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HUNTER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

No person born on or after January 1, 1966 may take any wildlife by the use of firearms, unless that person possesses and can exhibit a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms. Wyoming grants reciprocity to other states, countries and provinces providing recognized hunter safety certificates. Exhibit of certificates is not required to apply for or obtain a license. Certificates must be carried into the field. The minimum age to hunt in Wyoming is 12.

SHOOTING PRACTICE:

One of the most important factors to a successful hunt is your ability to shoot well. Start far in advance of your hunt by carefully practicing sighting in your bow or rifle. For the rifle hunter try shooting from a sitting, kneeling, laying down and offhand shooting position. Shoot 100-200 rounds of ammo at distances of 50-500 yards. We recommend a flat shooting 6x or better scoped .243 or larger caliber rifle sighted dead on at 200 yards. We also encourage that you are comfortable using bi-pods or shooting sticks. For the bow hunter, shoot at least 5 times a week. Get comfortable shooting 60 yards even though we very seldom will ever take that shot. If you are comfortable shooting long distances then we are going to be more comfortable with your shorter distance shots. Practice shooting at different distances and in different positions, kneeling, sitting and at different angles from the target. Also for bow hunting elk we prefer fixed broad heads. Confidence in your weapon(bow or rifle) and training is key! Understand that conditions in the field will often be imperfect, so train and shoot for various hunting scenarios.

PHYSICAL CONDITIONING BEFORE YOUR HUNT:

Central Wyoming's altitude and diverse terrain can test one's physical abilities. ATV's, UTV's and 4x4 vehicles are sometimes used to cover the country, but walking will be involved. We will be hunting at 5,000' to 8,500' feet elevation. Hunters who have prepared themselves physically, have the upper hand on killing a trophy over those who do not. Training needs to start months in advance, especially if you are hunting elk and/or mule deer with us. We are happy to advise you as to an appropriate training regiment.

WEATHER:

The weather will have a profound impact on the hunting experience. Please be aware that we have no control over it! Unfortunately extra days will not be awarded or refunds given due to lost hunting time or season closures caused by weather events. It is important that you are prepared for anything and everything. Temperatures in the fall can range from 0-80 degrees fahrenheit.

WOUNDED ANIMALS:

Every effort will be made to recover a wounded animal. No additional animal will be harvested in place of a wounded animal.

TAXIDERMY, TROPHY CARE AND MEAT PROCESSING:

Your guide will take care field dressing your harvested animal. Arrangements for both taxidermy work and meat processing can also be made. Be advised that we do not do any meat processing. If you do not have a vehicle to transport your animal to a meat processor or taxidermist, we will assist you. The cost of taxidermy and meat processing is your responsibility. If you can't take the meat home, it can be donated to people in the local community, however the cost of processing is still your responsibility. In addition, please be sure to familiarize yourself to state laws regarding transporting meat and heads with regard to regulations around chronic wasting disease.

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HUNTING GEAR/EQUIPMENT PACKING LIST:

Below are our recommendations for a typical 5 day hunting trip. Special attention should be paid to outerwear. Please understand your body type, tolerance of both heat and cold, as well as your physical condition.

CLOTHING:

There is no such thing as bad weather only inappropriate clothing. It's all about the layers. Some people prefer synthetic, others natural. Below are links to two different companies with excellent patterns for our terrain and overall well-made products.

sitkagear.com

firstlite.com

FOOTWEAR:

Footwear is of the utmost importance. Good boots are key and make sure they are broken in. Begin hiking months in advance in the footwear you are planning on wearing during the hunt.

crispius.com

PACKS:

The only thing we ask, especially if hunting deer and/or elk with us, is a pack with load hauling capabilities.

mysteryranch.com

stoneglacier.com

OPTICS:

Hunting in Central Wyoming is very optics driven. We are constantly scanning the countryside with binoculars and/or spotting scopes. If you have optics, bring them.

mavenbuilt.com

GRATUITY:

The guides and the cook staff work very hard to ensure that you have a very pleasant and enjoyable hunt. Your gratuity to them is greatly appreciated and shows that you appreciate their efforts.

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