

Hunting is my passion and I want to make sure that all who book with Big Bone Outfitters can join me in the anticipation and excitement of a hunt. Whether using a bow or rifle, let's make sure you have the equipment you need. Before coming out west, practice shooting enough so that you have confidence in your abilities to get the trophy you are aiming at!

### **Colorado Hunts:**

Hunts take place on private land nestled in a beautiful valley in Southern Colorado surrounded by the Spanish Peaks, the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and Greenhorn Mountain. Colorado harbors the largest elk herd of any state which is about 200,000 elk! Animals we hunt in CO include Elk, Mule Deer, Antelope, Turkey, Mountain Lion and Bear. Each hunt includes guiding, meals, transportation in the field, lodging and trophy field care. Hunters fly into either the Denver International Airport or the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport and may wish to arrange a rental car. Transportation can be arranged through Big Bone Outfitters for an additional fee.

## **Equipment Lists**

Now that your hunting trip is booked, it's time to pack! A hunter needs to be prepared for all kinds of conditions from rugged terrain to unpredictable weather. Remember, it's very important to get into the best shape possible and to break in your hunting boots before going on a hunt. Make sure your clothing has been washed in scent-free detergent. Please review our lists below as hunters are responsible for bringing their own gear.

### **General:**

License/tags

Identification - driver's license

Clean Firearm or Bow with appropriate cases

Ammunition

Backpack

Binoculars/Scope

Sunglasses

Face paint (bow hunt)

Camera

Flashlight - (shirt pocket Mag Lite is recommended)

Headlamp

Extra batteries

Multi-tool knife

Emergency whistle

Water bottle or hydration pack

2 pairs broken in hunting boots (waterproof, insulated & or snakeproof)

Scent-Free containers for clothing

Stuff Sack

Waterproof rain gear

Toiletries including scent-free deodorant, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, bug spray

Prescription Medicine as well as a written doctors letter if needed (bow hunt)

Hand/foot warmers

Hearing protection

Safety harness

Sitting pad

# **Clothing:**

Hunting weather can be very unpredictable ranging from warm in the daytime to cold and frosty at night. So, be prepared for extremes. It is best to layer clothing that can be taken off as the temperatures rise and you hike around. Carry your backpack in order to be prepared! Rainstorms can develop quickly in the mountains.

Hunter orange vest & hat Waterproof rain gear

Gloves - insulated, non-insulated, glove liners

Warm hat, facemask, baseball hat

Long underwear (insulated, moisture wicking)

Light camo shirts

Heavy camo shirts

Regular camo pants

Camo insulated pants

Camo belt

Socks- breathable & insulated, sock liners

Camo windproof pullover

Camo Parka

# **Archery Specific Equipment:**

Bow & Case

Arrows

Quiver

Arm Guard

Stabilizer

Release

Wrist Sling

Rest

Broadheads/Field Points

Broadhead Sharpener/Replacement Blades

**Replacement Nocks** 

Face Paint

# **Frequently Asked Questions:**

## How do I book my hunt?

A 50% deposit of the total hunt price and the signed contract is required at the time of booking with final payment due prior to the hunt.

If you have special needs please inform us at the time of booking so we can accommodate or customize the hunt accordingly. The nature of hunting is adventure and exertion!

What type of lodging is provided?

Our "hunting camp" is a ranch house that is located in Southern Colorado. The facilities include comfortable beds for each hunter (rooms may be shared) with bed linens and bath towels provided. Most meals are cooked on site so please let us know of any dietary restrictions before you arrive! If you prefer to stay at an area hotel you are welcome to; however you must provide your own transportation to the camp on the mornings of each hunt or an additional transportation fee will be charged. Please refer to <a href="https://www.lavetacucharachamber.com">www.lavetacucharachamber.com</a> for area information.

### *Is there a Cancellation Policy?*

Cancellations will forfeit their 50% deposit unless a replacement hunter can be found or other arrangements made.

No refunds will be made for cancelled hunts for any reason. No rate reductions or extra days will be given if hunters leave before the conclusion of the hunt or if they fail to arrive on prearranged dates. We recommend you purchase travel protection in the event you are unable to make your trip due to work, injury, illness or death. Refunds are not granted for weather delays, area or season closures.

We will honor the deposit for any hunt for the following season.

## How much do I tip my guide and cook?

The guides and cook work hard before, during and after the hunt to ensure all have a successful hunt. If you feel they have done their job well then a gratuity is left to show appreciation. The industry standard is no less than 15% of the cost of the hunt for a good guide. The standard tip for the cook with 4-6 hunters is \$100 each.

Please contact Phil Sharp for additional information or to book your hunt. A contract along with payment information will be sent to you at that time.

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