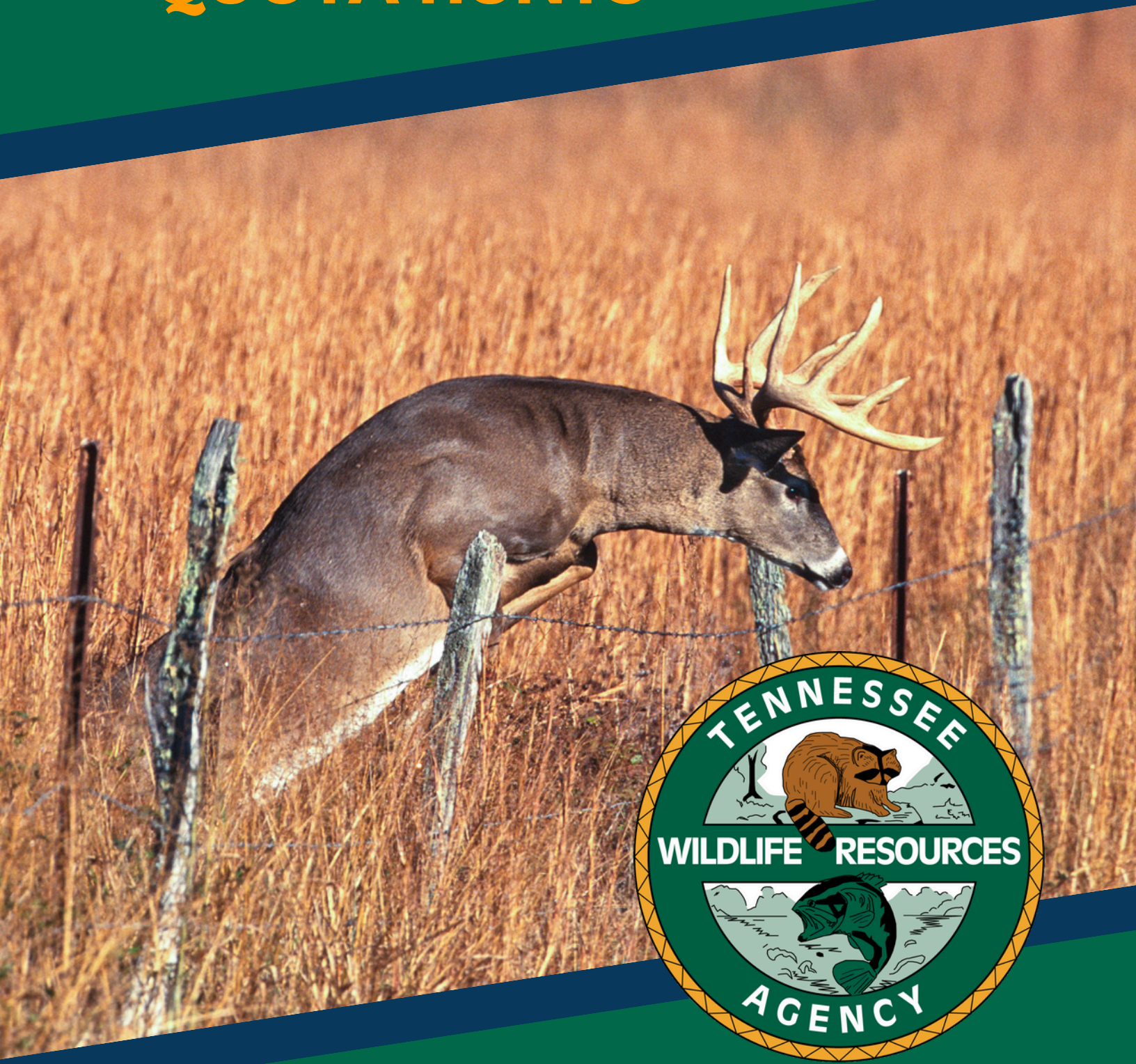

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WHERE TO APPLY

Apply using any one of the following methods:

- Online at www.quotahunt.gooutdoorstennessee.com
- Via the TWRA mobile app
- At one of the TWRA Regional Offices
- At any TWRA License Agent

No applications will be accepted by mail.

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GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

- The application period opens on **June 12, 2024**. The deadline is at **11:59 p.m. CDT** on **July 24, 2024**.
- A **$12 non-refundable application fee** is required for each drawing requested, except for individuals possessing a valid Annual, Lifetime or Senior Sportsman License. Receipt and deposit of application fee(s) does not constitute permission to participate in the hunt.
- There is a vendor fee assessed to each application that varies depending on submission method. **Application fee(s) are non-refundable.**
- Applicants may select **up to 15 hunt choices** (up to 7 for Youth WMA Big Game applications) and rank them in order of their preference. Do not use the same hunt code more than once. Applicants will not be drawn for two hunts occurring on the same or overlapping dates. Applicants will only be issued one permit for each drawing they have entered and are successful in.
- Applicants should review their application prior to submission and verify all information (name, hunt choices, etc.) upon completion to confirm accuracy.
- Ensure that you have a valid and accurate email address on your www.gooutdoorstennessee.com account. A receipt, which serves as proof of application and hunt choices, will be sent to the email address on your account.
- Once your application is complete, you may view your application (including party members) by logging into www.quotahunt.gooutdoorstennessee.com. Applications may be edited until the deadline.
- **No applications will be accepted or edited after the deadline.**
- No person may apply for a particular quota hunt more than once. Any person violating this regulation is subject to having their permit and/or hunting privileges revoked and may be subject to prosecution.
- **Permits are not transferable.**

