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Names of 2008 hunters are at the top of each list.

GUIDED ARCHERY & MUZZLELOADER HUNTS

ARCHERY

Paul Farmer	Axel, TX	(817) 279-2604
Rob Beighley	Doylstown, PA	(215) 852-4913
Brad Lockwood	Brookville, PA	(814) 849-9695
Greg Carle	Hico, IN	(304) 658-5802
James Gaul	Cherry Hill, NJ	(856) 755-0707
Don Bray	Wautoma, WI	(920) 765-0258
Mike Owtella	St. Francisville, LA	(225) 784-1639
Mike Dair	Lafayette, LA	(337) 981-7203
Owen Miller & Son	Sugar Creek, OH	(330) 893-2260
Breck Spaulding	Montour Fall, NY	(607) 546-4184
Jim Kelly	Bethel, ME	(207) 824-2050
Jim Fisher	Corning, OH	(740) 347-9209
George Krombach	Yulee, FL	(904) 225-5879
Scott Nichols	Romney, ME	(207) 364-0972
Jules Boldue	Canada	(705) 524-8679
Gary Kelly	Burdett, NY	(607) 546-4073
Jim Williamson	Forney, TX	(214) 683-2525
Jimmie Shaw	Forney, TX	(972) 564-3866
Terry Tackman	Shiocton, WI	(920) 986-3203
John Skell	Shiocton, WI	(920) 986-3874
George Hayes	Riverside, RI	(401) 433-2931
Edward Grace	Seckonk, MA	(508) 336-4976
Lenny Hamilton	Tulaski, NY	(315) 298-8177
Bradley Hilton	Altmar, NY	(315) 298-3261
John Short	Fairfield, CT	(203) 255-8553
Spencer McQuinn	St. Albans, VT	(802) 868-9851
Mark Campbell	Highgate, VT	(802) 868-3996
Bred McQuinn	Highgate Springs, VT	(802) 868-5450
Jim Durfee	Woodcross, UT	(801) 589-7378
Charles Conkle	Lovejoy, GA	(770) 603-7464
Brian Johnson	Toana, VA	(457) 566-8301
Chad Strayer	Barhamsville, VA	(457) 566-2279
Dave Morris	Chipley, FL	(850) 832-4164
Lamar Monroe	Chipley, FL	(850) 849-6020
Brent Littleton	Shadyside, OH	(740) 676-3582
Eric Harlin	Powhatan Pt, OH	(740) 795-5079
Jay Spurling	Aberdeen, SD	(612) 801-7129
Jim Weisenberger	Bangor, PA	(610) 858-4872
Dave Buckenmyer	Las Vegas, NV	(469) 766-6777
Jim Russell	Nelson, NH	(603) 847-3083
Todd Stittsburg	Black River Falls, WI	(715) 284-9547

MUZZLELOADER

Curt Werner	St Edward, NE	(402) 678-3373
Jeff Lybounk	Martin, TN	(731) 587-0652
Stephen White	Russell, NY	(315) 347-3294
Mark Horvath	Huntington, WV	(304) 522-3306
Yaghn Verdard	Fort Edward, NY	(518) 746-1358
Ciera Morris	Lynnville, KY	(270) 282-2268
Bill Huff	Ledon, CT	(860) 642-4565
Ed Milkiewicz	Troy, NY	(518) 663-8172
Wayne Christiansen	Crogsyville, NY	(518) 279-3003
Ron Reznier	Frankenmuth, MI	(989) 652-8665
Susan Armstrong	Rochester, NY	(585) 621-5470
Bill Reese	Green Bank, WV	(304) 456-5555
George Smith	Cross Lanes, WV	(304) 776-3764
Gene Wrasel	Washington Depot, CT	(860) 868-7561
Donald Brown	Dublin, OH	(614) 734-0009
Chuck Drury	Frontenac, MD	(314) 429-2255
Karl Krauthiem	Muskegon, MI	(231) 733-1966
Steve Bernardo	Rocky Mount, NC	(252) 443-6362
Neil Armstrong	Rochester, NY	(716) 621-5470
Lou Young	Eau Claire, WI	(715) 834-0649

