

## 2013 Youth Hunter Award-Male Chase Slayter

On November 16, 2013 it was the youth hunt for the east zone in Louisiana and for Catahoula Lake. Two of my good friends and my dad and I left home before daylight and drove to the landing at the Diversion Canal at Catahoula Lake. It was very foggy and we could barely see enough to drive the boat to our duck blind. My dad ended up getting turned around in the fog and we did get to the blind later than we expected due to getting lost. After getting in the blind my dad put the mojo's out and took the boat to the boat hide and returned to the blind. The ducks were flying everywhere and my dad explained to us not to shoot over each other and always keep our safety on until ready to fire.

We began our hunt and the ducks were working our decoys every time my dad and I would call. We shot several pintails that were flying low in the fog and one ringneck came in so close that I shot some of the breast out of the duck. We hunted for three hours having to pass on several pintail after we had already limited out on pintail. We ended up limiting out with 18 ducks and was one of the best hunts I have ever had while duck hunting.