PARTY AND POINT ONLY APPLICATIONS

- Applicants may create or join a party (max. 15), apply alone, or submit a point only application.
- A party must be established by an applicant that will act as the party leader. The party leader creates the party, selects the hunt choices for the party, and chooses the number of drawings.
- A party number will be assigned to the party leader once the application has been submitted. The party number can be found on the party leader's receipt or on their www.gooutdoorstennessee.com profile.
- The leader shares the party number with the person(s) wishing to join the party. The party members will select "join a party" on their application and put the leader's party number onto their application. The party number is what links applications together.
- Point only applications can only be submitted individually (no parties). Applicants will be awarded one priority point, after the drawing is finalized, that will be added to their current priority points for the specific quota hunt they submitted a point only application for. **Applicants cannot submit a point only application and an application to enter the drawing in the same year**.

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DRAWING INFORMATION

TWRA's priority drawing program gives one priority point to applicants each year they apply and are not successfully drawn for any WMA Big Game or Youth WMA Big Game hunt. Applicants who were successful last year will start over with a priority of zero. If applicants in a party have varying priority points, the points will be averaged. If your party is unsuccessful, each party member's individual priority will increase by one point.

All applications are assigned a unique random number by the drawing program. Applications are automatically sorted by priority, highest to lowest. The lowest random number in the highest priority group is selected first for review, then each subsequent number in that priority group is selected before the program moves to the next priority group. When an application is selected for review, the first hunt choice is compared to the remaining quota for that hunt; if there is quota available, the application is awarded that hunt choice. If not, the program examines each subsequent hunt choice, in the order selected on the application, until it finds a hunt choice with quota available or runs out of hunt choices. If no quota is available for any hunt choices on the application, then the application is unsuccessful. If one member of a party is drawn for a hunt, then the entire party is drawn.

If quota remains for any hunt at the conclusion of the drawing, a vacancy drawing will be conducted using the applicants who chose two drawings. Priority is not considered in the vacancy drawing. If quota remains after the conclusion of the vacancy drawing, **leftover permits** will be sold on a first come, first served basis beginning at 8 a.m. CDT on **August 21, 2024**. Leftover permits will be available for purchase online, via the TWRA mobile app, at any License Agent, and every TWRA Regional Office.

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HUNT TABLE INFORMATION

- Weapon Type (WT) - the letter that represents the hunting device allowed on the hunt *(unless otherwise noted*).
  - A = Archery. Archery equipment only.
  - M = Muzzleloader. Hunters may use muzzleloaders or archery equipment.
  - S = Shotgun. Hunters may use shotguns, muzzleloaders or archery equipment. *Note: Muzzleloaders are prohibited on shotgun turkey hunts.*
  - G = Gun. Hunters may use guns, shotguns, muzzleloaders, or archery equipment.
- Date - the dates of the specific hunt choice.
- Quota - the number of permits that can be issued for the specific hunt choice.
- Limit - the bag limit for the duration of the specific hunt choice.
- All deer count toward the statewide limit unless otherwise noted

ANTLER RESTRICTIONS

Catoosa, Cheatham, Laurel Hill, Yuchi

- Antlered deer must have at least 4 antler points, 1 inch or longer, on one antler or a 15 inch minimum outside antler spread.

Presidents Island

- Antlered deer must have at least 9 antler points or a 20 onch minimum main beam outside spread.

2024 YOUTH WMA BIG GAME HUNTS

WT	DATE	QUOTA	LIMIT
Chuck Swan - Bonus deer.			
G	Oct. 19-20	200	1 deer, either sex
Hiwassee Refuge - Bonus deer.			
S	Sep. 21-22	100	2 deer, only 1 antlered
Otey Mills Refuge - Antlered deer count toward statewide bag limit.			
A	Nov. 9-10	4	1 deer, either sex

WT	DATE	QUOTA	LIMIT
Tellico Lake: McGhee-Carson Unit - Shotgun only. Bonus deer.			
S	Nov. 9-10	35	1 deer, either sex
Yuchi Refuge - Antler restrictions do not apply. Bonus deer.			
G	Sep. 28-29	75	3 deer, only 1 antlered
G	Oct. 5-6	75	3 deer, only 1 antlered
G	Oct. 19-20	75	3 deer, only 1 antlered

