

## Licensing

and online (preference), by mail from the Tribal Wildlife Department or in person at Headquarters, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays, Oct. 7-Nov. 18. It is located two miles north of Lower Ruble on Highway 3. Licenses may also be purchased by phone at 408-473-5666.

Licenses are in full and final purchase.

Licenses may be purchased before any other license can be purchased.

Licenses cannot be changed or modified in any way. Any modified license is automatically voided, free and may be re-printed from [www.lowertribalwildlife.com](http://www.lowertribalwildlife.com).

Exchanges of licenses without the wildlife director's approval.

Proof is required for Non-members to hunt waterfowl on the Reservation.

Members do not need to hunt or fish on the Reservation (See notice below).

Members do not need a land, waterfowl, fishing, prairie dog, furbearer, and migratory bird hunting stamp (Youth need general license and free youth permit). All licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 2015.

Members (LB-82-CC-Set. 21): No license can be issued to any person under 12 years of age and over 18 years of age must possess a hunter safety card prior to obtaining any license. License may be purchased by mail or may hunt or trap while possessing a license.

No person between the ages 12 and 15 may hunt or trap while possessing a firearm he or she is accompanied by a licensed or permitted parent, guardian or other adult guardian. There are no age restrictions for the purpose of fishing. However, any 10 years must be accompanied by an adult, guardian, or other adult designated by a parent or guardian.

Members may game permit to be accompanied in the field by a non-licensee carrying a valid license. A person not having a valid Tribal Big Game License. It shall be unlawful to upland game bird hunter/permittee to be accompanied in the field by a non-licensee carrying a valid license.

A non-licensee is a person not having a valid tribal upland game or upland game bird license.

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal License is valid on Tribal Trust, Allotted, and Indian-owned deeded land. Non-Members wishing to hunt non-Indian owned deeded land (see map) must obtain permission from the landowner and possess a State of South Dakota License before hunting.

1. All animals shot, caught or trapped must be retrieved. Want on waste of wildlife is a tribal offense (LB-82-C Sec.29).
2. Traps will be restricted vehicle travel during wet weather or extremely dry conditions. Vehicles are allowed only on established roads and trails.
3. The Tribe reserves the right to close seasons in case of fire hazard, low wildlife populations, etc. Refunds will be offered for special hunts if they had not taken place.
4. No person shall hunt or trap on roadways or within 660 feet of any occupied dwelling, church, schoolhouse or livestock. No person shall hunt or trap within one mile of the community of Lower Lake (LB-82-C Sec.25). No person shall drive off any established roadway or trail while hunting, fishing, trapping or recreating.
5. Trespass: You may not hunt or trap on private deeded or allotted land within the boundaries of the lower Brule Sioux Reservation without permission from the landowner.
6. License Revocation: Any person violating any rule or regulation may have their hunting license revoked on site.
7. Unarmed Retalial: Any person may retrieve lawfully taken small and big game from private deeded or allotted land if you are unarmed and if you do not use a vehicle to make your retrieval. Remember, to be lawfully taken, game must have been shot within open areas or areas where permission has been granted.
8. Game Permit: No person may intentionally interfere with persons lawfully engaged in taking or attempting to take game or hunt. No person may scare or disturb game with specific intent to prevent its lawful taking.
9. Hunter Harvest Report Card: Any person hunting big game within the boundaries of the Lower Brule Indian Reservation is required to complete a hunter harvest report card and return it within seven days of the end of the season. The completed report card can either be given to a Tribal Conservation Officer or mailed to the Wildlife Management Department. Completing a timely hunter harvest report card and returning the envelope will result in loss of future hunting privileges. Hunter report forms are also required for upland game and waterfowl hunts.
10. Road Hunting Prohibited: No hunting or shooting from a roadway or right-of-way of an improved road or highway is permitted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, State, or County. No person shall at any time transport a firearm with its round in its chamber, or revolvers with cartridges in the cylinder, or a shotgun with more than two (2) shells in the magazine. No person shall transport any bow unless it is encased, or string is locked and unable to be drawn. No person with a special crossbow permit shall transport a cross bow unless it is encased or unstrung. No person shall hunt, load, or discharge a firearm, bow or crossbow from a vehicle, boat, aircraft, or any other conveyance or from any type of vehicle or aircraft while in a motor vehicle. No person shall lean or place any loaded firearm or bow of any type against any vehicle.
11. No person shall allow a firearm or bow to protrude from vehicle.