GUIDED RIFLE BASE CAMP HUNTS

Brad Lockwood	Brookville, PA	(814) 849-9695
Kevin Burlison	Boise, ID	(208) 941-7342
Bruce Burlison	Salem, OR	(503) 581-9776
Alan Freilich	Omaha, NE	(402) 981-7080
Dr Bill Choby	Salem, OK	(814) 255-7779
George Romig	Bowerson, OH	(740) 269-1307
Jay Puckett	Mtn City, TX	(512) 262-2644
Bryan Warden	Huntington, WV	(304) 763-7819
Mike Bunger	Phoenix, AZ	(602) 432-2979
Harry Burks	Bloomington, IL	(309) 829-8056
Sandra Thorne	Pilot Rock, OR	(541) 278-6762
Linda Hayme	Pilot Rock, OR	(541) 443-2388
Michael Broten	Luck, WI	(715) 472-2010
Mark Stevens	Fl. Myers, FL	(239) 209-0983
Eric Javorock	Crown Point, IN	(219) 365-2438
Roger Hawkins	Meredit, NH	(603) 279-7755
James Johnson	Wasilla, AK	(907) 376-9543
Andre Kloetz	Meredit, NH	(603) 279-4125
Timothy Acker	Allen Park, MI	(313) 383-8426
Jim & Laurie Russell	Nelson, NH	(603) 847-3083
Mark Vanoy	Amanda, OH	(740) 969-4165
Rick Cridler	Ponder, TX	(940) 391-9712
Curtis Miller	Sissouville, WV	(304) 988-0609

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they go hunting. At age 16, youths must buy a regular license and can hunt alone. Youths must meet hunter education requirements.

HUNTER'S SAFETY CARD

Anyone born after January 1, 1949 must have a numbered hunter's safety card from their home state in order to purchase a Colorado rifle or archery season hunting license.

GAME MEAT PROCESSING

Meat processing services are available through local processing companies and include the butchering, wrapping and freezing of your game. **Elk - \$225.00 Deer - \$150.00**

TAXIDERMY SERVICE

We recommend Gene Rae, Golden, Colorado (near Denver) for taxidermy. His work is excellent and his delivery is always on-time. Give him a call at 303-279-4045.

SADDLE HORSES

No matter how much riding experience you've had, if any, we will outfit you with the right horse for your ability. Saddles will be equipped with saddle bags and a rifle scabbard. Bows will be carried by bow scabbards or with a sling. No hard bowcases will be packed on mules.

DUFFEL & SLEEPING BAGS

Pack-in guided hunters and drop camp hunters should pack personal gear in one standard size duffel bag. It must not exceed 70 pounds. Do not bring the oversized duffel bags packed full of extra, unnecessary things that you'll never use or need. We recommend a sleeping bag rated to -10 or -20 degrees, for your comfort. It does not have to fit in the duffel bag. If you are a Base Camp hunter, it does not matter what you pack in or how much you bring because you can drive to this camp.

HEALTH

When booking your hunt, please let us know of any health or physical conditions that we should be aware of to assure a safe trip for you. If you have any dietary restrictions, please let us know when booking. We'll be happy to accommodate you.

ALCOHOL

Absolutely NO alcohol (including beer) or illegal drugs will be permitted or tolerated in any of our camps or hunting areas. If you come to hunt, you're in the right place. If you come to drink, you're making a mistake.

YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF!

A big game hunt is a considerable investment for most people, and for you to get the most out of your experience, you owe it to yourself to follow the instructions of your outfitter. Our camps are at high altitude and placed in some rugged terrain. Conditioning yourself and getting physically fit will greatly increase success opportunity and make your trip more enjoyable. **KNOW YOUR WEAPON!** Whether you are hunting with a rifle, bow or muzzleloader, it is extremely important to practice with your weapon so that you are accurate under pressure and confident when you shoot.

