

Hunters Encouraged to Apply Early for Controlled Hunts

Skip the line, apply online before May 15 deadline

Don't wait until the last minute to apply for controlled hunts this year, ODFW advises.

There is always a rush the last few days before the May 15 deadline—last year 83,630 of 471,262 total applications were submitted on the last day. ODFW expects even higher call volumes and traffic this year on the last few days before the deadline, as customers get accustomed to the agency's new electronic licensing system.

You can skip the line and apply online on the new system at MyODFW.com (click Buy License button). Anyone who has applied for controlled hunts in the past and has preference points needs to use the "Verify/Look Up Your Account" button to retrieve and verify their account first if they haven't already. (Hunters/anglers who have purchased an annual license in the past three years, or have Pioneer or Disability status, also need to Verify/Look Up their account as they already have a profile in the new system.)

"It's important to use Verify/Look Up Your Account, or you'll end up creating a duplicate account and won't see your preference points, a problem some customers have encountered," said Linda

Lytle, ODFW license services manager. "We have added additional warnings in the system which should keep hunters from accidentally creating a duplicate account."

Complete the steps to verify your online account, including providing a current email address, and then it's easy to apply for a controlled hunt. Go to Purchase From the Catalog / Big Game Hunting / Controlled Hunts to choose your hunt series and/or Premium Hunt. Then Proceed to Checkout to complete hunt selection. New this year, there are no longer limitations on party sizes for controlled hunts.

Be sure to double check your hunt numbers in the 2019 Big Game Regulations. Any changes to hunts or regulations are highlighted in yellow <http://www.eregulations.com/oregon/big-game-hunting/>.

There are a few other changes to 2019 Big Game Regulations hunters should be aware of posted at MyODFW.com. These include tag reductions for hunt 152B-Starkey deer, additional tags for several NE Oregon elk hunts, and an error in the regulations for the season date of hunt 256X (correct season dates for the Wenaha spike elk are October 23-27).

Another benefit to accessing your online account is that you can change your hunt choices for free through your online account until June 1. Even custom-

ers who purchase at a license sale agent can set up their online account, again by using the Verify/Look Up Your Account feature and completing online account setup.

For more questions about the new electronic licensing system or if you have problems verifying your account, visit the ELS FAQ or contact ODFW by phone (503-947-6101), email (odfw.web-sales@state.or.us) or social media (@MyODFW on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).

Apply at a license sale agent

Hunters can also apply for controlled hunts at a license sales agent. Most agents who used the old system are continuing to sell licenses on the new system, but call ahead first if you don't see your preferred vendor on this list <https://myodfw.com/articles/where-find-odfw-license-agentsvendors>.

The vendor will ask hunters who haven't verified their accounts on the new licensing system yet to provide some information such as their Hunter/Angler ID# (now known as ODFW ID#), or name and date of birth, to verify cus-

tomers in the new system.

"Vendors can experience long lines the few days before the deadline, and some have even been known to turn away customers who come too late on May 15," said Lytle. "Please consider applying early this year to avoid the last minute rush at license sale agents."

"At a minimum, please verify your account online ASAP if you haven't yet so it's easy to apply online later in the spring," she added.

As of April 12, about 45,000 customers of the 160,000 who applied for a controlled hunt last year still need to verify their account online or at a license sale agent.

Oregon has limited-entry (aka controlled hunts) for many big game species in parts of Oregon, including all pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep and Rocky Mountain goat hunts, eastern Oregon rifle deer hunts, and many eastern Oregon rifle elk hunts. The state's Premium Hunts—which offer a four-month season for antelope, deer, or elk for the cost of a regular tag—also require application by May 15.

Guardian Partners Offering Abuse-Prevention Program in Columbia County

Nonprofit partners with courts to offer classes to reduce mistreatment of protected people

Guardian Partners held a launch party in St. Helens on March 20, 2019 to announce the expansion of their programs into Columbia County. Founded in 2013, Guardian Partners offers Guardianship, Conservator, and Personal Representative classes with the goal of reducing mistreatment of Protected People. The first class will be held Saturday, June 22 at the Law Library in St. Helens and on a quarterly basis thereafter.

"People placed in Guardianship are vulnerable," says Marc Kochanski, Executive Director. "They might have a developmental disability or dementia or a brain injury. Guardianship is a powerful relationship, which can open the door to mistreatment, intentional or otherwise. That's where Guardian Partners comes in, helping to ensure Protected People are

safe and thriving."

After attending classes, over 90% report a better understanding of how to protect someone from neglect, abuse, or exploitation. Guardian Partners also provides Case Monitoring, sending trained volunteers to visit and check on the wellness of a Protected Person. This program is expected to launch in Columbia County in Fall 2019.

To volunteer, donate, or learn more about the work of Guardian Partners, please visit www.guardian-partners.org.

About Guardian Partners

Guardian Partners is a 501(c)(3) organization and was established in 2013. Their mission is to provide education, case monitoring, and resources to Oregon Guardians and their families on behalf of the Court System. These efforts prevent abuse and increase quality of life for elder adults, disabled adults, and children under Guardianship care.

What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

Official Ballot Drop Site

The Vernonia Public Library is an official ballot drop site. Special District Election is Tuesday, May 21. Ballots must be in by 8 pm to be counted. No stamp is necessary for ballot drop. The Library will be open extra hours on Election Day (May 21), 9 am – 8 pm.

Resilient Gardening

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 pm
Tips for planning and maintaining a garden through drought, pests, disease, and other unpredictable weather events. Discussion on how to adapt gardening techniques through a changing climate and produce more nutrition for the year. Presented by Chip Bubl. Sponsored by OSU Extension Service.

Flagship Columbia County

Saturday, May 18, 2 - 4 pm
Using 5" x 8" pieces of Tyvek (a waterproof siding material), we will paint an array of "flags" to represent our uniqueness. The flags will be assembled to create a colorful banner to be displayed in Columbia County over the summer. The project is sponsored in part by the Columbia County Art Guild and The Oregon Community Foundation. Free and everyone is welcome to paint. For questions, please contact program creator Joan Youngberg at greenhouseyellowdoor@gmail.com.

Movie Night: Oregon Experience

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 pm
Featuring two Oregon Experience documentaries, approx. 30 min.

each. *Kam Wah Chung*, related to the Chinese in eastern Oregon in the late 1880s near the town of John Day. Also, *Massacre at Hells Canyon*, 1887 murder of 34 Chinese gold miners along the Snake River.

Ongoing Programs

Writer's Group

Thursday, May 16, 6 - 7:30 pm
3rd Thursday of every month. For writers with all levels of experience.

Book Discussion Group

The Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm. Discussion book for Monday, May 27*: TBA. *Library is closed for Memorial Day but book group will still meet.

Storytimes

Baby and Toddler Time

Mondays, 10:30 - 11:15 am
Songs, rhymes, books, toys, and bubbles! For ages 0-3. Older siblings welcome.

Preschool Storytime

Fridays, 10:30 - 11:15 am
Stories, activity, and a craft. Planned for children up through age 6.

Library Closures

Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day

Library Hours & Contact

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 - 5
Tuesday, Thursday: 1 - 7
Saturday: 10 - 4
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