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ALLOW 16 & 17 YEAR OLDS TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL YOUTH HUNTS

Currently, Youth Hunts for wild turkey, white-tailed deer and waterfowl, are scheduled one weekend each year (prior to the normal hunting season). These hunts are set aside for persons 10-15 years of age (resident and non-resident). They're intended to give youth hunters an opportunity to hunt and gain valuable experience without competing against adult hunters.

Currently, only 10-11 year olds who purchase a Small Game, Gun Deer, Archery, Spring Turkey and Fall Turkey License at a reduced license fee and 12-15 year olds who purchased a Junior Conservation Patron, Junior Sports, Junior Small Game, Junior Gun Deer or Junior Archery License may participate during the youth hunts.

The Junior Conservation Patron, Junior Sports, Junior Small Game, Junior Gun Deer or Junior Archery License are for 12-17 year olds, but 16-17 year olds aren't allowed to participate in the youth hunts.

There are youth that don't get introduced to hunting until they're 16 or 17 years of age. These youth should be allowed to participate in the youth hunts.

In an effort to: recruit youth hunters; increase youth hunting opportunity; simplify hunting rules and seasons by making youth hunts concurrent with the youth hunting licenses

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Racine County on April 9, 2012, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources work with the State Legislature to introduce legislation that would allow 16 and 17 year olds to participate in all youth hunts for turkey, white-tailed deer and waterfowl.

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