

WHAT TO BRING ON YOUR HUNTING TRIP

CLOTHING	
	Gloves-2 pair
	Long Johns-2 pair top and bottom
	Hats-1 stocking 1 baseball cap
	Flannel or wool shirts - 2 to 3
	Wool pants -1 light, 1 heavy
	Jeans-2 pairs
	4-8 pair wool socks
	Underwear
	Comfortable shoes for camp -1 pair
	Waterproof boots for hunting -1pair
	Light boots for hunting -1 pair
	Wool or cotton warm outer coat
	Vest (optional)
	Rain gear-nylon or rubber coat and pants
PERSONAL NEEDS	
	toiletry items
	1 small wash cloth
	1 small hand towel
	1 bath towel
	sun glasses
	sun screen
	"moleskin"
	prescription glasses & spare or contact lens kit
	prescription medications
	lip balm
MISCELLANEOUS	
	sleeping bag and pad-rated to zero degrees
	In fanny pack or day pack:
	small flashlight with extra batteries and bulb
	waterproof fire starting kit
	50' of parachute cord cord
	surveyor's flagging tape
	camera and film

small notebook and pen
meat bags
binoculars or spotting scope
hunting knife
compass (optional)
water bottle
1 emergency "space blanket"
2 heavy duty large plastic trash bags
4-6 assorted "Ziploc" storage bags
small candle stub
RIFLE
rifle/scope
scabbard (check with us first, we have some available)
ammo & ammo pouch
small gun cleaning kit
Blaze orange is appropriate in limited amounts
ARCHERY
camouflage clothing in brown and grey colors
camouflage paint
hard case for bow
tackle box containing:
extra bow string
compound bow stringer
pliers
extra peep sight
broad heads
other extra hunting accessories
We recommend bringing:
judo points for practice at camp
12-18 arrow per hunter
Broadheads -"Rocky Mtn" 3 blade
130 grain or "Thunderhead" 3 blade,125 grain
shafts-"Game Getters" or "XX 75's"
<i>shafts can be carried in a 4" PVC pipe-capped on both end</i>

SUGGESTIONS ON GEAR

CLOTHING: Bring as much WOOL as you can afford. Wool is warm when wet, durable and quiet. Light and medium

weight wool is highly preferred over a heavy weight wool garment. In this climate and terrain you need to dress in layers. Archery season can be rather warm and the end of the rifle elk season darn cold. Clothing should be comfortably baggy to allow freedom of movement and air space for insulation. Be sure to allow sufficient roominess in order to layer your clothes. Add your raingear on top of everything else to be sure it's big enough.

Bring as little clothing as possible made of nylon or other noisy synthetics. When necessary, substitute cotton, flannel or denim as these are quiet fabrics. Be conscious of the noise factor, especially in outerwear. Daypacks need to be checked as well. Test the noise level of the fabric when it's moved or rubbed. Consider shiny objects that might flash in the sun and alert wary game. Hunter orange is NOT required in Idaho but may be used in small amounts if you feel more comfortable.

RAIN GEAR - This is a must! Good quality rain coat and pants-Cheap plastic will tear easily and leave you miserable. Most raingear will be a "noisy" fabric, but that is better than being wet.

HANDS - Insulated and water repellent gloves will be useful while riding or inactive if it turns wet and cold. Gloves should be easy to dry by a fire.

HEAD & NECK - A hat that sheds water and keeps in body heat is handy. Try to find one field hat that will offer you the most protection. A brim or visor to keep sun and/or rain out and maybe flaps for your ears. Something to tie or wear around your neck will conserve body heat if you're sitting still, once you start moving again you will probably want to take it off. A stocking cap will reduce heat loss while sleeping.

FOOTWEAR - bring well broken in study boots. Vibram soles will give good traction, non-insulated will dry faster and be sure and get enough socks on to stay warm. Wool socks with 100% cotton liners are great for feet sensitive to blisters or sweating. If you are prone to blisters stop at the first sign and put "moleskin" on the sensitive area. This will save you a lot of misery later. Also bring waterproof boots or PacBoots that have rubber bottoms and leather uppers with felt liners. These aren't great for walking in but are GOOD to have if the weather is cold.

<!--[if !supportEmptyParas]-->**SLEEPING BAG** - Good quality, winter-rated bag with 4-5 pounds of synthetic insulation. We do not recommend down bags as they will not keep you warm if they get wet and they are hard to get dry. A mattress pad is advisable to insulate your backside when sleeping on a cot.

DUFFLE BAGS - Gear should be packed in study duffle bags so they can be transported on horseback. 2-3 smaller bags are much better than one big heavy bag. Your sleeping bag and pad are o.k. in its stuff sacks. Have plastic trash bags handy to cover each piece of your gear in case of rain on pack-in day. All gear is wrapped in canvas manties for loading. ***TOTAL GEAR SHOULD NOT EXCEED 80 POUNDS NOT COUNTING RIFLE OR BOW AND AMMO.***

DAYPACK - Comfortable fitting shoulder or fanny pack will be used daily while hunting. You will also have a saddle bag to put gear in but you will not always be with your horse especially if archery hunting. This is a good place to pack anything you want handy when you first arrive at base camp prior to the packer arriving.

PERSONAL NEEDS - Please bring a small amount of your own personal products you regularly use such as antacids, decongestants, rash or hemorrhoid ointment, eye drops or pain relievers. We normally have on hand a variety of over-the-counter remedies, but possibly not your favorite. All staff are trained in first-aid and will have a first aid kit, but it would be wise on your part to carry a small first aid kit with you in the field so you can treat a minor injury immediately.

MISCELLANEOUS - Large plastic trash bags and an assortment of "Ziploc" storage bags are so handy that it's well worth it to bring a few long.

CAMERAS - And equipment should have a water-resistance and padded cases. If you pack cameras (or any other breakables) in your duffle be sure and let the packers know before they start loading so they can cushion those spots.

FIREARMS - We recommend rifles of 270 caliber or better with scopes of 4X or variable power. Scopes improve clarity of vision in timbered areas. A scabbard will protect your rifle while you are on horseback and still provide easy access. We have scabbards available if you do not have your own.

MEAT BAGS - are used to cover game quarter or halves to keep meat clean when transporting. Elk require 4, deer and bear require 2 each. Most sporting good stores sell these in appropriately sized packages.

BINOCULARS or SPOTTING SCOPE - Options. Small lightweight mini-size binoculars are great and easy to carry.

SPACE BLANKET & MATCHES - You should stick these lightweight emergency items in your day pack and carry with you. With a space blanket and a container of waterproof matches and or a disposable lighter you have the means for heat and shelter from wind, rain or cold if necessary.

SMALL CANTEEN OR THERMOS - (unbreakable) The cook will fix hot or cold beverages to go upon request.

PRE-HUNT PHYSICAL CONDITIONING - The country is rugged... hunting in good physical shape pays off. Any conditioning you choose to do that will strengthen your legs and wind will help you enjoy your hunt more; Especially if you are not very active now. Most of our clients come from office jobs, so we expect you to set the pace for the hunt. Our guides will hunt as hard as you want to hunt but will not try to run you ragged.

