

CODE OF THE WEST OUTFITTERS
PERSONAL GEAR LIST

Each hunter is limited to 50 lbs. of personal gear, not including weapon or sleeping bag. **PLEASE NOTE: GEAR THAT EXCEEDS THE 50 LBS. LIMIT WILL NOT BE PACKED IN, PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.** Pack frames will NOT be packed in. Hard suit cases of any kind will NOT be packed in. No back-packs or fanny packs will be allowed while riding in or out of camp. Most hunters bring WAY too much and never even take half of what they bring out of their duffel bags!! Typically a hunter will change clothes twice on a 7 day trip. You may not believe that, but after watching it for as many years as we have, trust us, it happens. Don't get us wrong, the weather in the Rocky Mountains can change dramatically from one hour to the next. You can expect anywhere from beautiful sunshiny days up into the 60's and 70's to blowing snow storms with chilling temperatures. Plan on clothing that you can layer easily; choose your clothing for comfort and fit. Break-in any footwear prior to your trip and bring a sleeping bag that is rated for low temperatures.

Every year we hear of sore, blistered feet from new boots and of sleepless nights because someone's sleeping bag wasn't warm enough! But, oddly enough, we never hear of anyone not bringing enough clothing! All gear should be packed in soft duffel bags as these are best for packing in on mules; **two smaller duffel bags are better than one large bulky one. Ideally, duffel bags should be around 16" to 30". Army duffel bags work great!!** Following is a suggested list of what to bring:

CLOTHING:

- Heavy jacket-water resistant
- Light jacket- water resistant
- Rain/snow gear
- Sweater
- Insulated vest
- Good, well-fitting hunting boots –waterproof, broke-in
- Underwear
- Pants (2-3 pair)
- Hat and/or cap
- Gloves-lined and unlined (1 pair each)
- Wool and cotton socks
- Handkerchiefs
- Long Johns (2 pair)
- Wool or flannel shirt
- Shirts (2-3)
- Fleece stocking cap (for sleeping)

GEAR:

- Hunting license and Hunter Safety Card
- Good quality sleeping bag rated for cold temperatures
- Ammunition
- Binoculars
- Sunglasses
- Chapstick
- Shaving gear (optional)
- Canteen or water bottle (we highly recommend water bottles with a built-in filtration system)
- Any needed medications
- Small back-pack or fanny pack
- Pillow
- Weapon of choice
- Hunting knife
- Toilet paper
- Water-proof matches and lighter
- Small towel and wash cloth/baby wipes
- Camera
- Toiletries
- Flashlight (with new batteries)
- Compass, GPS, Range Finder
- Sunscreen
- 500 square inches of blaze orange-vest and hat (orange camouflage is not accepted)

- **NOTE: Be sure to sight in your rifle before arriving for your hunt.**

ADDITIONAL GEAR RECOMMENDED FOR DROP CAMPS:

- Food ***(25 lbs. per person)***
- Roll of orange tape (to mark kill site)
- High energy snacks
- Water purifier/filter or purification tablets
- Meat saw
- Sharpening stone
- Gun cleaning kit (one per party)
- Nylon cord, parachute cord, or similar for hanging quarters in trees
- Game bags-good heavy duty bags are recommended
- Cell phone & extra battery (see note below)

NOTE: Cell service is “spotty” on the mountain. Drop Camp hunters are asked to bring a cell phone. Many cell phones work from most of our drop camp sites; however, not all cell phones get service. Each Drop Camp is asked to check their cell phones and let the Outfitter know whether or not you get a signal.

NOTE FOR DROP CAMP HUNTERS: Each hunter is limited to 50 lbs. of gear and 25 lbs. of food. Hunters are notorious about over packing on food! One cooler is allowed per drop camp. A 48 to 50 quart (or smaller) cooler will fit in the pack panniers. If you have soft-sided coolers, they pack the best. Larger coolers will have to be packed in on their “sides” and that is not really advisable. Other food is best packed in small cardboard boxes weighing around 15 to 30 lbs. each. *What should we use to keep foods cool in camp?* A good coolant to use in your coolers to keep food cold is Techni Ice. We get it from First Class Products (1-888-258-4284). We do not pack ice into camps, unless you want the ice to count as part of your 25 lb. per hunter food allowance. Other good coolants are available in most sporting goods stores. Freezing some of your food not only keeps the food longer, it will also help to act as a coolant. **LEFT OVER FOOD WILL NOT BE PACKED OUT OF CAMPS, PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY!**