GRATUITIES

It is customary to tip the staff that works for you on the mountain. Guides, packers, cooks and camp jacks spend a great deal of time making sure that your trip is a memorable one, and tips are greatly appreciated. As a general guideline, a hunter should tip 15% of the cost of his hunt. See examples below:

A hunter paying \$4000 for a guided hunt should tip a total of \$600.	Tips for guided hunts are usually higher when the hunt is successful.
Total Guided Hunt \$4000	Total Drop Camp Hunt . . . \$1600
Guide \$380	Packer – when packed in . . . \$80
Cook \$110	Packer – when packed out . . \$80
Packer \$70	Packer when elk or deer are packed out \$80
Camp Jack \$40	Total tip \$ 240
Total tip \$ 600	

CONTACTING WINTERHAWK

During the height of our hunting season, September-November, it is difficult to check phone messages on a daily basis so please understand if it takes several days to return a call. A better option during this time is email as we have satellite internet services at Indian Cliffs Base Camp.

MORE INFORMATION AT WWW.WINTERHAWK.COM

We're constantly updating our website to make it the best in the industry and to answer most of the questions hunters will have about their trip. It contains a lot of helpful information



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Colorado Outfitters Registration # 187

2009 DATE & PRICE LIST

REFERENCES & GENERAL INFORMATION

LICENSES

Most of our hunts are combinations of elk and deer. If you have the appropriate licenses you may hunt one or both animals for the same price.

SEASON

Archery Elk
Muzzleloader Elk
1st Rifle Elk
2nd & 3rd Rifle Elk
4th Rifle Elk
All Deer Seasons

LICENSE

Over-the-Counter
Draw*
Draw*
Over-the-Counter
Draw*
Draw*

COMMENT

No draw required
In recent years its taken two preference points to draw
92% draw success rate in 2008 without preference point
No draw required
94% draw success rate in 2008 without preference points
100% of our hunters have drawn

***Application Deadline April 7**

ARCHERY & MUZZLELOADER HUNTS

During these early seasons when the elk are in rut, they tell us where they are, and we take them to them. Instead of limiting our bow and muzzleloader hunters to specific camps, we take them to the elk. We may be hunting from Indian Cliffs or Big Springs Base Camps, one of our pack-in camps, or a remote spike camp location. We may also switch camps during the week. In recent years, this stay mobile and "go where the elk are" approach has dramatically improved shot opportunities to nearly 100% on good mature bulls.

ARCHERY GUIDED ELK & DEER HUNTS

2 hunters per guide – 6 days of hunting

1st Hunt	Arrive in base camp Aug. 28	Hunt Aug. 29-Sept. 3	Depart Sept. 4
2nd Hunt	Arrive in base camp Sept. 4	Hunt Sept. 5-10	Depart Sept. 11
3rd Hunt	Arrive in base camp Sept. 11	Hunt Sept. 12-17	Depart Sept. 18
4th Hunt	Arrive in base camp Sept. 20	Hunt Sept. 21-26	Depart Sept. 27

Full Moon Aug. 6th & Sept. 4th

PRICE: \$4,000 PER HUNTER, \$2,000 DEPOSIT PER HUNTER

MUZZLELOADER GUIDED ELK & DEER HUNT

2 hunters per guide – 6 days of hunting

1st Hunt	Arrive in base camp Sept. 11	Hunt Sept. 12-17	Depart Sept. 18
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Full Moon Aug. 6th & Sept. 4th

