

NDG&F August 10th Newsletter

HIP, Federal Duck Stamp Requirements

Harvest Information Program registration for all migratory game bird hunters, regardless of age, and a federal duck stamp for waterfowl hunters age 16 and older, are required beginning Sept. 1.

Migratory game birds include ducks, geese, swans, mergansers, coots, cranes, snipe, doves and woodcock. Waterfowl includes ducks, geese, swans, mergansers and coots.

Hunters [who purchase a license](#) through the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's electronic licensing system, gf.nd.gov, or instant licensing telephone number, 800-406-6409, can easily get HIP certified.

Otherwise, hunters can visit the [HIP link](#) on the Game and Fish website, or call 888-634-4798 and record the HIP number on their fishing, hunting and furbearer certificate.

Those who registered to hunt the spring light goose season in North Dakota do not have to register with HIP again, as it is required only once per year. However, hunters must HIP register in each state for which they are licensed before hunting migratory game birds.

The federal duck stamp is available for electronic purchase through the department's website and instant licensing telephone number, or at license vendors registered with the department's licensing system. Physical stamps are not available at North Dakota license vendors this year, but they can still be purchased at many U.S. Postal Service offices.

This year's federal duck stamp has a fee of \$25, up from \$15 last year. In addition, another \$1.50 is added to cover shipping and handling costs of the actual physical stamp.

Youth Outdoor Festival Sept. 3 in Minot

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department, local wildlife clubs and other sponsors will usher youngsters into fall during the annual Youth Outdoor Festival in Minot.

The event is Thursday, Sept. 3 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Game and Fish Conservation and Outdoors Skills Park on the grounds of the North Dakota State Fair.

Young outdoor enthusiasts will experience a number of activities, including archery, fishing, waterfowl and upland game. Prizes will be awarded and food is provided.

For more information, contact Game and Fish outreach biologist Greg Gullickson at 701-720-1640.

SAH Accepting Goose Meat

The North Dakota Community Action Sportsmen Against Hunger program is accepting donations of goose meat taken during the early Canada goose season. In addition, the program will accept Canada and light (snow, blue and Ross's) goose donations during the regular waterfowl season.

Similar to last year, hunters can bring in their goose meat to participating processors. However, hunters must remove the breast meat from the birds before processors can accept them.

Hunters can clean their geese at home prior to delivery to a processor, but breast meat brought from home without a wing or head attached to the meat, must be accompanied by written information that includes the hunter's name, address, signature, hunting license number, date taken and species and number taken.

Hunters may also deliver geese directly from the field to a processor, but identification must remain attached to the bird until in possession of the processor.

Since no goose carcasses or feathers are allowed inside processing plants, hunters must be able to ensure proper disposal and clean-up of carcasses.

The list of [participating processors](#) will be updated as permits are received, and is available on the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website at gf.nd.gov.

Hunters interested in donating are encouraged to call processors before dropping off geese, to have a clear understanding of how goose breasts will be accepted and the processor's hours of operation.

For more information, visit the CAPND website at www.capnd.org, or contact Sarah Hasbargen at 701-232-2452.