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Dear Spring Turkey Hunters,

This generic letter is intended to serve as your guide in preparing you for your hunt. Please read it in its entirety and let us know if you have any questions.

- **Hunting License** – For those of you that need us to take care of your license, please indicate on the Hunter profile. Nonresident fees are \$126 unless you hunted deer last fall in Texas, which means you only need a \$7 stamp validation.
- **Balance Payments** – All balance payments are due 30 days prior to hunt, so this notice will serve as your only reminder.
- **Weather Conditions** – You should anticipate variable and unpredictable weather. Temperatures will likely be from 40-80 degrees during the early season and slightly warmer later. Bring a rain parka just in case we do have rain. Check weather forecast on computer a day or two ahead of time.
- **Items To Bring** – Make sure you have sufficient turkey hunting clothing which should be of some camo pattern, and the pattern type is not that important. Also bring ammo, bug spray, sun screen, hunting boots, and any other hunting equipment you would typically carry with you on a turkey hunt. You do not need to bring bedding or toiletries. WSI does not provide any alcoholic beverages.
- **Pattern Your Gun** – The most common mistake we see with our turkey hunters is that they have not patterned their shotgun. We recommend #4 or #6 shot, whichever patterns best.
- **Safety First** – Our #1 goal on all of our hunts is to ensure everyone's safety. Though we do allow **responsible** drinking in camp, you must remember that hunting and drinking alcohol do not mix.
- **Travel Details** – If you are driving, please make sure we get you directions to where you are going. Plan your arrival for no earlier than 1:00 p.m. and make sure you eat lunch before you arrive. For those hunters who are flying and would like for us to pick them up, please try to schedule arrival prior to 3:00 p.m. Make sure you get us your flight times at least a week prior to hunt.
- **Trip Protection Insurance** – We encourage you to consider taking out a travel insurance plan. We are currently working with Travel Guard International who provides an economical plan that will assist you with problems such as hunt cancellation, luggage complications, as well as unforeseen medical expenses, or emergency medical evacuation. Go to our website at www.wildlifesystems.com and click on Sportsman's Travel Insurance, which is on the left side near the bottom of our home page.

We are looking forward to serving as your host on what we feel will be an exciting and memorable experience. Please do not hesitate to let us know, preferably by email, if we can be of assistance. Also, please remember to send your Hunter Profile. Here's to a great hunt!

Adios,

Greg Simons

WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS

Thank you for choosing to be our customer and for the confidence you have placed in us. The staff of Wildlife Systems, from our office to our camp, will do everything within our means to earn your continued trust and goodwill. Your hunting success and personal satisfaction are very important to us.

We have been serving hunters from around the globe since 1987. Our customer's loyalty and continued participation within our hunting programs is what has fueled the growth of Wildlife Systems.

Just as you have certain expectations of us, we have certain expectations of you. Here are a few ideas that will help insure a successful hunt:

1. Read through this packet to familiarize yourself with various aspects regarding your hunt.
2. Know what is included with your package. Refer to your contract should you be uncertain.
3. Attend your hunt with an open frame of mind. There are many variables we deal with in conducting hunts, thus, we ask you to be understanding of various situations that are inherent to a hunting trip.

Once again, thank you for being our customer. We look forward to seeing you in camp.

PAYMENT POLICY

- Deposits may be paid with personal or business check, so long as this payment precedes hunt by 30 days.
- Balance is due 30 days prior to start day of hunt
- All credit card payment will be assessed a 3% processing fee on the amount being charged. We accept Visa, Master Card, and American Express.

Cancellation Policy – No payments will be refunded unless cancellee can be replaced at the standard hunt cost. We will make every effort possible to replace cancellee at full hunt value, but Wildlife Systems is not responsible for replacing cancellee, and no refunds will be granted unless cancellee is replaced.

Rebooking Policy – For those hunters who would like to rebook their “same” hunts for next year, you will have option to do so, but you must send a \$150 Reservation Fee in within 30 days after completion of your hunt. Remainder of first 50% is due in January of year that your hunt takes place. If no Reservation Fee is received within 30 days, we will consider that spot(s) available.

WHAT TO BRING

Having the proper equipment, clothing, and travel items can make for a much more comfortable and enjoyable hunting trip. It is better to be over prepared than under stocked, but remember there are certain weight and baggage restrictions when traveling by airplane. The following checklist should cover some of the essentials.