PRICE: \$4,000 PER HUNTER, \$2,000 DEPOSIT PER HUNTER

RIFLE HUNTS

INDIAN CLIFFS & BIG SPRINGS BASE CAMP GUIDED ELK & DEER HUNTS

2 hunters per guide – 5 or 6 days of hunting			
1st Season Elk Only Hunt – 1st Season Elk Licenses on Drawing 5 Days of Hunting			
1st Hunt	Arrive in base camp Oct. 9	Hunt Oct. 10-14	Depart Oct. 15

6 Days of Hunting – Elk and/or Deer			
2nd Hunt	Arrive in base camp Oct. 16	Hunt Oct. 17-22	Depart Oct. 23
3rd Hunt	Arrive in base camp Oct. 30	Hunt Oct. 31 - Nov. 5	Depart Nov. 6

5 Days of Hunting – 4th Season Elk & Deer Licenses on Drawing			
4th Hunt	Arrive in base camp Nov. 10	Hunt Nov. 11-15	Depart Nov. 16

Full Moon Oct. 4th & Nov. 2nd

PRICE: \$4,000 PER HUNTER, \$2,000 DEPOSIT PER HUNTER

Refer to ELK AND DEER LICENSE PRICES under General Information.

WILDERNESS PACK-IN GUIDED ELK & DEER HUNTS

2 hunters per guide, 7 or 8 day trips – 5 or 6 days of hunting

1st Season Elk Only Hunt – 1st Season Elk Licenses on Drawing 7 Day Trip – 5 Days of Hunting			
1st Hunt	Pack in Oct. 9	Hunt Oct. 10-14	Pack out Oct. 15

8 Day Trips – 6 Days of Hunting – Elk and/or Deer			
2nd Hunt	Pack in Oct. 16	Hunt Oct. 17-22	Pack out Oct. 23
3rd Hunt	Pack in Oct. 30	Hunt Oct. 31 - Nov. 5	Pack out Nov. 6

Full Moon Oct. 4th & Nov. 2th

PRICE: \$4,400 PER HUNTER, \$2,200 DEPOSIT PER HUNTER

Refer to ELK AND DEER LICENSE PRICES under General Information.



TROPHY HIGH COUNTY 1 ON 1 DEER HUNT

1 Hunter per Guide – 6 Days of Hunting
 1st Hunt . . . Pack in Aug. 29 Hunt Aug. 30-Sept. 5 . . . Pack out Sept. 6
 2nd Hunt . . . Pack in Oct. 16 Hunt Oct. 17-22 Pack out Oct. 23
 3rd Hunt . . . Arrive in Base Camp Oct. 30 . . . Hunt Oct. 17-Nov. 5 . . . Depart Nov. 6

Full Moon on Sept. 4th, Oct. 4th & Nov. 2nd

PRICE: \$5,000 PER HUNTER, \$2,500 DEPOSIT PER HUNTER

Refer to ELK AND DEER LICENSE PRICES under General Information.

HIGH COUNTRY PACK-IN DROP CAMP ELK & DEER HUNTS

PRICES FOR ALL HIGH COUNTRY DROP CAMPS, ELK & DEER HUNTS, ARCHERY, MUZZLELOADER & RIFLE CAMPS:

Four Hunters or more in party . . . **\$1,600 PER HUNTER, \$800 DEPOSIT PER HUNTER**
 Three Hunters or less in party . . **\$2,000 PER HUNTER, \$1,000 DEPOSIT PER HUNTER**

ARCHERY DROP CAMPS – SEASON AUG. 29-SEPT. 27

8 day trips – 6 Days of Hunting
 1st Hunt Pack in Aug. 27 or 28 Hunt Aug. 29-Sept. 3 Pack out Sept. 4
 2nd Hunt . . . Pack in Sept. 3 or 4 Hunt Sept. 5-10 Pack out Sept. 11
 3rd Hunt Pack in Sept. 10 or 11 . . . Hunt Sept. 12-17 Pack out Sept. 18
 4th Hunt Pack in Sept. 19 or 20 . . . Hunt Sept. 21-26 Pack out Sept. 27

Full Moon on Aug. 6th & Sept. 4th

ATTENTION: Archery drop camp hunt dates shown above are approximate. We run 8 archery drop camps at the same time, so the pack in and pack out dates can vary 1-3 days either way at the beginning or end of your hunt. We simply cannot pack in and pack out all 8 camps the same day. This procedure may also help you get the exact dates you desire. These are 8-day trips with 6 full days of hunting.

