The District offers hunts at three sites during two firearms seasons, the first and second IL Deer Seasons. You may apply with a youth partner (17 years old (by Oct 1st) or younger) who will be placed in the same zone. Both applicants must apply and list the adult as the group leader. There is no fee for the youth hunter. Applicants not drawn in the archery or combo opportunities will receive preference for the firearms zones.

District staff will set zones within each site. Each firearm zone will be limited to one participant. The exception is A/B partner zones, and when an adult has a youth partner or has requested to mentor another adult. In youth and mentorship circumstances, hunters must be within 100 feet of each other.

The archery-combo season(s) hunting dates are aligned with Full and Late season archery programs. Full Season will begin October 1 and Late Season will begin November 1, 2019 and will run through the end of the deer season January 19, 2020. This program combines archery season hunting with some firearm seasons. All combination zones will be able to participate in the muzzleloader (Dec 13-15) and both CWD seasons (Dec 26-29; Jan 17-19). The Glacial Park combination zones are additionally allowed to firearm hunt during the IL second firearm season (Dec 5-8) as it coincides with the District’s firearm hunt. No other archery/combo sites are allowed to participate in hunting or scouting during the IL first or second season firearm hunts. No hunting or scouting shall occur at any archery/combo sites November 22-24, Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 28), Christmas Eve or Christmas Day (Dec. 24 and 25).

Size of group: Archery-Combo Deer Hunting applicants may submit their application with one or two partners, for a maximum of three adult hunters per zone. In order to encourage youth hunters, one additional youth per adult hunter may be in the group for a total of up to six (6) hunters. Only one youth may hunt with one adult at a time. The archery and combo hunt are on the same application.

For the archery hunt, up to three adult hunters may hunt in a zone at one time. For the firearms portion of the hunt, only one member of the group may hunt in the zone at a time except in cases where the large archery zone is divided into two firearms zones, or when hunting with a youth hunter.

Zones: District staff will set zones within each site. A hunter (and his/her partner(s)) is assigned to a zone for the duration of their opportunity. In some cases, the archery zones will be different from the firearm zones.

Fall Archery Turkey Hunting:
Fall turkey hunting is included at no additional charge for all archery deer hunters permitted through the District’s Program. Hunters must possess a turkey tag and follow all state statutes related to fall archery turkey hunting. In addition to State Statutes, fall turkey hunters must shoot/hunt from their elevated deer stand. Turkey hunting is being provided as a bonus opportunity to the District’s fall archery hunters.