

SAFETY RULES FOR OPERATION ORPHANS GUIDES

1. No hand guns are permitted.
2. No guns allowed in bunkhouses or Mess Hall - all guns will be unloaded and locked in vehicles when at the camp.
3. Only factory ammunition will be used -- NO HAND LOADS!
4. Only one gun is allowed per guide - no spare guns.
5. The action of all guns will be maintained open and unloaded at all times except when actually hunting.
6. All guns will be unloaded and stored in the vehicles when not actually hunting - ammunition will be in the personal possession of the guides at all times.
7. Take time to acquaint your youngster with the safe operation of your rifle, including the proper sight picture.
8. The rifle will be carried by the guide at all times. Rifles will be handed to the youngster only when game is identified and adequate back-stop is determined.
9. Do not use rifle scopes to spot game. The rifle should not be pointed until game is identified and adequate back-stop assured.
10. All game is to be shot by the youngster. Guides are permitted to shoot only when wounded game may escape.
11. Hunt only in your assigned area. The hunts are usually not concluded until each child has his/her deer or it is too late to safely shoot or track deer.
12. Be absolutely sure of the target and the area beyond it. All ranches are stocked with various kinds of livestock or exotic game.
13. Keep the youngster with you at all times.
14. Close All Closed Gates Leave Open All Open Gates, don't cross fences unless rancher states you can and instructs you as to which one. Stay where the rancher puts you.
15. Large Caliber Guns are not to be used. We request that if you have a large caliber gun, you exchange it in the gun room for a smaller caliber.
16. Alcoholic Beverages: There will be NO alcoholic beverages consumed anywhere or even kept in your vehicle.
17. You must obey all speed limits and laws!
18. Do not take a picture of your hunter holding the gun with the animal harvested. Remember!! The youngster only has the gun while taking a shot.

NOTE: These safety rules are not meant to deprive the host ranch, guides, or children of any of the pleasure incidental to the sport of hunting. On the contrary, they are prepared with the idea that you may enjoy these pleasures, secure in the knowledge that everyone's safety is uppermost in the minds of the Directors of Operation Orphans, Inc.

Sidelights: The Operation Orphans Deer Hunt has multiple purposes: 1) Get the youngster in the field for an outing, 2) Teach the youngster gun safety, 3) Teach the youngster hunting, tracking, and outdoor skills, 4) Adult companionship for the youngster, 5) Provide a chance for the youngster to harvest a deer.

Harvesting a deer is not our main goal. It is only the "icing on the cake" to the above other four.

Be sure to fill out a certification card for each child who harvests a deer. Please encourage each child to write a thank you letter to the rancher on whose land you hunt. Please report any property damage immediately.

PLEASE DO NOT APPLY AS A GUIDE IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO ABIDE BY ALL THESE RULES. WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE GUIDES WILLING TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND PLEASURABLE DAY FOR A CHILD.

Happy Hunting!! Thank you!!!!