MUZZLELOADER DROP CAMPS – SEASON SEPT. 12-20

6 Days of Hunting
 Pack in Sept. 10 or 11 Hunt Sept. 12-17 Pack out Sept. 18 or 19
Full Moon Sept. 15th

RIFLE DROP CAMPS

1ST SEASON OCT. 10-14 (ELK ONLY HUNT)
2ND SEASON OCT. 17-25
3RD SEASON OCT. 31 - NOV. 6
4TH SEASON NOV. 11-15

1st Season Elk Only Hunt – 1st Season Elk Licenses on Drawing
1st Season Elk Hunt – 5 Full Days of Hunting – 7 Day Trip
 Pack in Oct. 8 or 9 Hunt Oct. 10-14 Pack out Oct. 15 or 16

2nd Season Elk & Deer Hunt – 7 Days of Hunting – 9 Day Trip
 Pack in Oct. 15 or 16 Hunt Oct. 17-23 Pack out Oct. 24 or 25

3rd Season Elk & Deer Hunt – 7 Days of Hunting – 9 Day Trip
 Pack in Oct. 29 or 30 Hunt Oct. 31 - Nov. 6 Pack out Nov. 7 or 8

4th Season Elk & Deer Hunt – 5 Days of Hunting – 7 Day Trip
4th Season Elk & Deer Licenses on Drawing
 Pack in Nov. 10 Hunt Nov. 11-15 Pack out Nov. 16

Full Moon on Oct. 4th & Nov. 2nd

NOTE: Pack out will be pre-arranged when you are packed in.

Many things affect the overall elk hunting success rate besides weather. Elk hunters are individuals and even their reasons for hunting (their goals for the hunt) differ. Some pass up shot opportunities at legal bulls because they're looking for that trophy of a lifetime...or a bull larger than they've harvested in the past. Others are more interested in experiencing the traditional wilderness hunting experience and they put more emphasis on enjoying the hunt rather than the kill. They tend not to push themselves as hard physically as those who consider their hunt a failure until they put an elk on the ground. One isn't necessarily right while the other is wrong...they simply measure success by a different yardstick, and we work hard to give each the hunt they are looking for.

Perhaps the most frustrating factor affecting kill rates that outfitters point to is the occasional hunter who chooses not to listen to advice...by moving from the spot their guide has put them in for example, or by driving elk out of bedding areas or being over aggressive with calls. A good guide wants/needs his hunter to be successful and the guides success in doing his job improves dramatically when there is trust and teamwork between the guide and hunter.

There are still other factors affecting kill rates. One is a hunter's physical ability. Every year we have hunters with physical limitations that affect the way we can hunt them. We do everything within our power to provide them with an enjoyable hunt and the best opportunity to harvest an animal based on their ability to ride and walk in the high country.

Some outfitters prefer talking about shot opportunities rather than success rates as a big bull elk can do strange things to even an experienced hunters concentration and ability to "shoot straight". It happens and we have close and not so close misses each year. We've had whitetail hunters describe this as buck fever - times two.

COLORADO ELK AND DEER HUNTING (Edited from Colorado Division of Wildlife)

ELK: Hunting magazines and outdoor TV shows often depict huge bull elk standing in open meadows presenting easy targets. The reality in Colorado's high country, however, is quite different. Hunting Colorado elk is one of the most exciting big game pursuits, but stalking these animals is challenging and most hunters won't get easy shots.

