

Location of 2017 Duck Blind Drawing

The drawing will be held at the Rod and Gun Club located on Edwards AFB (map/directions attached). For those who don't have base access, you must enter through the West Gate. Do not go to the Visitor Control Center. Someone will be at the gate to vouch for your visit. You must enter the gate between 0730-0900. Entrance will not be given after 0900. Please plan accordingly.

Requirements to be Entered into the Duck Blind Drawing

1. Must be 18 years of age to participate in blind drawing or be selected as a blind partner.
2. Only one family member within a household may participate in the annual duck blind reservation drawing unless there is more than one active duty member in a household.
3. Participants must provide the following at the time of the drawing*:
 - Edwards Hunting license
 - Current State hunting license and duck stamp
 - Signed federal duck stamp
 - Proof of priority status
4. Priority 1-4 must sign a letter certifying they intend to hunt from the duck blind they select
5. To participate in the blind drawing, a person must be present or must be represented at the drawing.
6. An individual may not draw for more than one blind reservation.
7. Blind holders must authorize the release of a contact number to other registered hunters.

*If missing documentation in #3, you will not be allowed to enter. No exceptions.

Priority Status - Know your status (must provide proof)!

Priority 1 - Active duty assigned to Edwards AFB who have contributed volunteer time, 100% disabled veterans, Medal of Honor recipients, and their dependents.

Priority 2 - Active duty assigned to Edwards AFB and their dependents.

Priority 3 - Active duty assigned to another military installation, military retired, members of Reserve components while on orders at the time of the drawing, and their dependents.

Priority 4 - Military personnel of foreign nations who are authorized exchange privileges, unmarried spouses of military personnel who died while on active duty or while in a retired status, and their dependents.

Priority 5 – Others who are authorized by the 412 Test Wing Commander (those authorized by EAFBI 32-7064 to purchase an Edwards AFB hunting permit).

Priority Bump – Persons who perform volunteer work in support of the wildlife conservation program at Piute Ponds, and have performed this volunteer work prior to the duck blind drawing, will have their drawing priority increased (decreased numerically) by 1 level for every 10 hours, with a cap at Priority 3 for civilians.

*****NOTE:** Military Retired is a formal designation and does not include all who have served. Refer to your military paperwork for formal designation.***

*****NOTE 2:** All volunteer hours need to be in to me by COB on 24 August to be used for priority bumps.***

Absentee Process

To participate in the blind drawing, a person must be present or must be represented at the drawing. An individual representing another at the blind drawing must be able to provide drawing officials the following: Edwards AFB hunting permit of the person being represented, the permit of his or her selected partner, their current State hunting licenses and duck stamps, federal duck stamp, signed letters certifying their intent to hunt from the selected duck blind (if priority 1-4), proof of their priority status, their blind reservation fees, and both their work and home phone numbers. NOTE: An individual may not draw for more than one blind reservation.

Mobility Impaired Blinds

Prior to the duck blind draw anyone requiring a handicapped blind will make this known to the duck blind operators in order for the following procedures to apply. Handicap hunters will draw with the rest of the hunters for a blind priority number to ensure they are eligible to obtain a duck blind. Upon winning the opportunity to choose a blind, mobility impaired hunters will be given the option of taking the handicap access blind or participating in the general blind selection using their priority number previously drawn (in order). If the handicapped hunter chooses to participate in the general blind selection, the option of using the designated handicap blind will be forfeited for this year, and the handicapped blind will revert to the general blind category. Once everyone has been assigned a blind priority number and handicapped issues have been addressed; hunters will then choose their preferred blinds by order of the numbers previously assigned.

Duck Blind Drawing Schedule (tentative)

0730-0900: Gate Access for Hunters Coming from Off-Base
0800-0900: Edwards Hunting Licenses Sales Available
0800-0930: Check in (register by showing proof of priority status)
0930: Blind Entries Closed
0930 -0940: Brief Welcome and Introductions
0940-1010: Hunter Briefing/Orientation (presentation on program, safety, rules, and bird ID)
1010-1025: CA Fish and Wildlife Warden Brief
1025-1040: Projects Accomplished in 2016 and Future Plans for Piute
1040-1050: Introducing Edwards iSportsman
1050- 1130: Blind Draw
1130- 1230: Wrap-up Purchases and Paperwork/Open Forum for Questions and Discussions

Feel free to contact me with any questions. See you on 26 August!

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