

PHEASANT FEST SD, LLC
GENERAL INFORMATION FOR GUIDED HUNTING

Welcome to Pheasant Fest SD, LLC's wild pheasant guided hunt program. We want to make sure your hunt is enjoyable, memorable and safe. The enclosed information will help us achieve that goal.

BASIC INFORMATION

- Wild bird hunting involves strenuous walking in the field for yourself and your dog. Being fit and healthy will help you endure the physical activity of the hunt. If health issues keep you from walking in the fields, be sure and communicate with us. Those with health issues will be put in the blocking positions rather than walking the drive in the field.
- Trust your guide. Every piece of property we hunt has different terrain. Your guide knows the best approach to hunting each property to achieve the greatest bird harvest for the hunt. Always be quiet when exiting the bus and/or vehicles. Keep your dogs close to your side. A dog that's out of control can hurt the hunt. If a dog is continually getting out ahead of a group and flushing birds before the hunters are in place, your guide may ask you to keep the dog kenneled in the best interest of the group.
- Always remain calm, shoot straight and shoot in the air. Remember there are blockers at the end of the fields whose safety is in your hands. Absolutely no shooting of ground animals such as fox, skunks, coyotes, etc.
- Let your guide set the pace for walking the field. Do not get out in front of the other hunters and keep your dog close to your side. The exception to this is the two hunters on each end of the driving line should be a little ahead of the main line to prevent birds from sneaking out the sides of the field. Again, trust your guide on how to approach each field.
- Be prepared for some heavy flushing of birds at the end of the drive. Birds that have run ahead of the drives get "trapped" between the drivers and blockers creating a flurry of flushing at the end of the drive.

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SAFETY FOR YOUR HUNTING DOG

- Our fall weather is unpredictable and can range from 80 degrees to 20 below. The hot weather can be very dangerous for you dog. Have plenty of water with you. If you forget to bring a container with you, ask us for one.

There is a veterinary clinic located in Faulkton, SD which is 18 mile SW of Cresbard. **Animal Health Center 605-598-4500** They suggest that you always call before you make the trip to Faulkton. The same number can be called for after-hours and the recording will tell what number to call for after-hours.

- Your hunting dog is welcome in the porch of the house you are staying in. If your house does not have a porch, then the dog must be kenneled at all times when inside the house. **DO NOT** allow dogs to have the run of the house and **DO NOT** allow your dogs on the furniture including the beds. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

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SAFETY FOR YOU AND YOUR FELLOW HUNTER

- The law requires blaze orange outerwear. We suggest caps and vests.
- When crossing the fences, open the action and hand your gun to someone or lay it on the ground.
- Walkers should always be mindful of the blockers ahead of you and vice versa. **DO NOT** take ground shots or low shots under any circumstances. If the guide feels there is an unsafe hunter in the group, he will be asked to retire from his gun.
- Absolutely **NO** alcohol consumption before or during the hunt. Once you consume alcohol, your hunt is over for the day. You will have plenty of time to enjoy a drink if you like, at the end of the day.
- Be mindful that you are walking in rough terrain. There can be rocks, fence posts, badger holes, etc., crossing your path. If you feel yourself stumbling, try to keep your gun pointed up in the air.
- Fall can be a time of wide-ranging weather conditions. Have protective clothing for temperatures and weather of sunny and hot to snowy and below-zero. Check the forecast before you arrive.
- We are fortunate to have a hospital in our county. **Faulk County Memorial Hospital** is located in Faulkton, SD - just 18 miles SW of Cresbard. The number **605-598-6262**. We hope you will not find any reason to have to experience the excellent care given at this facility.

SPORTSMANSHIP

- Always be of good sportsmanship towards the land, guide and hunters. Try to pick up your spent shell casings. Do not litter. If you have a concern with safety over a fellow hunter, please inform your guide. Do not smoke in the fields or in the bus. Know your birds before arriving for the hunt. There can be hen pheasants, sharptails, prairie chickens, and Hungarian Partridge in the fields. If a bird is in question - don't shoot. Most importantly, **Have Fun and Enjoy the Great Outdoors!**

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LICENSE INFORMATION

- You can purchase your upland non-resident hunting license at www.gfp.sd.gov/hunt-fish-license/. When purchasing your license on-line, print out more than one copy. Keep one in your luggage, one in your billfold, etc. You must have your ID and your license on you when hunting. If you forget or lose your license, we can print one for you on-line at our office. SD licenses allow you to hunt one consecutive 10-day period or two non-consecutive 5-day periods. If you don't think you are coming back to hunt a second period, or aren't sure, put the dates of your second hunt in for the last week of the season. Once you have chosen the second 5-day period, you are allowed to change the dates to earlier in the season, but **not** later. It is a good idea to check out the website for additional information! **South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks website** has interesting tips, advice and articles throughout the year.

· Daily Limit is 3 cock pheasants. Possession Limit is 15 cock pheasants. Remember to bring containers to transport your birds home with you.

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PHONES AND INTERNET

Your group will be lodging in a house. We do not combine groups in lodging. Your lodge does not have a landline telephone. Most cell phones work in the area. Internet can be picked up in some of the houses, but not all. If you are in need of internet service, you can use the Clubhouse/Office which has wireless.

It is our goal to provide you with a very relaxing and enjoyable hunting experience. Thank you for hunting with us!