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Dear Unassisted Turkey Hunters,

This generic letter is intended to serve as your guide in preparing you for your hunt. Please read it in its entirety and let us know if you have any questions.

- **Hunting License** – We do not provide license processing for unassisted turkey hunts. Thus you will need to obtain the license yourself, which can be picked up at any Wal-Mart. Cost for nonresident license is \$126 unless you hunted deer last fall and have a general nonresident license and then you will only need a \$7.00 turkey stamp validation. For youth under 17 years of age, the cost is only \$7.00.
- **Balance Payments** – **All balance payments are due 30 days prior to hunt**, so this notice will serve as your only reminder.
- **Weather Conditions** – You should anticipate variable and unpredictable weather. Temperatures will likely be from 40-80 degrees during the early season and slightly warmer later. Bring a rain parka just in case we do have rain. Check weather forecast on computer a day or two ahead of time.
- **Items To Bring** – Make sure you have sufficient turkey hunting clothing which should be of some camo pattern, and the pattern type is not that important. Also bring ammo, bug spray, sun screen, hunting boots, and any other hunting equipment you would typically carry with you on a turkey hunt. If you are on an unassisted hunt where you are staying on one of our ranches, please plan on bringing all bedding, toiletries, food, drinks, etc.
- **Pattern Your Gun** – The most common mistake we see with our turkey hunters is that they have not patterned their shotgun. We recommend #4 or #6 shot, whichever patterns best.
- **Safety First** – Our #1 goal on all of our hunts is to ensure everyone's safety. Though we do allow **responsible** drinking in camp, you must remember that hunting and drinking alcohol do not mix.
- **Travel Details** – Make sure you coordinate with us a week or so ahead of time on when and where one of our representatives will meet with you to get you situated on where you will be hunting.

We are looking forward to providing you with an exciting and memorable experience. Please do not hesitate to let us know, preferably by email, if we can be of assistance. Here's to a great hunt!

Adios,

Greg Simons

*"Serving Hunters' and Landowners' Needs Since 1987"*

# WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS

Thank you for choosing to be our customer and for the confidence you have placed in us. The staff of Wildlife Systems, from our office to our camp, will do everything within our means to earn your continued trust and goodwill. Your hunting success and personal satisfaction are very important to us.

We have been serving hunters from around the globe since 1987. Our customer's loyalty and continued participation within our hunting programs is what has fueled the growth of Wildlife Systems.

Just as you have certain expectations of us, we have certain expectations of you. Here are a few ideas that will help insure a successful hunt:

1. Read through this packet to familiarize yourself with various aspects regarding your hunt.
2. Know what is included with your package. Refer to your contract should you be uncertain.
3. Attend your hunt with an open frame of mind. There are many variables we deal with in conducting hunts, thus, we ask you to be understanding of various situations that are inherent to a hunting trip.

Once again, thank you for being our customer. We look forward to seeing you in camp.

## PAYMENT POLICY

- **Deposits may be paid with personal or business check, so long as this payment precedes hunt by 30 days.**
- Balance is due 30 days prior to start day of hunt
- All credit card payment will be assessed a **3% processing fee** on the amount being charged. We accept Visa, Master Card, and American Express.
- You can also pay **electronically**, via Intuit with your checking account, with no processing fee. If you prefer this payment method, just ask us to email you an invoice with our secure online instructions.

**Cancellation Policy** – No payments will be refunded unless cancellee can be replaced at the standard hunt cost. We will make every effort possible to replace cancellee at full hunt value, but Wildlife Systems is not responsible for replacing cancellee, and no refunds will be granted unless cancellee is replaced.

**Rebooking Policy** – WSI generally offers our clients “first right of refusal” in rebooking their hunt for the following year, but to ensure this, a \$150 Reservation Fee must be paid within 30 days of completion of hunt. Once dates and prices have been established for next year's hunts, client will have option of either confirming with remainder of first 50%, or Reservation Fee will be refunded. Once hunt is confirmed, Cancellation Policy does apply.

# WHAT TO BRING

Having the proper equipment, clothing, and travel items can make for a much more comfortable and enjoyable hunting trip. It is better to be over prepared than under stocked, but remember there are certain weight and baggage restrictions when traveling by airplane. The following checklist should cover some of the essentials.