1. Game birds, being transported, must have one leg, or head, or sufficient plumage attached to the carcass (feathered wing attached) for identification of the species (LB-82-C-42).
2. Big game must be immediately tagged upon retrieval.
3. No person may refuse inspection and control of wildlife. Any motor vehicle, camper or trailer may be stopped for such inspection and control (LB-82-C-10).
4. It shall be unlawful for any big game permittee to transport any big game without being present with the carcass until such time as the carcass is processed. It shall be unlawful for anyone to knowingly accept or assist in the transport of any big game without the big game holder present or written permission from the person providing the game or parts thereof. This subsection shall not apply to any authorized enforcement persons who in the course of their duties transport any such seized big game, or Senior/Disabled Citizens under Section 8.07.
5. It shall be unlawful for any upland game and/or bird permittee to transport any upland game or upland bird without being present with the carcass until such time as the carcass is processed. Nor shall any person knowingly accept or transport another's upland game or upland game bird without the valid license holder present or written permission from the person providing the game. This section shall not apply to any authorized enforcement persons who in the course of their duties transport any seized upland game or upland gamebird.
6. No person who kills big game pursuant to this ordinance shall remove a carcass or registration tag from the big game until such time as the carcass is butchered or processed for consumption.
7. No person shall transport any upland game or upland game bird in or on any motor vehicle without possessing the appropriate permit or required license.
8. All mule deer bucks must be at least one antler with three or more points. A legal point is at least 1" in length.
9. No elk tag and/or one bulltag shall allowed per household.

**Tribal Regulations**  
The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe sets its regulations, season dates and bag limits for mourning doves and waterfowl within federal guidelines. Check [www.lowerbrulewildlife.com](http://www.lowerbrulewildlife.com) for details.

In addition to Tribal regulations, these federal rules apply to taking, possessing, transporting and storing migratory game birds:

General: All persons trapping within the boundaries of the reservation must possess a tribal trapping license. The general trapping dates are from October 1 through April 30 of each year. Below are specific trapping dates and limits per species. Trapping is allowed 24 hours per day. Spotlighting is prohibited, however flashlights are allowed for the purpose of checking traps. Traps must be checked every 48 hours.

It is unlawful to: flag muskrat houses before opening day, set traps within 30 feet of exposed bait, possess raw furs after the tenth day of the closure of the season, physically alter, possess or barter live fur bearers, set or operate more than 75 traps, disturb mink, beaver or muskrat houses or dens, use poison, gas, smoke, or explosives.

The Lower Brule Indian Reservation is located in central South Dakota along the west bank of the Missouri River. The topography of the Reservation is characterized by rugged breaks along the Missouri River that gradually give way to gently undulating prairie. Grasslands dominate the landscape, but cropland farming is prevalent in areas that are conducive. This diversity of habitat is ideal for many species of wildlife.

The hunting opportunities that exist on the Lower Brule Indian Reservation are second to none. Prairie-chickens and sharp-shinned hawks are abundant. Deer and elk are harvested annually. Pleasant hunting and fishing is world class. The Reservation is located within the Central Flyway and at times holds over one hundred thousand ducks and geese are staging in the area. Wild turkeys, which were extinct for decades, have been successfully re-introduced and are flourishing. Buffalo and elk have also been successfully re-introduced and provide a unique hunting experience.

The Lower Brule South Dakota Department of Wildlife has an excellent reputation for actively managing the protected game lands. This has resulted in the Reservation being able to sustain over 40 years of hunting and fishing seasonally on all game lands. At the end of the hunting season, all hunters are sent questionnaires and asked to provide information that helps biologists determine harvest rates of game species. This information is used to develop recommendations for the following hunting season. Thousands of trees and hundreds of acres of food plots are planted annually. The Lower Brule Indian Reservation has been a successful hunting and fishing destination for over a decade. Few agencies are managing wildlife at the level of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. Ask us about our two rustic fully accommodated cabins overlooking the Missouri River. Included are a full kitchen, two bedrooms, dock kennel, fish and bird cleaning table – this is a great way to maximize your experience at Lower Brule while fishing or hunting. For more information on the Lower Brule Indian Reservation, South Dakota Department of Wildlife, Fish and Recreation at (605) 473-5666 or visit our website, [www.lowerbrulewildlife.com](http://www.lowerbrulewildlife.com)

Two cabins are available to rent (\$150/night for 1 bedroom and \$250/night for two bedrooms) - check them out on our website [www.lowerbrulewildlife.com](http://www.lowerbrulewildlife.com)

Package hunts are available for elk and buffalo.

**Big Game Unit/Huston Unit/Cherry Ranch**  
Three thousand acres of rolling river breaks in the Big Game Unit are the home for the Tribe's buffalo and elk herds. In addition the 1,600-acre Huston Unit and 1,300-acre Cherry Ranch also have buffalo herds. Special hunts consist of your choice of hunting dates, stalking by foot and a guaranteed shot at a buffalo or elk you can be proud of. All hunts are conducted in a sportsman-like manner.

