

Invitation to bid

The Marion County School District hereby gives notice that sealed bids will be received for the described lands in Marion County, Mississippi, to-wit:

The N ½ of the NE ¼ and part of the S ½ of the NE ¼ east of Bethel Church Rd. In Section 16, Township 5 North, Range 17 West, Marion County, Mississippi:

PPIN 5616

Parcel #120-16-000-16-014.00

Containing in aggregate 96.5 acres, more or less.

To access bid sheet and maps go to www.marionk12.org and click on '16th section Invitations to Bid'.

You are invited to submit sealed bids to lease the above described sixteenth section land for **HUNTING & FISHING** purposes to be filed with the Superintendent of Education located at 1010 Highway 13 North, Columbia, Mississippi up to and not later than **2:00 P. M., Monday, May 11, 2026**. Bids received pursuant to this public notice will be opened and read aloud during the board meeting on the same day. Sealed bids must specify the annual rental to be paid per acre for said lease. The form of the lease as prescribed, by the Board of Education and the terms so prescribed, is now on file in the Office of the Superintendent, where interested parties may inspect it.

The **minimum price per acre** for Hunting and Fishing land that will be accepted is **\$12.50 per acre**. Bids must be submitted for the entire parcel. Only the annual rental shall be subject to bid. A bid deposit in the amount of the annual rental must be included with the bid when submitted. Any bidder submitting a bid must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all informalities, but if any bid is accepted, the Board will award said lease to the highest and best bidder, subject to the right of the present leaseholder to meet the highest bid.

Brian Foster, Superintendent

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**Sixteenth Section Land
Marion County School District**

1010 Highway 13 North, Suite 2
Columbia, MS 39429

**BID SHEET
HUNTING & FISHING RIGHTS**

I hereby, bid the sum of \$ _____ per acre as annual rental for a lease of the hunting and fishing rights on the described Sixteenth Section Public School Trust Lands. I understand that such lease will be for a term of five (5) years. The lease will begin June 1, 2026 and expire on May 31, 2031. I accept the terms and provisions contained in the form of such lease prescribed by the Board of Education and now on file in the Office of the Superintendent of Education.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Section: 16-5N-17W

Number of Acres: 96.50

I understand that the annual rental is payable in advance and I agree to:

1. **Enclose the first year's rental in the sealed envelope with the bid as a bid deposit (also include (36) Thirty six dollars for a recording fee), and thereafter pay each year's rental in advance.**
2. I agree to keep all improvements, drainage, and property in a good state of repair, at my own expense, and to return it to Lessor in the same condition as it was in at the beginning of the term of this lease, the natural wear and tear and acts of God excepted.
3. I recognize the authority of the Board of Education to reject all bids submitted, for undue consideration of rental amounts.

I fully understand and accept the term of which this bid is offered.

Signed _____ Date: _____

Print Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

NOTICE

This bid must be submitted to the office of the county superintendent of education in a sealed envelope addressed to the Board of Education of Marion County School District and the outside of the envelope must contain the following information:

***“BID FOR HUNTING/FISHING LEASE on approximately 96.50 acres
in Section 16, Township 5N, Range 17W.”***

**This bid must be received at the place and by the time specified
in the public notice of invitation for bids for hunting and fishing rights for said land.**

14
96.5 Ac

14.03

13
1.7 Ac

10
79 Ac

BETHEL CHURCH RD

60°

NEW UNION RD

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4 A

T5N R4

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