Primary Checklist

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| - gun(s) | - flight tickets |
| - ammo | - camera and film |
| - binoculars | - camo gloves |
| - flashlight | - pajamas or warm-up's |
| - hunting clothes* | - canteen |
| - hunting boots | - knife |
| - hunting cap | - day or fanny pack |
| - rain parka | - camo headnet |
| - bug spray | - turkey calls |

You May Also Want To Bring

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| - sunglasses | - video camera (recommended) |
| - book for reading | - sun screen |
| - ice chest | - bit of string and tape |
| - special medication | - liquor or alcohol** |
| - preferred snacks | |

* Clothing should be suited for temperatures ranging from 30 degrees to 90 degrees. Clothing that allows you to layer up is best. Camo is recommended but not essential.

**We do not provide alcoholic beverages in camp. We will allow you to BYOB, but we will enforce certain drinking/hunting policies.

HUNTING LICENSE

- Wildlife Systems can obtain your necessary hunting license. Please indicate on the enclosed "Hunter Profile" if you do wish for us to obtain your license. If you do not indicate that you do want us to obtain your license, we will assume you are sending off for it yourself. If you choose for us to obtain license, it will be given to you upon your arrival.
- Nonresident turkey licenses are \$126. If a nonresident hunted deer the previous season and already has a general nonresident hunting license, all that is needed is a \$7.00 Upland Bird Stamp Validation.
- For nonresidents who are less than 17 years of age, a special license exists for a cost of only \$7.00 and covers anything they may take, except waterfowl.
- All Texas hunters who were born on or after September 2, 1971, must have successfully completed a Hunter Education Training Course.

TRAVEL TIPS

A hunter's journey to and from their hunting destination is a major part of the trip. Because of great distances between point of origin and hunt location, many hunters choose to fly to eliminate road time. There are a few regulations that hunters need to keep in mind that will make their trip more smooth and enjoyable. Additionally, there are certain procedures that if followed, make your airport transition much easier.

Helpful Hints:

- Try to never over pack suitcase any more than what is necessary. Duffel bags work well for most hunters' needs.
- When possible, lock all luggage.
- Whether its carry-on or checked luggage, be sure to attach your name, address, and phone number on each item.
- Pack your highly valuable items, if possible, in a carry-on, particularly those items that are fragile.
- Always check in approximately one hour prior to scheduled departure. At that time, your firearm will be subject to inspection to ensure no shells are in the chamber.

Requirements and Restrictions:

- Each person is allowed to check up to two pieces of luggage, including carry-on's. Any additional pieces are subject to additional airline charges, which are generally \$80 or more for each additional piece. Thus, you might consider bringing a large duffel bag and gun case, or carry-on's (i.e., camera bag).
- You are restricted to a maximum of 50 pounds per piece that is checked. Anything above this is subject to additional charge, which again is generally \$80 or more.
- All firearms must be transported in a hard-sided container capable of being locked.
- While ammunition can be carried in the gun case in a separate container, shells cannot be in the chamber. You are allowed up to ten pounds of ammo, which must be shipped in checked baggage. We recommend transporting ammo in a duffel bag.
- Law prohibits the transportation of hazardous materials such as compressed gasses, flammable solids and liquids, poisons, and corrosives.

Shipment of meat, hides, and antlers:

- We generally ship all hunters' meat in ice chests, which are checked at the airport as luggage. We freeze all meat and tape each chest.
- If hunter would prefer to have animal fully processed and packaged, we can sometimes arrange for such, but meat will probably be shipped to hunter "over-night delivery" at hunter's expense which will include processing fees, shipping expenses, and occasionally a service charge (see "Miscellaneous Expense" Sheet).
- All trophies are caped and frozen. If hunter prefers to have a taxidermist of his own do the work, we either ship the cape and antlers back with the hunter in a container (i.e., ice chest, box, duffel bag, etc.), or we can ship at a later date to them or their taxidermist.
- If hunter wishes to leave their trophy to be mounted at our taxidermist, we will put taxidermist in touch with hunter to discuss pose and payment, and taxidermist will ship mount to hunter upon completion of work.

One other matter:

Always keep in mind that certain unexpected occurrences can and do happen from time to time when traveling by air. Such things as delayed or canceled flights, and luggage not arriving with hunter, are but a few things that are possible. When this happens, it is recommended that you understand that throwing a tantrum is not going to do you a bit of good. For missing luggage, when you arrive, we will file necessary claims, and luggage will generally arrive on the next flight. If worse comes to worse, we will do what we have to do to outfit you with necessary gear so that you lose no hunting time. Just try to take all this in stride, and your trip will be much more enjoyable.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

It is generally understood that nobody likes hidden expenses when on a hunting trip. Services included in your hunting package are outlined in your contract. As with most hunting excursions, there are a few miscellaneous expenses that may or may not be incurred during your Wildlife Systems hunting trip. The following is a summary of various costs, in addition to your package, that you should bear in mind.

