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## 2023 IPLA Youth Deer Hunt Draw Information

This page includes information and instructions for those interested or selected to participate in a 2023 Indiana IPLA Youth Deer Hunt Draw. It is important to note that areas participating in reserved hunts are managed by various agencies and may have unique restrictions that each hunter must follow. Please read each area's information packet carefully before pursuing a hunt.

### Applying:

The application period for the 2023 IPLA Youth Deer Hunt Draw is July 2 – Aug. 6, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted. You must obtain a valid youth comprehensive hunt/trap or youth deer hunting license prior to applying. Each hunter is eligible to select one county from any participating private lands when applying. If found to be successfully drawn, hunters will be assigned a specific property and will receive information shortly after the draw closes. Hunters must be under 17 years of age or younger to apply.

### Restrictions:

**Allowed Equipment:** Legal equipment for IPLA Youth Deer hunts includes all equipment that is legal for deer hunting on private property in Indiana. For the full list of legal equipment, please see the Deer Equipment Chart in the [Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide](#).

### Bag Limit:

- The youth hunter may harvest both antlered and antlerless deer. The antlered deer counts toward the statewide bag limit of one antlered deer. The number of antlerless deer harvested is determined by the bonus antlerless quota for the county hunted. A youth hunter can take only one antlerless deer in a county with a bonus antlerless quota of "A" during the youth deer season.

### Hunting Hours:

- Legal hunting hours for all deer seasons are from one half-hour before sunrise to one half-hour after sunset.

**Hunt Information:** The time frame for this hunt is the two-day youth deer hunt season prior to the beginning of deer archery season. If you are successful in drawing an IPLA Youth Deer Hunt, you will receive a more detailed letter with hunt instructions, a map of the property you were selected to hunt, and a link to a post-hunt survey. IPLA youth hunters must be age 17 or younger at the time of the hunt and must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years of age.

- All hunters must follow all laws and obtain all necessary permits and licenses as outlined in the Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide (including license requirements, bag limits, etc.).
- All deer harvested must be checked in using [Indiana CheckIN Game](#) as PRIVATE land.
- Hunters are permitted for deer hunting only. Removal of anything from the property other than deer is prohibited.

- Drawn hunters are allowed to bring one non-hunting partner. Only the drawn hunter can harvest a deer. Partners can call, take photos, observe, and help with equipment, etc. Partners must have a deer hunting license to participate in any aspect of the hunt other than observe. Partners must be within 10 yards of the registered hunter at all times. Additional hunting partners must also sign the release of liability waiver.
- The cutting of trees and tree limbs is prohibited.
- Hunting stands and/or blinds are not provided; however, portable tree stands/blinds may be used. Portable tree stands/blinds must be legibly marked with the owner's name, address, and telephone number. Information must be easily read from the ground. Fasteners that penetrate the tree more than a half-inch are prohibited. This includes screw-in equipment holders.
- Hunters must remove their stands/blinds by the end of their assigned hunt window.
- Hunters must park in designated parking areas. Foot traffic only beyond designated parking areas. Vehicles are not allowed in other areas of the property. This includes stand/blind installation and harvest recovery. The only exception will be for special arrangements to allow access to hunters with disabilities.
- A post-hunt survey must be completed by the drawn hunter. Failure to complete the hunt survey jeopardizes future eligibility in IPLA.
- No trail cameras, baits or attractants are permitted.
- Each successfully drawn hunter is required to sign a liability waiver before participating in an IPLA hunt.

**Area Information:** IPLA properties vary in size and habitat. Most will have some woodland component to the property. Many will also have some row-crop agriculture, brushy areas, and food plots. IPLA properties vary in size from 35-260 acres. Most properties allow for only one hunter at a time per property; however, some allow for two hunters at a time. There will be no other (non-IPLA) deer hunters on the property; however, there may be other IPLA small game, waterfowl, or gamebirds hunters using the property on some days.

IPLA Youth Deer Hunts are available in eight counties. IPLA Youth Deer Hunt applicants may select one location when applying. Some counties include more than one hunt location. The number of opportunities in each county is indicated below.

- LaPorte: 1
- Cass: 1
- Greene: 1
- Sullivan: 3
- Scott: 3
- Ripley: 1
- Harrison: 1
- Bartholomew: 3

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