## Primary Checklist

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|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| - gun(s)                   | - flight tickets | - gloves               |
| - ammo (40 rounds minimum) | - camera         | - pajamas or warm-up's |
| - binoculars               | - hunting boots  | - canteen              |
| - flashlight               | - hunting cap    | - knife                |
| - hunting clothes*         | - rain parka     | - back or fanny pack   |

## You May Also Want To Bring

- |                    |                       |                          |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| - sunglasses       | - special medication  | - bug spray              |
| - book for reading | - liquor or alcohol** | - bit of string and tape |
| - ice chest        | - video camera        | - preferred snacks       |
| - spotting scope   | - sun screen          | - shooting bipod         |

\* Clothing should be suited for temperatures ranging from 30 degrees to 90 degrees. Clothing that allows you to layer up is best. Camo is recommended but not essential.

\*\*We do not provide alcoholic beverages in camp. We will allow you to BYOB, but we will enforce certain drinking/hunting policies.

# HUNTING LICENSE

- Wildlife Systems does not obtain hunting licenses on unassisted hunts.
- **Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting license (#118) is \$126.** If a nonresident hunted deer the previous season and already has a general nonresident hunting license, all that is needed is a **\$7.00 Upland Game Bird Stamp Validation (#167).**
- For nonresidents who are less than 17 years of age, **Youth Hunting license (#169) \$7.00** and covers anything they may take, except waterfowl.
- All Texas hunters who were born on or after September 2, 1971, must have successfully completed a Hunter Education Training Course. However, if you have not taken this course and were born after this date, you can purchase a **Deferred Hunter Education Option (#166)** for an additional \$10.
- If you would like to purchase the license online go to [Texas Parks and Wildlife Department](#). It will take up to 6 weeks to receive your license from TPWD, so make sure you order in plenty of time. Or you can pick you license up at any Walmart store.

# TRAVEL TIPS

A hunter's journey to and from their hunting destination is a major part of the trip. Because of great distances between point of origin and hunt location, many hunters choose to fly to eliminate road time. There are a few regulations that hunters need to keep in mind that will make their trip more smooth and enjoyable. Additionally, there are certain procedures that if followed, make your airport transition much easier.

### **Helpful Hints:**

- Try to never over pack suitcase any more than what is necessary. Duffel bags work well for most hunters' needs.
- When possible, lock all luggage with a TSA approved lock. Whether its carry-on or checked luggage, be sure to attach your name, address, and phone number on each item.
- Pack your highly valuable items, if possible, in a carry-on, particularly those items that are fragile.
- Always check in approximately one hour and half prior to scheduled departure. At that time, your firearm will be subject to inspection to ensure no shells are in the chamber.

### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

- On most airlines, each person is allowed to have one carryon bag, free of charge. You can also check your luggage, with the most common charges being: first checked bag fee: \$25; second checked bag fee: \$35; additional bags fee: \$150 per bag. Thus, you might consider bringing a large duffel bag, gun case, and carry-on's (i.e., camera bag). Check with your airline to make sure of their specific charges.
- Most airlines will charge additional fees for overweight and oversized bags. The most common charges being: Overweight bags: \$100 for 50 – 70 lbs and \$200 for 70 – 100 lbs. Oversize bags generally run around \$200. Check with your airline to make sure of their specific charges.
- All firearms must be transported in a hard-sided container capable of being locked.
- While ammunition can be carried in the gun case in a separate container, shells cannot be in the chamber. You are allowed up to ten pounds of ammo, which must be shipped in checked baggage. We recommend transporting ammo in a duffel bag. Ammo must be in some type of ammo container.
- Law prohibits the transportation of hazardous materials such as compressed gasses, flammable solids and liquids, poisons, and corrosives, which includes lighters.
- You are not allowed to carry on knives of any sort, but you can put them in your checked baggage.
- Check with your airline or travel agent to see any additional rules, limitations and any fees that they may charge.

