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Arkabutla Lake Youth Waterfowl Hunt Successful

Arkabutla, Miss.... The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Arkabutla Lake and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks hosted a Youth Waterfowl Hunt during February 2013. The Youth Waterfowl Hunt provided an opportunity for experienced waterfowl hunters to teach the younger generations proper techniques and ethics of the sport.

The hunt had 10 youth hunters from 10 to 15 years of age. All of the youth hunters were accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ranger and a Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks conservation officer. The participants were instructed about general knowledge of state and federal waterfowl hunting regulations and the use of decoys, chest waders and duck calling.

U.S. Army Corps ranger Coleman Pullen stated, "The hunts went great with one young hunter even taking an uncommon Black Duck which is like shooting a Boone and Crocket size whitetail buck." Pullen also stated, "We enjoy passing down the hunting tradition to the younger generations."

There are youth raccoon hunts scheduled at Arkabutla Lake for 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23 February. If you are interested in participating in any youth hunts, please contact Coleman Pullen at the Arkabutla Lake Field Office, 3905 Arkabutla Dam Road, Coldwater, Mississippi 38618. Phone 662-562-6261

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public lands offer an array of safe recreational opportunities that include fishing, boating, camping, hiking, bicycling, swimming, and photography. The four Corps lakes in Mississippi draw approximately 5.5 million visitors per year, support 1,500 jobs and contribute more than \$130 million to regional tourism.

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