ITEMS to BRING for RIFLE Elk & Deer Hunt

Rifle Season (mid. October - Through November)

During rifle season the weather conditions will likely be wet and cold. Wool or Polar fleece clothing is essential. Dress in layers. I recommend kuiu clothing and gear for your base layer and outer-wear (\*NO COTTON). Form fitting wool/synthetic blend socks that wick moisture (\*NO COTTON), fleece hat and gloves, two pair of well broke-in winter waterproof boots (air-bob soles), camouflage outer garment layer, a 400 square inch florescent orange hunting vest (break up camouflage pattern), Gortex rain gear is fine but must be quiet. Elk and deer have excellent hearing, so, all your clothing should be of material that is quiet in the brush. Late season I recommend wool pants that you would be able to cover ground and dress in layers on your top section. You want to bring clothing you can cover ground in, but once you stop you can add layers to.

NECESSITY to BRING

* Airline tickets
* Hunting license (Big game combination license if to an elk and deer hunt)
* Rifle and carry case for shipping (we recommend a large caliber rifle, such as a 300 ultra mag.)
* Rifle scope lens covers (we recommend Butler Creek lens covers or neoprene scope covers)
* 10x42 binoculars with bino-system straps
* Range finder with angle compensator at least 800 yards
* Shoot sticks (recommended primos trigger stick tri-pod or bog pod version tri-pod)
* Shells (at least 2 boxes of shells)
* Medicine - your guide and outfitter should be informed of any special medical needs (Diabetes, heart conditions, etc.)
* Game Bags (Alaskan game bags preferred)

We highly recommend sending your rifle out to Tom Butcher (406) 546-8485. He can customize your own rifle or build you one that is turreted for the longer-range shots. The more comfortable you are shooting at longer ranges will increase accuracy and success rate on your hunt.

Recommended CLOTHING List

* Highly recommend Kuiu clothing
* Socks and underwear for each day (we recommend form-fitting, moisture wicking, wool/synthetic blend hiking socks)
* 2 light weight polypropylene or under armor bottoms (long john's)
* 2 mid-weight polypropylene or under armor bottoms (long john's)
* 2 to 3 mid-weight polypropylene or under armor (cold gear) long sleeves tops
* 2 to 3 lightweight polypropylene or under armor (heat gear) long sleeves tops
* 2 six-pocket army style pants
* 2 wool or polar fleece pants (long pants legs so snow doesn't get in your boots)
* 1 fleece vest
* 1 or 2 fleece or wool zip-up jacket, with zipper pockets for hat and gloves
* 1 fleece stocking cap (the 3 in 1 with ear covers and face mask work well)
* 1 camouflage baseball style cap
* 1 pair of fleece or wool gloves
* 1 pair of waterproof gloves
* Hand warmers (optional)
* 1-two piece rain gear (quiet cloth type)
* 1 or 2 pair of well broke-in, waterproof, 600 gram insulated, 8 to 10 inch height, air-bob soles, hunting boots (such as Danner Trophy or Danner Frontier series)
* 1 pair of well broke-in, waterproof, non-insulated, hiking boots (such as Danner TFX, 6 inch, Hunter series)
* 1 pair of comfortable house shoes (for the lodge)
* 1 hunter orange vest with at least 400 sq. inches, camouflage break-up type.

+ All outer clothing should be camouflage (mossy oak, real tree, etc.).

+ All clothing should be made of material that is quiet when hiking in brushy areas.

Recommended BACKPACK and Hunting GEAR List:

* 1 backpack - quiet cloth, camouflage, internal frame, 2,500 to 3,500 sq. inch storage capacity
* Shooting sticks (Primos trigger stick tripod or Bog-pod tripod versions)
* 1 emergency fire starter kit in a zip-lock bag
* 1 small first-aid kit
* 2 flashlights - small headlamp and small hand held with extra batteries
* 1 knife - sharp 3 in. to 5 in. blade
* 1 - 50 ft. small nylon cord/rope
* 1 compass
* 3 black garbage bags stuffed in the bottom of the backpack
* Toilet paper in a zip-lock bag
* 1 shell pouch
* 1 camera in a zip-lock bag (batteries, film, memory card etc.)
* 2-way radios (optional)
* 1 pair of binoculars with bino-shoulder harness
* Pre-moistened lens clothes (we recommend Bausch & Lomb Sight Savers)
* 1 sleeping bag - 0 degree, light weight, synthetic, 3 to 5 pound type (if plans have been made to camp during your hunt)
* 1 sleeping pad - thermarest, self-inflate, 2 or 3 pound type (if plans have been made to camp during your hunt)
* Boot dryer (optional)
* Boot treatment (we recommend Nicwax Fabric & Leather)
* Large cooler for shipping meat home (optional)

**REMEMBER**

Flight schedule or driving plans should be sent to the outfitter one month prior to your hunt or as soon as possible

Balance due for hunt - must be paid in full by September 1st

Practice long range shooting at 200, 300, 400 & 500 yards

The standard tip for a guide is 10% to 20% of the cost of your hunt. Remember to bring tip for the cooks and packers in the camp as well. The amount you give reflects your appreciation for your guide's hard work and effort.

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