

weekend, when legally licensed residents and nonresidents ages 15 and younger can hunt statewide, is set for Oct. 1-2.

Swan Hunt Lottery Held, Licenses Remain

North Dakota's swan lottery has been held and more than 450 licenses remain. Only hunters who do not have a swan license for the 2011 season can apply, as regulations limit hunters to one license per year.

First-come, first-served licenses are available online at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov. Hunters may also request an application by calling the department's Bismarck office at (701) 328-6300.

The statewide tundra swan hunting season is Oct. 1, 2011 – Jan. 1, 2012. North Dakota residents and nonresidents are eligible to apply. The fee is \$5 for residents and \$25 for nonresidents.

Space Available for BOW Waterfowl Workshop

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department is still accepting registrations for the Becoming an Outdoors-Woman waterfowl hunting workshop Oct. 1-2 in Bismarck.

Participants will learn firearm and waterfowl safety, shotgun shooting, waterfowl identification, water/field decoys and gear, and techniques for decoying and calling waterfowl. Oct. 2 will feature a mentored

hunt. Participants must possess a hunter education certificate, current hunting licenses and provide their own hunting clothing, boots or waders. Workshop fees of \$20 include instruction, program materials and use of equipment. No lodging is provided.

BOW workshops are designed primarily for women with an interest in learning skills associated with hunting, fishing and outdoor endeavors. Although open to anyone age 18 or older, the workshops are tailored primarily to women who have never tried these activities or who are beginners hoping to improve their skills.

To receive an information brochure and enrollment form, access the Game and Fish website at gf.nd.gov, or contact Nancy Boldt, BOW coordinator, at (701) 328-6312; or email ndgf@nd.gov.

Landowner-Sportsman Council Signs Available

"Ask Before You Enter" and "Walking Hunters Welcome" signs are available to North Dakota landowners who encourage hunting on their land during upcoming fall hunting seasons. Landowners can order quantities of four, eight or 12.

The signs are free and sponsored by the North Dakota Landowner-Sportsman Council. To order, contact the North Dakota Game and Fish Department at (701) 328-6300, or email ndgf@nd.gov. Signs can also be ordered online at the depart-

ment's website gf.nd.gov.

Hunters Asked to Cooperate in PLOTS Survey

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department is asking hunters to complete a short survey immediately after hunting on selected tracts of land enrolled in the department's Private Land Open To Sportsmen program.

Kevin Kading, private land section leader, said the survey will involve about 50 PLOTS tracts statewide. "We will have these survey points on various types of PLOTS tracts so we can hopefully gain a better understanding of what our hunters are looking for in the PLOTS program," Kading said.

Because PLOTS tracts can involve many different types of lands, Kading said they all offer their own unique hunting opportunities for wildlife species such as pheasants, waterfowl and deer. "We have to find that right balance of what hunters are looking for and use our hunter dollars in the most responsible way we can," Kading said.

The postcard-sized survey will be placed on a PLOTS sign at the entrance of the tract. Hunters are asked to complete the survey and place them in the drop box.