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WT	DATE	QUOTA	LIMIT
AEDC - Special regulations apply; check the Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide. Bonus deer.			
S	Nov. 8-10	900	2 deer, only 1 antlered
S	Nov. 29-Dec. 1	900	2 deer, only 1 antlered
Buffalo Ridge Unit 2			
A	Oct. 5-7	7	2 deer, only 1 antlered
M	Nov. 16-18	7	2 deer, only 1 antlered
G	Dec. 7-9	7	2 deer, only 1 antlered
Catoosa: Bicolor - Antler restrictions apply.			
M	Oct. 24-26	1000	1 antlered deer
G	Nov. 14-16	1000	1 antlered deer
G	Nov. 21-23	1000	1 antlered deer
Catoosa: Genesis - Antler restrictions apply.			
M	Oct. 24-26	1000	1 antlered deer
G	Nov. 14-16	1000	1 antlered deer
G	Nov. 21-23	1000	1 antlered deer
Cheatham - Antler restrictions apply.			
M	Oct. 25-27	450	1 antlered, 1 antlerless deer
M	Nov. 1-3	450	1 antlered, 1 antlerless deer
G	Nov. 8-15	450	1 antlered, 1 antlerless deer
G	Nov. 23-30	450	1 antlered, 1 antlerless deer
Chuck Swan			
A	Oct. 4-5	400	1 antlered deer
M	Nov. 15-16	650	1 antlered deer
G	Dec. 6-7	650	1 antlered deer
G	Dec. 13-14	650	1 antlered deer

WT	DATE	QUOTA	LIMIT
Happy Hollow - Bonus deer.			
G	Nov. 23-25	80	2 deer, only 1 antlered
G	Dec. 7-9	80	2 deer, only 1 antlered
G	Dec. 21-23	80	2 deer, only 1 antlered
Hiwassee Refuge - Bearded turkeys must be male. Bonus deer.			
A	Sep. 27-29	200	2 deer, only 1 antlered; and 1 bearded turkey
M	Oct. 25-27	150	2 deer, only 1 antlered
M	Nov. 1-3	150	2 deer, only 1 antlered
Laurel Hill - Antler restrictions apply. Bonus deer.			
M	Oct. 17-20	500	1 antlered deer
G	Nov. 15-17	500	1 antlered deer
G	Nov. 29-Dec. 1	500	1 antlered deer
G	Dec. 6-8	500	2 deer, only 1 antlered
Oak Ridge: Zone 1 - Special regulations apply; check the Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide. Bonus deer.			
S	Nov. 2-3	150	3 antlerless deer
S	Nov. 2-3	225	3 deer, only 1 antlered
S	Nov. 9-10	150	3 antlerless deer
S	Nov. 9-10	225	3 deer, only 1 antlered
S	Dec. 14-15	150	3 antlerless deer
S	Dec. 14-15	225	3 deer, only 1 antlered

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Oak Ridge: Zone 2 - Special regulations apply; check the Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide. Bearded turkeys must be male. Bonus deer.			
A	Nov. 2-3	125	3 antlerless deer
A	Nov. 2-3	300	3 deer, only 1 antlered; and 1 bearded turkey
A	Nov. 9-10	125	3 antlerless deer
A	Nov. 9-10	300	3 deer, only 1 antlered; and 1 bearded turkey
A	Dec. 14-15	125	3 antlerless deer
A	Dec. 14-15	300	3 deer, only 1 antlered; and 1 bearded turkey
Otey Mills Refuge			
A	Oct. 11-12	4	1 antlered deer; and 1 bear, either sex
A	Dec. 6-7	4	1 antlered deer
Prentice Cooper State Forest - Bonus deer.			
A	Sep. 21-23	400	2 deer, only 1 antlered
M	Oct. 10-12	250	2 deer, only 1 antlered
M	Oct. 24-26	250	2 deer, only 1 antlered
Presidents Island (excluding Ensley Unit) - Antler restrictions apply.			
A	Oct. 18-20	50	1 antlered deer
A	Dec. 6-8	50	1 antlered deer

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Tellico Lake: West Unit - Bonus deer.			
A	Sep. 21-22	30	2 deer, only 1 antlered
A	Oct. 12-13	30	2 deer, only 1 antlered
A	Nov. 16-17	30	2 deer, only 1 antlered
A	Dec. 14-15	30	2 deer, only 1 antlered
Williamsport - Bonus deer.			
M	Nov. 2-4	100	2 deer, only 1 antlered
G	Nov. 16-18	100	2 deer, only 1 antlered
G	Nov. 23-25	100	2 deer, only 1 antlered
G	Dec. 7-9	100	2 deer, only 1 antlered
G	Dec. 14-16	100	2 deer, only 1 antlered
Yuchi Refuge - Antler restrictions apply. First deer harvested must be antlerless. Bonus deer.			
G	Oct. 26-27	75	3 deer, only 1 antlered
G	Nov. 9-10	75	3 deer, only 1 antlered
Yuchi Refuge: Upland Zone - Antler restrictions apply. First deer harvested must be antlerless. Bonus deer.			
G	Dec. 14-15	50	3 deer, only 1 antlered