### **Shipment of meat, hides, and antlers:**

- We generally ship all hunters' meat in ice chests, which are checked at the airport as luggage. We freeze all meat and tape each chest.
- If hunter would prefer to have animal fully processed and packaged, we can sometimes arrange for such, but meat will probably be shipped to hunter "over-night delivery" at hunter's expense which will include processing fees, shipping expenses, and occasionally a service charge (see "Miscellaneous Expense" Sheet).
- All trophies are caped and frozen. If hunter prefers to have a taxidermist of his own do the work, we either ship the cape and antlers back with the hunter in a container (i.e., ice chest, box, duffel bag, etc.), or we can ship at a later date to them or their taxidermist.
- If hunter wishes to leave their trophy to be mounted at our taxidermist, we will put taxidermist in touch with hunter to discuss pose and payment, and taxidermist will ship mount to hunter upon completion of work.

### **One other matter:**

Always keep in mind that certain unexpected occurrences can and do happen from time to time when traveling by air. Such things as delayed or canceled flights, and luggage not arriving with hunter, are but a few things that are possible. When this happens, it is recommended that you understand that throwing a tantrum is not going to do you a bit of good. For missing luggage, when you arrive, we will file necessary claims, and luggage will generally arrive on the next flight. If worse comes to worse, we will do what we have to do to outfit you with necessary gear so that you lose no hunting time. Just try to take all this in stride, and your trip will be much more enjoyable.

# MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

It is generally understood that nobody likes hidden expenses when on a hunting trip. Services included in your hunting package are outlined in your contract. As with most hunting excursions, there are a few miscellaneous expenses that may or may not be incurred during your Wildlife Systems hunting trip. The following is a summary of various costs, in addition to your package, that you should bear in mind.

1. **Airfare** – Wildlife Systems’ hunt packages do not include airfare. We do provide shuttle to and from the nearest airport on most hunts, but this is subject to arrival and departure times. Check with us about details.
2. **Shipping of meat, capes, and antlers** – Many of our hunters take their meat and trophy back with them on the airplane. However, we do sometimes ship cape/antlers to hunter or their taxidermist. We do not ship meat. If you are interested in the meat, you need to take it back with you. All shipping charges will be reversed and some form of crating/handling fee will be charged to the hunter. The following price structure will generally prevail on crating/handling fees:

• White-tailed Deer	\$20
• Mule Deer	\$30
• Elk (unsplit)	\$150
• Elk (Split)	\$50
• Turkey	\$20
• Exotics (Small)	\$20
• Exotics (Large)	\$40 - \$75

These fees include boxing/crating of both the cape and antlers/horns. Price on a per animal basis may be reduced when multiple animals are shipped in a single container. The above prices do not include shipping costs.

3. **Taxidermy** – Wildlife Systems can arrange for providing taxidermy services at hunter’s expense payable to the taxidermist. We only work with reputable, award-winning taxidermists.
4. **License and Tags** – All hunting/fishing licenses are at hunter’s expense.
5. **Gratuities** – Though gratuities are certainly not required on Wildlife Systems’ hunts, it is generally customary for hunters to tip both their guide and the cook. Use your discretion in determining what you feel is a fair amount. Tips are always appreciated by camp staff. Here is a suggested “rule of thumb” on tipping amounts:

<u>Hunt Price</u>	<u>Gratuity Amount Per Hunter</u>	
Up to \$1,500	\$200 - \$300 (Guide)	\$50 - \$75 (Cook)
\$1,500 - \$3,000	\$300 - \$400 (Guide)	\$75 - \$100 (Cook)
\$3,000 - \$5,000	\$400 - \$500 (Guide)	\$100 - \$125 (Cook)
\$5,000+	10% - 12% Hunt (Guide)	\$125 - \$150 (Cook)

6. **Other** – It is always wise to carry some extra cash with you for incidental travel expenses (gifts, airport meals, parking fees, etc.). It is also a good idea to have several \$1.00 and \$5.00 bills for airport gratuities.
7. **Credit Card Charges** – WSI adjusts amounts by 3% should any fees be placed on credit card. It is our intention to provide you with a comfortable, fun hunt with no unwanted surprises. Make sure you are familiar with what is included with your hunt package to ensure that no hassles are encountered.