**Our Package Hunts Include:**

- Guide service, field dressing of your trophy, licenses and transportation tags.
- Your choice of hunting dates.
- The buffalo and elk hunts are one each one-day hunts.
- Accommodations are your responsibility; the Wildlife Cabins and the Golden Buffalo Resort are recommended.

This unique 7,000+ acre river bend area is intensively managed for crop and wildlife production. Approximately 5,000 acres of irrigated corn and bean fields provide ample surplus food for wildlife. The rest of the area is managed as wildlife habitat including shellersbelts, upland bird nesting cover and food plots. The area abounds with mule deer, white-tailed deer, prairie-chickens, sharp-tailed grouse, geese, ducks, and of course, pheasants. The Tribal Wildlife Department takes great pride in this area and manages it as a special game bird and waterfowl unit. Special seasons, bag limits, and hunting fees apply. A special daily permit is required to hunt pheasants. Deer hunting in the Grassrose Unit is allowed only with archery or muzzleloader tags.

The medicine creek Duck Pond is available to waterfowl hunters on a first come, first serve basis with no additional cost

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Department of Wildlife, Fish and Recreation offers a workshop for tribal member guides and outfitters. The guiding license fee is waived for those individuals that complete the workshop and are recommended to hunters who request guiding services. Tribal member guides and outfitters offer services for sharp-tailed grouse, prairie-chicken, pheasant, ducks, geese, mule deer, white-tailed deer, prairie dog, and turkey. Please contact the Wildlife Department for a list of licensed guides or check our website at [www.lowerbrulewildlife.com](http://www.lowerbrulewildlife.com). Guides are not required. Only Tribal Members may guide on the Reservation.

We manage three recreation areas on the Missouri River including the new for 2023 Wata Ozinaz Recreation Area just east of Lower Brule. Iron Nation Recreation Area is 7 miles west and Little Bend Recreation Area is 9 miles north. Each area has a boat ramp, dock, fish cleaning table, and playground facilities; Wata Ozinaz Recreation Area also has a swimming area with a beach, walking trails and riparian restoration plantings. In addition, Cedar Creek has a primitive boat ramp and The Narrows has a scenic hiking trail and interpretive earth lodge. A Recreation Permit is required at all recreation areas and for shore fishing on the Missouri River.

Tribal Members only: May 1-31  
Please call or check the website for more information.

## Emergency Contacts

is the only permissible method.

allowed. Examples include waterfowl refuges and wildlife refuges.

The club is owned and run by the members and the only one of its kind in the world. It is currently open to hunting by tribally-licensed non-members.

Permits are not required for Corps of Engineers recreation areas (Left and Right Tallage and Good Soldier).

fishing and must be in the possession of all others recreating on tribal land. Access permits cost \$10 per person per day or \$40 per person annually. For persons 65 and over, the annual permit is \$20. Benefits for family members are \$10 per person after the head of household purchases

## Recreation/Access Permits





# Lower Brule Indian Reservation Hunting Map

NO ROAD HUNTING

NEW FOR 2024

ALL ANTLERED DEER AND FREE-RANGE ANTLERED ELK MUST BE CHECKED BY WILDLIFE DEPT. PERSONNEL WITHIN 48 HOURS OF HARVEST

Wildlife Dept. Office (605) 473-5312

Conservation Officers:  
John McCauley (605) 734-1042  
Tim Feliciano (605) 220-2322  
Dalton Grassel (605) 220-0692

MULE DEER POINT RESTRICTION 3 POINTS ON ONE SIDE

NEW WHITE-TAILED DEER TAGS AVAILABLE - ANY WHITE-TAILED MUZZLELOADER (paired with antlerless WT tag) AND ANY WHITTETAIL ARCHERY (Paired with antlerless WT tag)

