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Applications Available for Lake Shelbyville Deer Hunt for People with Disabilities and Wounded Warriors

Lake Shelbyville – The 25th Annual Deer Hunt for People with Disabilities, hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Wolf Creek State Park will be held November 20 through November 23, 2014. Applications are available for pickup at the Lake Shelbyville Project Office, online at <http://tinyurl.com/LakeShelbyville-Hunting>, or mail by contacting the Environmental Stewardship Department at 217-774-3951 Ext. 7049.

Applicants must possess a state-issued disabled person identification card or a disabled veteran identification card. This year, 10 spots will be held for Wounded Warriors. All disabled veterans wounded in combat are encouraged to apply. Applications must be submitted by April 1, 2014 to the Lake Shelbyville Project Office, 1989 State HWY 16, Shelbyville, IL 62565.

On April 8, 2014, 25 applicants will be selected by drawing to participate in the hunt during the first Illinois firearm season. Previous hunter participants have enjoyed morning and afternoon hunts from ground blinds and elevated stands, catered meals, and free lodging. Over the past five years, average success rates per year are near 75 percent. Last year's hunt had 25 participants and harvested 12 deer.

Without the help of the National Rifle Association, the Lake Volunteers Association and numerous volunteers this event would not be possible. Last year, volunteers performed nearly 302 hours of service to help make the hunt a successful experience for individuals that might not get this type of hunting opportunity anywhere else. Some of the tasks carried out by volunteers included getting hunters to and from their blinds, carrying the hunter's gear, handling harvested deer, and setting up meals. For further information on this event, or if you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Park Ranger Tyler Goble at (217)774-3951 Ext. 7019 or via email

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