



# TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY

## 2012 SPRING TURKEY QUOTA HUNTS INSTRUCTION SHEET

You must apply at any license agent or online at [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org).

Applications received by mail will not be processed.



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Identification (Provide one.) TWRA ID# _____ Dr. Lic. # _____ SS# _____		Party Hunt Option (Check one.) <input type="checkbox"/> Create Party <input type="checkbox"/> Join Party <input type="checkbox"/> Apply Alone		Party number assigned to leader (see #6).	
		Allow lower priority applicant to join this party? (Check one, if applicable.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Date of Birth (required) ____/____/____		How many drawings do you want to enter? (Maximum of 1, for this hunt.)			
Hunt Application Privilege Code (Check one.) <input type="checkbox"/> 320 - Sportsman/Lifetime/167 <input type="checkbox"/> 322 - All other licenses		Hunt Choices (List hunt codes in order of preference.) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 12 <sup>th</sup>			

HUNT CODE	AREA	DATE	QUOTA
01	Chuck Swan State Forest <sup>1</sup>	March 29-31	125
02	Chuck Swan State Forest <sup>1</sup>	April 5-7	125
03	Chuck Swan State Forest <sup>1</sup>	April 12-14	125
04	Chuck Swan State Forest <sup>1</sup>	April 19-21	125
05	Chuck Swan State Forest <sup>1</sup>	April 26-28	125
06	Chuck Swan State Forest <sup>1</sup>	May 3-5	125
07	Chuck Swan State Forest <sup>1</sup>	May 10-12	125
08	Meeman Shelby Forest State Park/ Eagle Lake Refuge	April 2, 4, 7	50
09	Meeman Shelby Forest State Park/ Eagle Lake Refuge	April 9, 11, 14	50
10	Meeman Shelby Forest State Park/ Eagle Lake Refuge	April 16, 18, 21	50
11	Oak Ridge <sup>2</sup>	April 14-15	225
12	Oak Ridge <sup>2</sup>	April 21-22	225
13	Wolf River <sup>1</sup>	April 6-8	25
14	Wolf River <sup>1</sup>	April 20-22	30
15	Yuchi Refuge <sup>3</sup>	March 30 - April 1	10
16	Yuchi Refuge <sup>3</sup>	April 13-15	10
17	Yuchi Refuge <sup>3</sup>	April 20-22	10
18	Yuchi Refuge <sup>3</sup>	April 24-26	10
19	Yuchi Refuge <sup>3</sup>	May 1-3	10

<sup>1</sup> Hunting stops at noon each day. Hunters must be at the checking station by 1:00 p.m.

<sup>2</sup> Hunting stops at noon EDT each day. Successful hunters must be at the checking station by 1:00 p.m. Hunting area may be reduced and hunts may be cancelled for national security reasons. Scouting date for permit holders and approved youths only: April 7, 7:00 a.m. - noon EDT.

<sup>3</sup> Hunting stops at noon EDT. No access by boat. Walk in only.

### HOW TO APPLY

- You must either apply at a TWRA license agent, a TWRA regional office, or online at [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org). If you have any problems while applying, please call 615-781-6621 during regular office hours (8:00–4:30 CST). **No application will be accepted or changed after the deadline. Do not mail this form to TWRA.** You may view your completed application online at [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org). Click on “check your quota hunt application status and permit availability.” For problems, questions and those without computer access, please call the quota hunts office at the number listed above.
- Applications will be accepted between December 14, 2011, and midnight February 8, 2012.**
- Using this instruction sheet, select the hunts for which you wish to apply. You have up to 12 choices but will be drawn for only one. You may not use the same hunt code more than once.
- No person may apply more than once. If two or more applications are submitted representing one individual, that individual’s application will be **rejected** and the individual will be **subject to prosecution**. Youth hunters (ages 6-16 by the date of the hunt) may apply but must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device.
- You may apply alone.** Once you apply alone, you may not create or join a party. **You may create a party.** (See #6 for more information about creating parties.) You may allow other applicants to join your party by giving them your party number. **You may join a party created by another applicant.** To do this you must have the party number when applying. **A party may not exceed five members.**
- A party must be established by a party leader who will **create** the party, select the hunt choices for the party and the number of drawings in which the party members wish to participate (maximum number of drawings for Spring Turkey is 1). The party leader will also decide whether or not to allow an applicant with lower priority to join. **A party number will be assigned when the application is complete and will be printed on the receipt.** The leader must supply his/her party number to applicants wishing to join.
- Applicants must review their receipt and verify name, address, hunt choices, party number, fees, etc., upon completion to ensure accuracy.**

# DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 8, 2012

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8. A permit fee will not be charged to Annual Sportsman (Type 004), Lifetime Sportsman (Types 402 through 405) license holders or Senior Citizen Hunters (Type 166) with an Annual Senior Citizen Permit (Type 167). TWRA will pay the agent fee for these transactions. For all other license holders, the cost is \$10 per permit, plus the agent fee.
9. When **applying at a license agent**, you must remain at the location while your application is processed. You will receive a receipt with your confirmation number when your application is complete.