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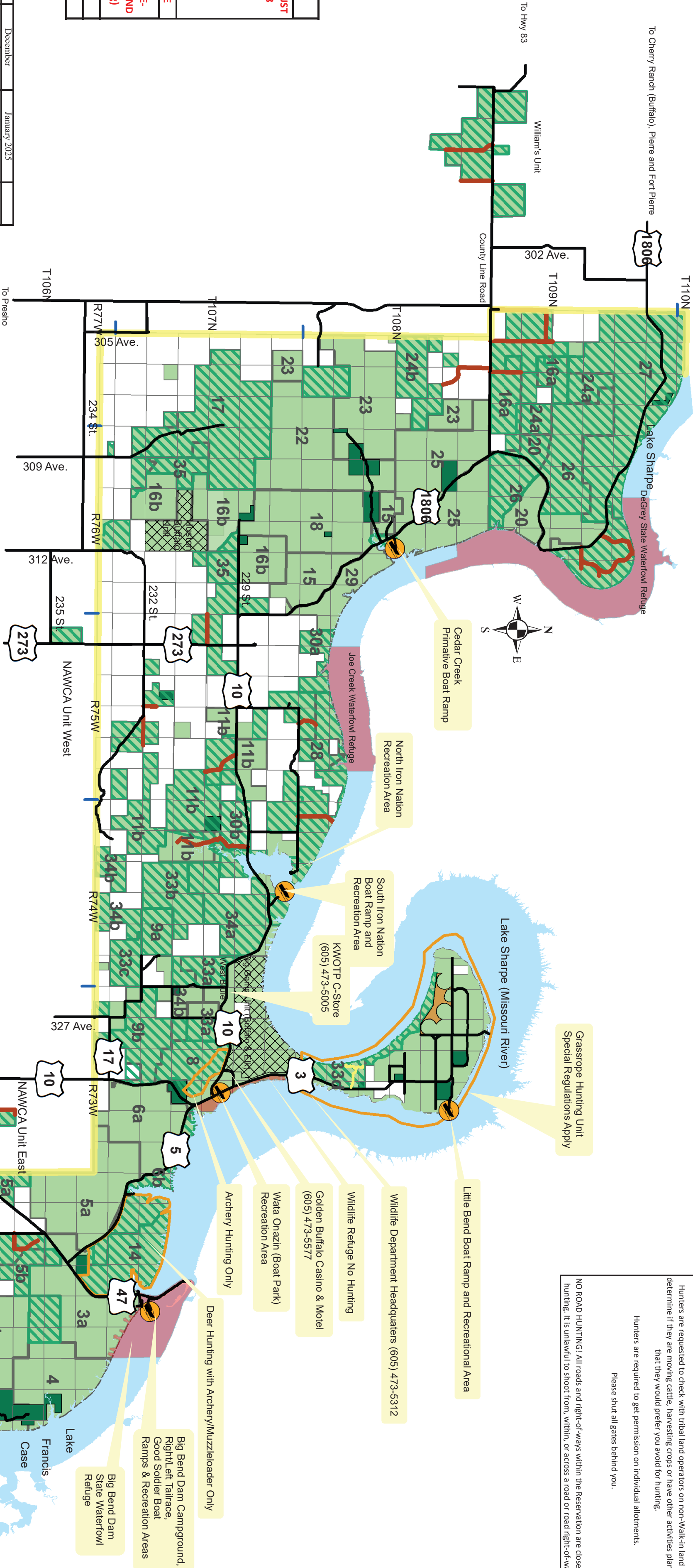
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Range Unit #	Tribal Land Operator	Phone Number (Area Code 605)
1a, 1b	Iva Jean Roman	734-5399
3a, 3b	Damon Johnson	841-0111
4	Sheldon Fletcher	730-3314
5a, 5b	Boyd/Lee Gourneau	730-1986/220-4913
6a, 6b	Steve Langdeau, Sr.	473-0117/730-1817
8, 9a, 9b	Donnie Moore	222-8950
11a, 11b	Marty Landreau	208-0063
14	Randy Landreau	252-6923
15	Larry Ness	222-1608
16a, 16b	Jerold Landreau	530-2006/264
17	Kim Schweitzer	223-2361
18, 22 & 29	Barb & Larry Ness	260-1111/260-4958
23	Bart Ness	260-2111
24	Jerold Landreau	220-5710
25 & 28	Rita Duran	223-2017/222-7926
27	Elaine Thompson	220-4542
30a	Bill Long Turkey	730-1501
33a, 33b, 33c, 33d	Fritz Larocche	473-5450
34a, 34b, 30b	Jerold Landreau	252-6923
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### IMPORTANT!

Hunters are requested to check with tribal land operators on non-Walk-In land to determine if they are moving cattle, harvesting crops or have other activities planned that they would prefer you avoid for hunting.

Hunters are required to get permission on individual allotments.

Please shut all gates behind you.

NO ROAD HUNTING! All roads and right-of-ways within the Reservation are closed to hunting. It is unlawful to shoot from, within, or across a road or road right-of-way.