# HUNTING/CAMP POLICIES & RULES

1. No drinking of alcoholic beverages is allowed in the field. If drinking of alcohol is done during daylight hours, it is up to a Wildlife Systems staff member to decide whether or not that particular hunter will be allowed to hunt that day. **Safety first!**
2. If hunter is dropped off at a blind, hunter shall not leave that blind to hunt on foot. Walk hunting is allowed only when accompanied by a guide. In the event that a game animal is wounded, but not killed, hunter is to stay in blind until guide arrives to assist in trailing.
3. Any wounded animal will be treated as a kill. If blood, bone, or meat is found, animal will be considered wounded, and we will make a reasonable effort to recover such animals. Even if no blood, bone, or meat is found, if it is obvious that animal was hit, this will be treated as a wounded animal; guide will make this call. Hunter may or may not be allowed to continue to hunt if they wound an animal, depending upon Wildlife Systems' ability to harvest extra bucks from that particular property and depending upon the specific situation. A Wildlife Systems staff member will make the final decision on whether the hunter will have an option to hunt for another animal, and hunter will pay a predetermined harvest fee if another animal is taken.
4. When being transported in a guide's vehicle, no shells are allowed in the chamber, and barrels should be pointed toward the floor of the vehicle. No loaded guns are allowed in or around the camp area.
5. Hunters are forbidden to shoot any animals that are not specified in their contract, unless given permission by guide. In the event that a hunter kills game in excess of his allowed limit, hunter will be charged a harvest fee comparable to the standard hunt price for that animal.
6. Hunters are expected to not leave trash in the field or in the blinds.
7. If hunters should open any gates while on the premises, gates should be locked or latched the same way they were found.
8. Should any hunter's action become an unreasonable risk factor to other individuals attending the hunt, hunter may be immediately dismissed from the premises, and no money will be refunded.
9. Should any hunter's behavior become unruly, hunter may be dismissed from premises with no money refunded.
10. No pets allowed on the ranch.

***Let's all have a safe and enjoyable hunt.***

# FIREARMS & SHOOTING

Your firearm and your ability to adequately handle and use this piece of equipment with proficiency play a critical role in the ultimate outcome of your hunting trip.

## **Caliber & Loads**

Turkeys are large strong birds that do not go down easy unless they are spine or brain shot. We recommend a 12 gauge and do encourage 3 – 3 1/2 inch magnums. Most common loads are 4 or 6 shot, either of which is fine, and we suggest you shoot whichever patterns best out of your shotgun. We discourage the use of smaller gauge shotguns such as 20 or 28 gauges.

## **Shooting Practice**

Hunters tend to underestimate the importance of patterning a shotgun when turkey hunting. It is best to shoot several loads and choose the one that has the tightest pattern. If the pattern is hitting off-center, be sure to make a mental note of that so you can compensate when shooting at the bird.

# HUNTER PROFILE

## (Turkey)

**Please complete and return either by mail, email or fax to 325-947-7703**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (WK) \_\_\_\_\_ (Hm) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ **(SS# required if WSI obtains license)**

Drivers License # \_\_\_\_\_ Hunter Safety # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ **(Required in TX if born on or after 9/2/71)**  
**(you can pay a one-time \$10.00 waiver fee)**

- Do you want Wildlife Systems to obtain your Hunting License? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ **(If yes, include payment with profile.) Nonresident Deer #105 (\$315), Youth #169 (\$7), Turkey #118 (\$126), Exotic #157 (\$48)** or you can **Purchase license online at: [Texas Parks and Wildlife Department](#).**
- Person/Company responsible for payment (if other than yourself): \_\_\_\_\_
- Please list members of your hunting party: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please list Taxidermy and/or shipping info: \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Information

- Do you have any Special Dietary Needs or Request: \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have any physical impairment that we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have any allergy problems that we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_
- What are the most common problems or dislikes you have observed while on your hunting trips:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What hunting trips (game animals and birds) do you plan on trying to attend over the next five years?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Can we use your name and telephone number on a reference list? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, please indicate what number would be best to use. \_\_\_\_\_
- Can we use your photo in future brochures or advertisements? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- Please let us know your travel arrangements. If flying, please list flight details. If driving, please list arrival and departure times.
- Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*If flying, will you need shuttle service to and from the ranch? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ \* See extra fees under "Travel Tips"**