The overall success rate for elk hunting in Colorado in 2006 was 24%, which is about average. Hunters purchased more than 256,000 licenses. Total harvest was nearly 57,000 animals including 26,800 bulls, 27,400 cows and 2,700 calves. Colorado is the only state where an elk license can be purchased over the counter. That draws a lot of hunters to the state but there are enough elk to provide good hunting opportunities for anyone buying a license.

MULE DEER: In the 1960's Colorado was teeming with deer but in the 1990's the population was in trouble. In 1999 the DOW reduced hunting pressure by requiring a draw for all deer licenses. Thanks to some relatively mild winters and the switch to limited licenses, Colorado's mule deer population has made a comeback. Hunters are seeing an increase in the quality of bucks as well. In recent years all Winterhawk hunters applying for a deer license without preference points have been successful.

PRICE DIFFERENCES

Yes, we admit our prices are higher than many other outfitters in Colorado. Our theory is that outfitters know the value of their hunts and price them accordingly. If you are looking for the cheapest hunt, you won't choose Winterhawk. We can't offer cheap prices and provide the high quality and service we're known for. Keep in mind that the "sweetness of a cheap hunt will not last as long as the bitterness of a bad experience." Big game hunting simply isn't cheap. When looking for an outfitter, check references and compare value. Usually there's a good reason for price differences.

SELECTING AN OUTFITTER

The number of outfitters and the wide variety of types of hunting and services they offer make selecting the right one a difficult task. Our first suggestion is to ask enough questions so you clearly understand the way you'll be hunting and the services provided. Then ask for a reference list... and use it. If you're only given ten or twenty names, ask for more, and get names of both those who filled their tags and those that didn't. We encourage you to find out if the outfitter is a full-time professional, or

part-time operator. Before you book your hunt, know the details so you eliminate unpleasant surprises that can ruin your trip.

INDIAN CLIFFS & BIG SPRINGS BASE CAMPS

Our base camps are located on the edge of the wilderness approximately five miles off the County road at the end of Forest Service Roads. These are 4WD roads and it takes an hour to reach each base camp. Trailhead pickup is available but if you plan on driving to camp, make sure your 4WD has good ground clearance and don't pull a trailer. Trailers can be left at the trailhead. At a minimum, bring a pair of tire chains (chains for all four wheels is better) in case of mud or snow.

Base camps are equipped with a diesel generator providing electric lights for tents, and outlets for charging camera batteries. The generator at Indian Cliffs also powers Winterhawk's radio system that allows direct communications to all guides and camps. Base camps have a shower, cook tent and satellite television for weather forecasts.

TRAILHEAD PICKUP

Trailhead pickup is available for those not driving into base camp. We leave vehicles and trailers at the trailhead and it's a safe place to park. Normally our pickup times are 7:00 AM and 5 PM. Arrangements must be made prior to your arrival.

ARRIVAL AT BASE CAMP

Due to our very busy schedule packing hunters in and out during hunting seasons, we need your cooperation in keeping scheduled date and arrival times. We work a tight schedule and ask that you do not arrive early or late in camp. If you arrive late for your pack-in time you will be moved to the bottom of our pack-in schedule or forfeit your deposit and hunt. Barring any unexpected emergency, we ask that you not be late. If you do arrive early, and require lodging and meals, you will be charged extra for the additional services.

FULL SERVICE GUIDED HUNTS

All meals, lodging, guides, horses, transportation while in the field hunting, field dressing, caping and packing out of your trophy and meat to the base camp are provided.

DROP CAMP HUNTS

These are not guided hunts. Camps will be as described in the brochure. We will pack you and your supplies into camp, and you and your game out of the drop camp to the base camp. Each drop camp will be supplied with a Motorola two-way radio for the hunter's safety and convenience. This is a do-it-yourself hunt for the experienced hunter and woodsman.