2024	September	October	November	December	January 2025	Date
1	Sunrise Sunset	Sunrise Sunset	Sunrise Sunset	Sunrise Sunset	Sunrise Sunset	1
2	7:02 AM 8:13 PM	7:16 AM 8:15 PM	6:27 PM 7:53 AM	5:01 PM 8:13 AM	5:11 PM	2
3	7:03 AM 8:11 PM	7:17 AM 8:17 PM	6:26 PM 7:55 AM	5:00 PM 8:13 AM	5:12 PM	3
4	7:04 AM 8:09 PM	7:14 PM 8:14 PM	7:19 AM 7:56 AM	5:00 PM 8:13 AM	5:13 PM	4
5	7:05 AM 8:07 PM	7:12 PM 8:12 PM	7:19 AM 7:56 AM	5:00 PM 8:13 AM	5:13 PM	5
6	7:06 AM 8:06 PM	7:10 PM 8:10 PM	7:21 AM 7:58 AM	5:00 PM 8:13 AM	5:15 PM	6
7	7:07 AM 8:04 PM	7:09 PM 8:09 PM	7:22 AM 7:59 AM	5:00 PM 8:13 AM	5:16 PM	7
8	7:09 AM 8:02 PM	7:07 PM 8:07 PM	7:23 AM 7:59 AM	5:00 PM 8:12 AM	5:17 PM	8
9	7:10 AM 8:00 PM	7:05 PM 8:05 PM	7:23 AM 7:58 AM	5:00 PM 8:12 AM	5:18 PM	9
10	7:11 AM 7:58 PM	7:04 PM 8:04 PM	7:23 AM 7:58 AM	5:00 PM 8:12 AM	5:18 PM	10
11	7:12 AM 7:56 PM	7:03 PM 8:03 PM	7:24 AM 7:57 AM	5:00 PM 8:12 AM	5:20 PM	11
12	7:13 AM 7:55 PM	7:02 PM 8:02 PM	7:24 AM 7:57 AM	5:00 PM 8:12 AM	5:21 PM	12
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15	7:16 AM 7:52 PM	6:59 PM 7:59 PM	7:26 AM 7:55 PM	5:00 PM 8:10 AM	5:24 PM	15
16	7:17 AM 7:51 PM	6:58 PM 7:58 PM	7:26 AM 7:55 PM	5:00 PM 8:09 AM	5:25 PM	16
17	7:18 AM 7:50 PM	6:57 PM 7:57 PM	7:27 AM 7:54 PM	5:01 PM 8:09 AM	5:26 PM	17
18	7:19 AM 7:49 PM	6:56 PM 7:56 PM	7:27 AM 7:54 PM	5:01 PM 8:08 AM	5:27 PM	18
19	7:20 AM 7:48 PM	6:55 PM 7:55 PM	7:28 AM 7:53 PM	5:01 PM 8:08 AM	5:28 PM	19
20	7:21 AM 7:47 PM	6:54 PM 7:54 PM	7:28 AM 7:53 PM	5:01 PM 8:07 AM	5:29 PM	20
21	7:22 AM 7:46 PM	6:53 PM 7:53 PM	7:29 AM 7:52 PM	5:02 PM 8:07 AM	5:30 PM	21
22	7:23 AM 7:45 PM	6:52 PM 7:52 PM	7:29 AM 7:52 PM	5:02 PM 8:06 AM	5:31 PM	22
23	7:24 AM 7:44 PM	6:51 PM 7:51 PM	7:30 AM 7:51 PM	5:02 PM 8:06 AM	5:32 PM	23
24	7:25 AM 7:43 PM	6:50 PM 7:50 PM	7:30 AM 7:51 PM	5:03 PM 8:05 AM	5:33 PM	24
25	7:26 AM 7:42 PM	6:49 PM 7:50 PM	7:31 AM 7:50 PM	5:03 PM 8:05 AM	5:34 PM	25
26	7:27 AM 7:41 PM	6:48 PM 7:49 PM	7:31 AM 7:50 PM	5:04 PM 8:04 AM	5:35 PM	26
27	7:28 AM 7:40 PM	6:47 PM 7:48 PM	7:32 AM 7:49 PM	5:04 PM 8:04 AM	5:36 PM	27
28	7:29 AM 7:39 PM	6:46 PM 7:47 PM	7:32 AM 7:49 PM	5:04 PM 8:03 AM	5:37 PM	28
29	7:30 AM 7:38 PM	6:45 PM 7:46 PM	7:33 AM 7:48 PM	5:05 PM 8:03 AM	5:38 PM	29
30	7:31 AM 7:37 PM	6:44 PM 7:45 PM	7:33 AM 7:48 PM	5:05 PM 8:02 AM	5:39 PM	30
31	7:32 AM 7:36 PM	6:43 PM 7:44 PM	7:34 AM 7:49 PM	5:06 PM 8:02 AM	5:40 PM	31