1. **Airfare** – Wildlife Systems’ hunt packages do not include airfare. We do provide shuttle to and from the nearest airport on most hunts, but this is subject to arrival and departure times. Check with us about details.
2. **Shipping of meat, capes, and antlers** – Many of our hunters take their meat and trophy back with them on the airplane. However, we do sometimes ship cape/antlers to hunter or their taxidermist. We do not ship meat. If you are interested in the meat, you need to take it back with you. All shipping charges will be reversed and some form of crating/handling fee will be charged to the hunter. The following price structure will generally prevail on crating/handling fees:

• White-tailed Deer	\$20
• Mule Deer	\$30
• Elk (unsplit)	\$75
• Elk (Split)	\$50
• Turkey	\$20
• Exotics (Small)	\$20
• Exotics (Large)	\$40 - \$75

These fees include boxing/crating of both the cape and antlers/horns. Price on a per animal basis may be reduced when multiple animals are shipped in a single container. The above prices do not include shipping costs.

3. **Taxidermy** – Wildlife Systems can arrange for providing taxidermy services at hunter’s expense payable to the taxidermist. We only work with reputable, award-winning taxidermists.
4. **License and Tags** – All hunting/fishing licenses are at hunter’s expense. Wildlife Systems generally takes care of obtaining licenses, but hunter is charged exact cost of license.
5. **Gratuities** – Though gratuities are certainly not required on Wildlife Systems’ hunts, it is generally customary for hunters to tip both their guide and the cook. Use your discretion in determining what you feel is a fair amount. Tips are always appreciated by camp staff. Here is a suggested “rule of thumb” on tipping amounts:

<u>Hunt Price</u>	<u>Gratuity Amount/Hunter</u>	
Up to \$1,500	\$125-\$200 (Guide)	\$40-\$75 (Cook)
\$1,500 - \$3,000	\$150-\$250 (Guide)	\$40-\$75 (Cook)
\$3,000 - \$5,000	\$250-\$350 (Guide)	\$60-\$100 (Cook)

6. **Other** – It is always wise to carry some extra cash with you for incidental travel expenses (gifts, airport meals, parking fees, etc.). It is also a good idea to have several \$1.00 and \$5.00 bills for airport gratuities.
7. **Credit Card Charges** – WSI adjusts amounts by 3% should any fees be placed on credit card.

It is our intention to provide you with a comfortable, fun hunt with no unwanted surprises. Make sure you are familiar with what is included with your hunt package to ensure that no hassles are encountered.

HUNTING/CAMP POLICIES & RULES

1. No drinking of alcoholic beverages is allowed in the field. If drinking of alcohol is done during daylight hours, it is up to a Wildlife Systems staff member to decide whether or not that particular hunter will be allowed to hunt that day. **Safety first!**
2. WSI has a “2 strike” rule on its turkey hunts. If you miss two turkeys, it will be counted as one of your two birds. So, make sure you pattern your shotgun.
3. When being transported in a guide’s vehicle, no shells are allowed in the chamber, and barrels should be pointed toward the floor of the vehicle. No loaded guns are allowed in or around the camp area.
4. Hunters are forbidden to shoot any animals that are not specified in their contract, unless given permission by guide. In the event that a hunter kills game in excess of his allowed limit, hunter will be charged a harvest fee comparable to the standard hunt price for that animal.
5. Hunters are expected to not leave trash in the field or in the blinds.
6. If hunters should open any gates while on the premises, gates should be locked or latched the same way they were found.
7. Should any hunter’s action become an unreasonable risk factor to other individuals attending the hunt, hunter may be immediately dismissed from the premises, and no money will be refunded.
8. Should any hunter’s behavior become unruly, hunter may be dismissed from premises with no money refunded.

Let’s all have a safe and enjoyable hunt.

FIREARMS & SHOOTING

Your firearm and your ability to adequately handle and use this piece of equipment with proficiency play a critical role in the ultimate outcome of your hunting trip.

Caliber & Loads

Turkeys are large strong birds that do not go down easy unless they are spine or brain shot. We recommend a 12 gauge and do encourage 3 – 3 1/2 inch magnums. Most common loads are 4 or 6 shot, either of which is fine, and we suggest you shoot whichever patterns best out of your shotgun. We discourage the use of smaller gauge shotguns such as 20 or 28 gauges.

Shooting Practice

Hunters tend to underestimate the importance of patterning a shotgun when turkey hunting. It is best to shoot several loads and choose the one that has the tightest pattern. If the pattern is hitting off-center, be sure to make a mental note of that so you can compensate when shooting at the bird.