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Columbia National Wildlife Refuge To Host Youth Hunt for Canada Goose, Duck and Coot

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The Columbia National Wildlife Refuge will open a popular area south of O'Sullivan Dam for the annual Youth Canada Goose, Duck and Coot Hunt on September 20 and 21. The area, designated Marsh Unit I, includes 8 ponds that are created by diverting Lower Crab Creek into shallow wetlands. Marsh Unit I will be the only area open for the Youth Hunt on the Columbia Refuge.

The Youth Hunt is open only to hunters under 16 years of age. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old who is not hunting. Canada geese, ducks and coots can be hunted in accordance with regulations issued by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife two-day Youth Hunts for pheasant, quail and partridge are not available on Columbia Refuge. For additional information about the Refuge, visit the website: <http://www.fws.gov/columbiarefuge/home/>.

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