



## SYC Colorado - Guide Expectations

Thank you for volunteering to guide an SYC hunter. This is a very exciting and rewarding opportunity. We've provided the following information to help make this the best experience for both you and the hunter.

**Your Roles** ... Each hunter is assigned two guides: Lead Guide and Video Guide. The Lead Guide has ultimate responsibility for the equipment, its use, and the hunt. The Video Guide is primarily responsible for capturing the experience of the hunt while also supporting the Lead Guide. Both work as a team to ensure safety and overall success for the hunter.

**Safety** ... The hunter's safety is your single most important priority. Please watch your hunter, make sure they aren't getting over tired, too cold, too hungry or dehydrated. Guides must adhere to all game laws including leaving evidence of sex on all carcasses and be sure to attach the carcass tag once the animal is in camp. You have overall responsibility for the team, the blind and what happens in the blind. You are representing SYC to the families, the land owners, the State Wildlife representatives and fellow guides. Please act professionally and dignified. You are responsible for keeping the ammo in a safe location when in-between hunts.

**Blind Setup** ... Make sure your blind team has everything they need. e.g. chairs, stand, gun, ammo, gun camera, snacks, drinks, heater, blankets, stand height is appropriate, room for video camera, etc.. We suggest you double check the blind ahead of time e.g. see if any adjustments need to be made (tighten bolts etc).

**The Gun** ... Make sure your assigned gun is sited in to your level of satisfaction at the sight-in on Friday. Walk down and personally confirm where the target was hit, don't assume it is accurate. Adjust the sites if necessary. You are responsible for mounting and un-mounting of gun, loading and unloading of gun, and safe transportation of gun. The gun and ammo is your responsibility from the start of sighting in, until lunch on Sunday. Each time you get in the blind, check the gun trigger to confirm it is set properly and perform a dry fire to practice the scenario with your hunter. Keep the gun camera (e.g. ipod) charged at all times.

**Video & Photos** ... Take many still photos and videos. Charge the camera batteries the night before. Capture as many important moments as possible for the hunt both in the field and at fellowship times. Capture casual and fun conversations in the blinds. Make sure you get a photo of your group by the blind! You can have your driver take one of all of you. If you harvest an animal get a video and photo of the hunter with it. Provide your video and photos the SYC board before leaving on Sunday.

**Socialization** ... Encourage your hunter to get involved in activities. e.g. playing cards, sit with them at meals. Encourage them to learn about the animal we are hunting i.e. elk, deer, turkey, vocalizations, habitat and more.

**Expectations** ... Talk with your hunter about expectations for the hunt. e.g. how far you will take a shot, who is going to call the animal, when an animal comes into range how will you set up the shot, what are you going to say when you want them to take the shot, etc. If you get a lethal shot on an animal, stay in your blind until all live animals have left. We may reuse the blind, and we don't want to disturb them any more than necessary. Understand the rules and regulations (e.g. legal shooting time, what constitutes antlerless or antlered, is a bearded hen legal etc.)

**Schedule** ... The weekend starts on Friday at the sight-in, and ends Sunday after our lunch and blind tear down. Please respect our speakers, giving them your full attention, and staying for the whole weekend. Please adhere to the schedule, and help your team adhere to the schedule. Make sure they sign all of the thank you cards which are passed out Sunday during lunch time.

Thanks to all of you and your families for sharing the weekend with SYC Colorado. We know your time is valuable to both you and your families, and we thank you for choosing to spend it with us. Please let us know if you have any questions, suggestions or if you need any help. Let's have a great hunt.

Thank you!

SYC Board Members

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