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

Lake Shelbyville – Applications for the 25th Annual Deer Hunt for People with Disabilities, hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Wolf Creek State Park. Applications are available at the Lake Shelbyville Project Office or 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 22, 2013 to the Lake Shelbyville Project Office, RR 4, Box 128B, Shelbyville, IL 62565.

On April 23, 2013, twenty-five applicants will be selected by drawing to participate in the hunt during the first Illinois firearm season. Past hunt participants have enjoyed morning and afternoon hunts from ground blinds and elevated stands, catered meals for the three-day event, free lodging, and an average harvest success rate of 75 percent over the last five years. Last year's hunt had 25 participants and harvested 21 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 500 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 Natural Resources Specialist Ashley Florey at (217)774-3951 Ext. 7005 or email Ashley.S.Florey@usace.army.mil.

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