APPLICATION DEADLINE
Custer State Park Non-Trophy Bison .......................................................... September 6, 8AM Central Time

APPLICATIONS ONLY ACCEPTED ONLINE AT: gfp.sd.gov
Application available online ........................................................................................................ August 7

APPLY BY COMPUTER AT: gfp.sd.gov
On the GFP home page you will find a link at the top of the page to “Licenses and Permits.” Click on “Hunting and Fishing”, and then on the “apply online” link under Limited Licenses. Follow the instructions to complete and submit your application. You will be required to provide all the standard application information, and you will submit the fee using your credit card number. The end result is your application is placed directly into the computer file where licenses are drawn and issued. If you are eligible for preference for a season it will be added automatically. In addition, applicants can access the GFP website to check the status of their application. Enter/Create your username and password combination, log in, and click on “View My Applications/Licenses.”

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Residency
To apply for a resident license, a person must:
• Have a domicile within South Dakota for at least 90 consecutive days immediately preceding the date of application for, purchasing, or attempting to purchase any hunting, fishing, or trapping license/permit. A domicile is a person’s established, fixed, and permanent home to which the person, whenever absent, has the present intention of returning, and
• Make no claim of residency in any other state or foreign country for any purpose, and
• Claim no resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in any other state or foreign country, and
• Prior to any application for any license, transfer to SD the person’s driver's license and motor vehicle registrations.

EXCEPTION: The following persons are eligible for resident licenses:
• Any person who previously had a domicile in SD who is absent due to business of the United States or SD, or is serving in the armed forces of the US, or the spouse of an active duty military person;
• Any person who previously had a domicile in SD who is absent due to the person’s regular attendance at a post-high school institution as a fulltime student or due to the person’s regular attendance in a medical or dental residency program;
• Any person in the active military of the US or that person’s spouse who is continuously stationed in SD;
• Any person who is a patient in any war veterans’ hospital within SD;
• Any person who is an employee of the veterans’ administration or any veterans’ hospital in SD;
• Any person residing on restricted military reservations in SD;
• Any person attending regularly a post-high school institution in SD as a full-time student for 30 days or more immediately preceding the application;
• Any foreign exchange student over 16 years of age attending a public or private high school who has resided in the state for 30 days or more preceding the application;
• Any foreign exchange student who is between the ages of 12 and 16 who has completed the GFP course of instruction in the safe handling of firearms and has been issued a certificate of competency upon completion of instruction and who has resided in SD for 30 days or more preceding application for a license;
• Any person who is a minor dependent of a resident of SD.
Termination of Residency
A person (other than a person who fits into one of the previous EXCEPTIONS) is deemed to have terminated their South Dakota resident hunting, fishing, and trapping status if the person does any of the following:
• Applies for, purchases, or accepts a resident hunting, fishing, or trapping license issued by another state or foreign country;
• Registers to vote in another state or foreign country;
• Accepts a driver's license issued by another state or foreign country; or
• Moves to any other state or foreign country and makes it the person's domicile or makes any claim of residency for any purpose in the other state or foreign country.
• However, a person who has lawfully acquired a resident hunting, fishing, or trapping license and who leaves the state after acquiring the license to take up residency elsewhere may continue to exercise all the privileges granted by the license until the license expires if the person's respective privileges are not revoked or suspended.

Social Security Number
The last four digits of your Social Security Number are required. The Social Security Number information is required from all U.S. residents before this application will be processed [SDCL 25-7A-56.2]. This information will be kept confidential. The information is required to be in compliance with state law on collection of delinquent child support payments.

South Dakota law prohibits the issuance or renewal of any hunting or fishing license if an individual owes $1,000 or more in past-due child support unless the individual enters into a repayment agreement with the Dept. of Social Services for payment of the delinquent child support [SDCL 25-7A-56; 25-7A-1(28)]. There is a requirement to enter into a repayment agreement with the Dept. of Social Services even if the individual is presently making child support payments, or if child support is being withheld from wages or income. To enter into the required repayment agreement, individuals must contact the Dept. of Social Services – Office of Child Support Enforcement, 700 Governor’s Drive - Kneip Building, Pierre SD 57501, or call (605) 773-6456.

Submitting Applications
Applications must be submitted online go to: gfp.sd.gov

Successful Applicants
Successful applicants for limited licenses are selected at random by computer lottery. Applicants will be charged only if they are successful in the drawing.

Unsuccessful Applicants
Unsuccessful applicants will not be charged and there will be no refund required.

Preference Points
A fee ($5 resident, $10 nonresident) is required for all preference points. Purchasing a preference point is optional. Unsuccessful first choice applicants will not receive preference unless the appropriate fee is submitted with the application.

Seasons with a limited number of licenses have a preference system for applicants who are unsuccessful on their first choice in the first drawing. One point may be purchased each year the applicant is unsuccessful. Preference is valid on first choices in the first drawing only. Purchased preference points are automatically credited to an application even if you do not apply the following year. Your preference will be available for the same season for up to five years. Preference cannot be transferred to another person and is only valid for the first drawing in the applicant’s first unit-type choice. If you have any questions about your preference, please contact our Information Office. NOTE: Applicants who draw a first-choice license and subsequently refuse to take the license will lose all accumulated preference and eligibility.
Age Eligibility
- Residents and nonresidents must be 12 years old by Dec. 31, 2017 to hunt.
- Residents under age 16 must successfully complete a HuntSAFE course.
- Nonresidents under age 16 must include the certificate number from their hunter safety card, or a current or previous hunting license issued to them from any state.

Submitting Fees
Payment for applications submitted online must be made with a valid credit card (Visa, MasterCard or AmEx). Your credit card will not be charged until, and only if you are successful in the drawing. Non-payment in the form of a cancelled credit card will result in your license being withheld and the blocking of any future license purchases until the unpaid fee, along with any penalties, is paid in full.

Application Rules
- You may submit only one application per season for the first drawing and receive no more than one license.
- Licenses may not be transferred to another person.

Group Applications
- Applications submitted in the same group will be treated as a group application. All applicants will either be successful or unsuccessful in the drawings.
- No more than two applications may be submitted in the same group.
- An incomplete application voids both applications in the group.
- Applicants with preference points should be aware when applying with applicants with fewer preference points: Doing so gives all applicants the lowest point represented in the group.
- Residents and nonresidents may apply together in the same group; however the group will not be eligible for the resident only tags. Either all in the group will be drawn together or all will be rejected.

Season Dates: 1/2-Day as scheduled beginning October 30 - November 15, 2017 excluding holidays and weekends. Hunts scheduled after draw with CSP based on draw order. South Dakota Administrative Rule requires the hunter to be accompanied by a park representative during this hunt. Your park representative will locate this class animal for your selection. Field handling and transportation back to the buffalo corrals is included in your hunt. The carcass will be transferred to your vehicle.

Hunting Unit: The area within the boundary of Custer State Park as designated by park staff.

License Eligibility: Both residents and nonresidents may apply. There are 15 non-trophy bull bison licenses available. Seven of these licenses are set aside for residents only. The remaining 8 licenses are available to both residents and nonresidents.

Individual License Quota: Applicants may have one license.

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Deadline – Applications can only be submitted online. The deadline for submitting applications is 8 a.m. central time on September 6. Applicant may submit only one application per person. Results available online September 11.

Season-Unit-Type Choices and Fees:
CNB-CU1-25: Valid for ONE non-trophy bull bison.
   Fee $3,256 resident and nonresident.