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Hunting



Hunters of all ages have enjoyed telling their tale of how they harvested their latest trophy or the adventures they had while hunting. The Hunting Trail Badge is designed to help a Trailman to remember what, when, where and how he was able to harvest his game or the adventure it took to get or not get the intended game. This Trail Badge is intended to be an extension of the skills the Trailman learned in his Shooting Sports Trail Badges.

Name _____

All hunting activities must be done under the safety requirements of the *Trail Life USA Health and Safety Guide* and the *Shooting Sports Guidebook*. Equipment used by any registered Trailman must be consistent with his size.

Do all of the following requirements (1-4)

- ____1. Complete the Navigator or Adventurer Shooting Sports Orientation.
- ____2. In your own words, do the following
 - ____a. Explain why character is critical in hunting
 - ____b. Describe why integrity and honor are among the most essential traits to hunting
 - ____c. Discuss how sportsmanship applies to Hunting
 - ____d. Define hunting and include specific examples.
- ____3. Complete the appropriate Hunter Education Certification for your state. This can be done online for a fee in each state or usually for free in an all-day course put on by the state conservation office.
- ____4. Pick three of the following methods of hunting and complete all of the activities for each of your chosen three methods. Note: If there are state restrictions regarding centerfire firearms, the Trailman may pick two of the methods of hunting and harvest 3 different game animals.

Methods: Rimfire rifle (Rifle), centerfire rifle (Rifle), light shotgun (Shotgun), heavy shotgun (Shotgun), pistol (Pistol), muzzle loader (Muzzleloading), or bow and arrow (Archery).

- ____a. Before you go, do the following for each method of hunting:
 - ____i. Complete the corresponding Trail Badge for this method.



- _____ii. Describe the equipment you plan to use and your reason for choosing it.
- _____iii. Describe the location (including county and state) in which you plan to hunt and how you scouted the area.
- _____iv. Describe how you prepared the area you will be hunting.
- _____b. After you go, do the following for each method of hunting:
 - _____i. Describe the location, method, date, companions and type of game you harvested.
 - _____ii. Explain your shot (part of the animal).
 - _____iii. Explain how you field dressed the carcass including the tools used.
 - _____iv. Explain how you finished processing the carcass including the tools used.
 - _____v. Tell how you stored the processed meat.
 - _____vi. Cook a portion of the meat for your Patrol, Troop, family or other group and explain the method used.

Trail Badge Mentor Signature

Date

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