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Spring Turkey Season Set, Online Apps Available

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department is offering 5,815 wild turkey licenses for the spring hunting season, 65 fewer than last year.

Two of the 22 hunting units have slightly more spring licenses than in 2014, two have fewer and 17 remain the same. Unit 21 (most of Hettinger and Adams counties) is again closed in 2015 due to lack of turkeys in the unit.

Successful spring turkey applicants must purchase a 2015-16 hunting license, as last year's 2014-15 licenses expire March 31. In addition to the spring turkey license, hunters must have a fishing, hunting and furbearer certificate, and a general game and habitat license. Also, hunters ages 16 and older must possess a small game license, or combination license.

First-time spring turkey hunters ages 15 or younger are eligible to receive one spring license valid for the regular hunting season in a specific unit. To be eligible, the youth hunter must be 15 or younger on opening day of spring turkey season, and have never received a spring turkey license in North Dakota.

Spring turkey applicants can apply online at the Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov.

Applications can also be submitted by calling 800-406-6409.

Application forms will also be available by Feb. 1 at most license vendors, county auditors and Game and Fish offices. The deadline for applying is Feb. 11. Online or phone applications must be logged before midnight that day.

Spring turkey licenses are available only to North Dakota residents. The spring turkey season opens April 11 and continues through May 17

NASP State Tournament Moves to Minot

North Dakota's [National Archery in the Schools Program](#) state tournament is moving to a new venue to accommodate a growing number of participants.

NASP state coordinator Jeff Long said he expects more than 500 students to participate in this year's state tournament, scheduled for March 21-22 at the All Seasons Arena in Minot.

"This event continues to grow each year," Long said. "The All Seasons Arena in Minot is an ideal location to host the tourney."

Long said only schools offering NASP lessons during school hours as part of their standard curriculum are eligible to participate in the state tournament. Schools that don't meet this requirement are encouraged to contact Long to get the program started.

Schools enter teams and individuals in the following grade level divisions: elementary (4-5), middle (6-8), and high school (9-12). Teams must have 12-24 members, with a minimum of four from each gender. If smaller schools wish to form a team, archers may participate up one grade division for team competition, but they would compete individually in their appropriate age category.

Recognition is given to the top placing team in each division, the top five males and females in each division, and the top scoring male and female regardless of division. Top scoring individuals are given early registration and receive priority in flights for the national tournament held in Louisville, Ky.

For more information regarding the tournament, schools should contact Long by email at ndgf@nd.gov, or call 701-328-6615. To learn more, visit the Game and Fish website at gf.nd.gov.