### SPRING TURKEY DRAW INFORMATION

1. A computer drawing will be held to determine successful applications based on the priority drawing system.
2. **Priority Drawing System:** TWRA's priority drawing system gives priority points (maximum of 5 points) to hunters based on the number of years that they have participated in the Spring Turkey quota hunt drawing without being drawn for a hunt. Applicants who were successful last year will start over with a priority of zero. In order to be drawn with priority, applicants **must** apply, either alone with valid priority status, or in a party in which **all** applicants have the same priority status. If a party includes a member with a different priority, that party and all its members will be drawn at the lowest priority of the application.  
**Note: If you do not know your priority status—**
  - (a) find it on the license selection page on the internet purchase site when you apply.
  - (b) visit the TWRA home page and click on the "check your quota hunt application status and permit availability" link.
  - (c) call the Quota Hunts office (615-781-6621) during regular office hours (Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. CST).
3. **Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by mail.** Receipt and deposit of permit fee(s) do not constitute permission to participate in any hunt. Results of the drawing can only be viewed on the TWRA website: [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org). Click on "check your quota hunt application status and permit availability."
4. **Permits are not transferrable.**

### 2012 STATEWIDE WILD TURKEY SEASON: MARCH 31 – MAY 13

**Statewide Youth-only Hunt (ages 6-16):** March 24-25, 2012. Bag limit, one bearded bird. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device.

**Bag Limit Statewide Season:** One bearded turkey per day, not to exceed four per season. Turkeys taken on all quota hunts are bonus turkeys.

### 2012 WMA NONQUOTA TURKEY HUNTS: NO APPLICATION NEEDED

(For additional information, see the  
*2011 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide*)

- AEDC (Excluding Unit 1)** - March 24-25 (Young Sportsman), March 31-April 2, April 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29, May 4-6, 11-13. Unit 1 open with statewide seasons. Certain areas may be closed due to military training.
- Catoosa** – Six hunts: April 6-8, 13-15, 17-19, 24-26, 27-29, May 1-3. One Young Sportsman hunt (bonus bird): April 21-22.
- Cordell Hull** – Wheelchair-bound only hunting zone (that portion of Cordell Hull WMA known as the Old Roaring River Camp-ground, as posted): March 31-May 13, wheelchair-bound hunters only. Bonus birds.
- Fall Creek Falls State Park** – One hunt, archery only: April 7-15. The bag limit is 2 (bonus birds).
- Meeman Shelby Forest State Park and Natural Area/Eagle Lake Refuge** – One Young Sportsman hunt: March 24.
- North Chickamauga Creek (including Natural Area Unit)** – Open with the statewide seasons. Hunting allowed only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Hunting ends at noon each day. The Patton Unit is open daily during the statewide season.
- Prentice Cooper State Forest** – Six hunts: April 3-5, 6-8, 11-13, 19-21, 24-26, 27-29.
- Williamsport** – Two hunts: March 31-April 3, 13-16. One Young Sportsman hunt: March 24-25.

### 2012 LBL SPRING TURKEY HUNTS

- LBL Quota Turkey Hunt Applications** are available from LBL, Golden Pond, KY, phone 270-924-2065.
- Quota Hunts** - Two hunts: April 9-10 (350 hunter quota) and April 14-15 (300 hunter quota). An additional LBL Hunter Use Permit (Type 060), available at any TWRA license agent, is required. One Young Sportsman hunt: April 7-8. 300 hunter quota. Bonus birds.
- Non-quota Hunts** - Two hunts: April 16-22, 23-29. Hunters harvesting a turkey on an LBL quota hunt may not hunt on the April 16-22 hunt.

### 2012 NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SPRING TURKEY HUNTS

All hunters must have a federal refuge hunting permit. A signed refuge brochure serves as the hunting permit for non-quota hunts, except on Tennessee and Cross Creeks where an annual permit is required for all hunts. Cross Creeks and Tennessee annual hunting permits can be purchased at the refuge offices or through TWRA license agents. Quota permits are required for quota hunts and special federal regulations apply as specified. Quota applications are handled through refuge offices.

#### Quota Hunts

- Chickasaw NWR** – Three hunts: April 5-8, 12-15, 19-22. Hunter quota 75. 1 bearded turkey (bonus).
- Lower Hatchie** - Three hunts: April 5-8, 12-15, 19-22. Hunter quota 25. 1 bearded turkey (bonus).
- Reelfoot and Lake Isom NWRs** – One hunt: April 6-8. Hunter quota: Grassy Island–25, Long Point–25.

#### Nonquota Hunts

**Cross Creeks NWR, Hatchie NWR, and Tennessee NWR** - Open with statewide spring turkey seasons.