NON-HUNTING GUESTS

Non-hunting guests are always welcome in camp and you may want to bring your wife, son, daughter or friend so they can experience this beautiful area. Please note thought that if you bring a guest on a guided hunt, we cannot promise that they can accompany you in the field. On two on one guided hunts especially, it is generally not fair to the second hunter. Please discuss this with us beforehand if you're considering bringing a non-hunting guest.

The cost for non-hunting guests on a base camp hunt is \$1,200 per person. On guided pack-in hunts it's \$1,600. For drop camps, it's \$1,200 if four or more hunters and \$1,600 if three or fewer hunters.

DEPOSIT POLICY & FINAL PAYMENTS

To confirm a hunt, drop camp or packing service, a 50% deposit is required to hold the dates you desire. This will confirm your reservations. All deposits are totally non-refundable. In the event you cancel your hunt, but are able to secure another person to take your reservation on the hunt, your deposit will be refunded. If you cannot find another person to take your reserved hunt, your deposit is totally non-refundable. Deposit fees are accepted in check, money order, company checks, etc. We accept credit cards for deposits only. Final payments are due upon approval in base camp. Payment must be cash or traveler's checks only. We will not accept checks of any type under any circumstances for final payment.

DROP CAMP DEPOSITS

When booking a hunt for a group of two or more, please send the deposit for all people in the group in one envelope at the same time. This will avoid any confusion over which hunter belongs to which group.

PRICE OF HUNTS

Listed price does not include license cost, taxidermy service, transportation of game to processing plant or meat processing.

COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS - VAIL/EAGLE AIRPORT PICKUP & RETURN

Flights are scheduled daily into the Eagle, Colorado airport. Car rental is available or we can arrange to pick you up. Pickups can take place either at the airport or a hotel in Eagle. Please inform us of your travel arrangements 30 days in advance of your arrival. Anyone flying should arrive the day before they are scheduled into base camp.

MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Anyone needing motel accommodations before or after their hunt should contact the motel directly to make reservations. We will send you a complete list of excellent motels in our area.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

August and September typically have warm, sunny days (50 to 60 degrees) and cool nights (30 to 50 degrees). Rain and snow are always possible at very high elevations. October and November can range from warm, sunny days to wind and snow. Expect daytime temps from 20 to 60 degrees and cool evening temperatures of 0 to 30 degrees. The Rocky Mountain weather is very unpredictable. Plan your clothing accordingly. We will send a detailed suggested item and clothing list to all of our hunters.

CALIBER OF RIFLE

The most popular caliber of guns used are: 30-06, 270, 300 mag, and 7mm mag. We suggest a bullet weight of 150 grains to 180 grains.

MUZZLELOADERS

In recent years it has taken two preference points in our area to draw a muzzleloader license. Modern in-line muzzleloaders are legal during the muzzleloading season – minimum .45 caliber for deer / .50 caliber for elk. Scopes on muzzleloaders are not legal.

ATTENTION RIFLE & MUZZLELOADER HUNTERS

Have your rifle sighted in before you arrive. Our sighting suggestion is 3 inches high at 100 yards which should have most rifles right on at 300 yards. Muzzleloaders should be dead-on at 100 yards. We have an area near base camp to "check" your firearm. It is equipped with a shooting bench and targets. All hunters, except archery hunters, are required to wear 500 square inches of solid blaze orange; a vest and hat are sufficient.

ATTENTION ARCHERY HUNTERS

We recommend a minimum draw weight of 50 pounds. Broadheads must be a least 7/8-inch wide and have at least two cutting edges. No crossbows. Arrows should be packed in a hard container for pack-in hunters. Both our base camps have a range with life-size McKenzie targets. All pack-in, spike and drop camps have a target for practice as well.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

All of our camps (including drop camps) and all of our guides and packers will be equipped with Motorola 2-way radios. Indian Cliffs Base Camp will remain on 24 hours a day for the safety and convenience of our clients. Our Indian Cliffs Base Camp is also equipped with a cell phone for emergency calls.

WHAT IS AN ETHICAL HUNTER?

