

# News Release

## *National Wildlife Refuge System*



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### **Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge**

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### **Hunter Education Course at Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge**

McBee, SC - Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge will offer two (2) Hunter Education Course sessions. The course will be taught on Saturday, August 16 (Class 1) and Saturday, September 27 (Class 2) at the refuge office (23734 Hwy 1, 3 miles North of McBee, SC). The course begins at 8:00am and lasts until 5:00pm. Please call Patricia McCoy (843/335-8350) for more information or to register for Class 1 or Class 2. Seats are limited and pre-registration is required.

Hunter education is not just for kids and not just for hunters. The program is for anyone who enjoys the outdoors and has an interest in conservation. The course is also an excellent refresher for veteran hunters.

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Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge features 46,000 acres of rolling hills dominated by the longleaf pine-wiregrass ecosystem. The refuge is home to the red-cockaded woodpecker, a federally endangered species, and provides a mosaic of habitats for 190 species of birds, 42 species of mammals, 41 species of reptiles, and 25 species of amphibians. More than 800 species of plants have been identified on the refuge, including rare species of pitcher plants, Well's pixie-moss, and white-wicky. The refuge, located in Chesterfield County, is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a national network of lands more than 540 units strong. The US Fish and Wildlife Service manages this outstanding network of lands to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

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