

2018 Applications Now Available for Fall Apprentice Deer Hunt in San Luis Obispo County for Junior License Holders

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is offering a drawing for an apprentice deer hunt for junior license holders on the Chimineas Unit of the Carrizo Plains Ecological Reserve.

The two-day buck hunt, which is being offered in cooperation with the Avenales Sportsmen's Club (ASC) and the Chimineas Ranch Foundation (CRF), will be held on Sept. 15 and 16 on the 30,000-acre reserve in San Luis Obispo County. Mandatory hunter orientation will take place in the evening on Friday, Sept. 14. Overnight lodging will be available at the main ranch house on the ecological reserve on both Friday and Saturday nights.

Three apprentice junior hunters will be chosen by lottery. Selected junior license holders must possess an A zone deer tag and must be accompanied by an adult. Participants will receive classroom, range and field training in gun handling techniques and safety, deer hunting and game care. Hunts will be led by ASC volunteers. ASC and CRF will provide breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, as well as breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Junior hunter applicants may apply online using their GO ID number through the Automated License Data System (ALDS) at www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales. The hunt will be entitled Carrizo Plain ER - Chimineas Unit Apprentice Deer Hunt. Please note that this hunt option can only be viewed using a junior hunter's GO ID.

The application deadline is Monday, Aug. 20. Successful applicants will be notified by phone and will receive additional information, including maps and special regulations, prior to the hunt.