We understand that wounding and not recovering a big game animal can happen, but we follow, and insist that our hunters follow, the unwritten rule of "Good Shot or No Shot." Make sure your weapon is sighted in and that you have the shot opportunity necessary for a clean kill before you pull the trigger or release an arrow.

WHAT IS AN ETHICAL HUNTER?

(Author Unknown)

An ethical hunter strives with all their might to always be safe, be lawful, kill cleanly with one shot, fully utilize the animal harvested, and practice fair chase.

ELK AND DEER LICENSE PRICES

Archery and rifle elk licenses except for the 1st rifle and 4th rifle seasons are unlimited and sold over the counter at all sporting goods stores in Colorado. All deer licenses are limited and sold on a draw basis. Non-resident elk licenses are \$546, non-resident deer licenses \$326 and non-resident mountain lion licenses \$251. Habitat stamps are required for hunters between the ages of 18 and 64. A \$5 stamp must be purchased for each of the first two licenses purchased. Hunting licenses are not really an expense. The meat and horns are worth more than the price of the licenses. You are paying for Wildlife Management and an investment in hunting for the future. You can pick up your license when you arrive in Colorado or buy them online at the Colorado Division of Wildlife website: www.wildlife.state.co.us. Muzzleloader elk, deer, cow elk, 1st season bull elk and 4th season rifle elk licenses are limited and sold on a drawing basis. These licenses have application deadlines of **April 7th**. To obtain an application, please contact us or the Colorado Division of Wildlife at 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216; phone (303) 297-1192. Please book your hunt early. We have limited openings on all hunts. You will be sent a license application in March if you need to apply for a license by **April 7, 2009**.

Archery elk licenses are either sex licenses. You may take a bull or a cow. Bulls must have 4 points or more or 5" brow tines. Archery deer licenses are also either sex licenses. However, Winterhawk Outfitters strongly urges hunters not to take the does and small bucks. We hope this will help ensure we always have a good, mature buck population.

PREFERENCE POINTS

In the units we hunt, (25 and 26), the only licenses that are on a draw are muzzleloading elk, 1st rifle season elk, 4th rifle season elk, and all deer tags. All other tags are sold over-the-counter in unlimited supply. But that is likely to change someday. Even if you are not currently considering a hunt that requires preference points to draw a license, you should still apply for preference points this year from the Colorado Division of Wildlife. You can apply for a Preference Point only, without the possibility of drawing a license. Start accumulating preference points now for hunts in the future. The application deadline for applying for licenses or preference points is **April 7, 2009**. Contact the Colorado Division of Wildlife, or us, for additional details and application forms.

FIRST RIFLE SEASON ELK TAGS

For many years our first rifle season was the most popular season, and very successful. Because it was so successful, it drew more hunters to the field than the 2nd or 3rd rifle seasons. In an attempt to even out the number of hunters in the field each season, the Colorado Division of Wildlife put the 1st rifle season licenses on a drawing. Now, our first rifle season is not as crowded, and our hunters are still enjoying a very successful hunt. The best news is that although the tags are on a drawing, the success rate in getting the license is very high. According to the Colorado DOW, in our units the success rate in 2008 for hunters with no preference points was 92%. Although the licenses are on a drawing, your chances of successfully drawing a license are very high, over 90%. So please do not let the drawing scare you away from the first rifle season. The applications for first rifle season licenses have an application deadline of **April 7th**. Feel free to give us a call for more information.

YOUTH BIG GAME LICENSES

Youths aged 12-15 can buy a reduced-cost license to hunt deer, elk and antelope. A resident youth license costs \$10.75; non-resident cost is \$100.75. The cost is the same for elk or deer. Youths must be accompanied by a "mentor" while hunting big game. A mentor must be 18 or older and have a hunter safety card if born after 1/1/49. The mentor is not required to hunt. Youths can apply for a limited license at age 11 if they reach their 12th birthday when