

## **PROHIBITED ACTS ON WILLIAMSON COUNTY LANDS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY'S BOW HUNTING RECREATION PROGRAM**

**A person entering or attempting to take wildlife resources on any of the land that is being used for Williamson County's Bow Hunting Recreation Program commits an offense if that person commits any of the following:**

### **General Access to the Units**

- enters or exits the land at any location other than an authorized entry or exit location;
- fails to check in and out at the check station and with Williamson County personnel as required when participating in Williamson County's Bow Hunting Recreation Program;
- fails to possess the required authority and consent from Williamson County to participate in Williamson County's Bow Hunting Recreation Program;
- allows anyone to accompany himself or herself on a hunt during Williamson County's Bow Hunting Recreation Program;

### **General Conduct**

- hunts the land during non-hunting periods and days. Hunt times each weekend shall be as follows:

- Friday Evening Hunt: Begins at 3:00 p.m. and ends 30 minutes following sunset;
  - Saturday Hunt: Begins at safe light and ends 30 minutes following sunset; and
  - Sunday Hunt: Begins at safe light and ends at 10:00 a.m.

NOTE: Hunters shall arrive at the designated check in location 1 hour prior to the beginning of each hunt day in order to both check in with Williamson County personnel and to be delivered to the hunter's assigned blind.

NOTE: On Saturday Hunts, each hunter has the option to hunt all day or hunt the morning and/or afternoon periods only. Each hunter must inform Williamson County personnel of his or her desire in relation to the times he or she wishes to hunt on a Saturday Hunt prior to beginning Saturday's hunt.

- fails to abide by all applicable regulations of Williamson County, as well as any state or federal laws and regulations;
- fails to comply with conditions or rules listed herein, contained within informational leaflets, posted at the hunt area, or conveyed by directives of Williamson County personnel;

- hunting shall be by assigned blind and hunters may hunt only from the blind that is provided at each assigned area. Hunters will be delivered to such assigned blinds by Williamson County personnel and each hunter may not travel away from the blind unless he or she is attempting to track an animal after the hunter has shot an animal. No hunter may travel more than 100 yards from his or her assigned blind to track any animal after a shot is attempted. In the event an animal cannot be located within 100 yards of the hunter's assigned blind, the hunter shall contact Williamson County personnel and request assistance in tracking the animal;
- fails to maintain and possess a driver's license or personal identification certification, valid hunting license and a hunter's education certificate if you were born after September 2, 1971;
- harasses, molests, or otherwise interferes with anyone lawfully engaged in hunting on the land;
- smokes tobacco in any form (smokeless tobacco use only);
- is under the influence of alcohol or consumes an alcoholic beverage while engaged in or before participating in hunting activities, or publicly consumes or displays an alcoholic beverage in or around the land;
- fails to deposit refuse in a designated trash container or fails to remove it from the hunt area;
- disturbs or removes plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects, except as authorized by Williamson County;
- writes on, scratches, or otherwise defaces natural features, signs, buildings, or other structures in, on or around the land and hunt area;
- fail to maintain a mobile telephone at all times that is capable of being used for emergencies or for either making contact to or receiving contact from Williamson County personnel;

### **Minor Hunters**

- each hunter must be 18 years of age or older unless otherwise accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian. A hunter's parent or legal guardian must be able to show proof of his or her relationship to a hunter that is less than 18 years of age and each parent or legal guardian must consent to his or her participation in the hunting program;

## **Hunter Orange**

- fails to visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material with 144 square inches appearing on both the chest and back and daylight fluorescent orange headwear while within the hunt area

## **Vehicles**

- operates a vehicle of any sort anywhere on the land;
- parks a vehicle anywhere except in an authorized parking area when designated;

## **Camping and Fires**

- camps or builds a fire anywhere on the land;

## **Dogs or Other Pets**

- enters the land with a dog or pet of any kind;

## **Tagging of Game**

- fails to immediately tag an animal with an appropriate hunting tag;

## **Legal Means and Methods**

- enters the land with any device other than authorized archery hunting equipment (no crossbows or firearms of any type allowed);
- possesses a firearm during these archery only hunts;
- uses or displays a device in an obviously unsafe or threatening manner;
- possesses a loaded firearm in or on a vehicle, or within a designated parking area or check station **Notice:** A loaded firearm is defined as a firearm containing a live round of ammunition within the chamber and/or the magazine, or if muzzleloading, one which has a cap on the nipple or a priming charge in the pan;
- takes a game bird of any sort;
- takes or attempts to harvest any animal other than white-tailed deer, feral hogs and any incidental exotic deer/antelope species;

- hunts with archery equipment which does not comply with legal specifications as provided in the Texas Outdoor Annual (Hunting Guide); provided, however, crossbows will not be allowed.

## **Acknowledgment; Release of Liability; Acceptance of Dangers, Risks and Hazards and Indemnification**

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**I, the undersigned, on behalf of myself (and on behalf of my minor child if applicable) hereby acknowledge that I have knowingly and willingly applied to participate in Williamson County's Bow Hunting Recreation Program and that I understand the terms, provisions and conditions of the Prohibited Acts on Williamson County Lands While Participating in Williamson County's Bow Hunting Recreation Program, which is set forth herein above, and that I hereby agree to bound by the terms and conditions thereof. I further understand that I shall not be reimbursed for any amounts that I have paid to participate in Williamson County's Bow Hunting Recreation Program and that any rights I have had to participate in such program shall immediately be terminated in the event that I commit any of the acts set forth in the Prohibited Acts on Williamson County Lands While Participating in Williamson County's Bow Hunting Recreation Program.**

**I further acknowledge and understand that no warranty, either express or implied, is made by Williamson County, Texas as to the condition of the land upon which Williamson County's Bow Hunting Recreation Program will be conducted (hereinafter the "Premises"), or of any roads, buildings, gates or other improvements located thereon. This document is to warn me that dangerous conditions, risks and hazards do exist on the Premises. My presence and activities on the Premises expose both me and my property to dangerous conditions, risks and hazards, including but not limited to poisonous snakes, insects and spiders; blinds, whether or not erected by Williamson County; erosion and general condition of the Premises, both on and off roadways or senderos, creating rough, hazardous and dangerous driving and walking conditions; animals both wild and domestic that may be diseased and/or potentially dangerous; deep water; persons with firearms both on or off the Premises; and the use of vehicles. I hereby state that I expressly assume all such dangers, risks and hazards.**

**In consideration for the right to enter the Premises and participate in Williamson County's Bow Hunting Recreation Program, I hereby release and agree to protect, indemnify and hold harmless Williamson County and its respective agents, employees and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action and damages, including attorneys' fees, resulting from any accident, incident or occurrence arising out of, incidental to or in any way resulting from the use of the Premises and all improvements thereon. This release and indemnification applies during the time that I am permitted on the Premises and survives any termination of the rights I am granted as a part of Williamson County's Bow Hunting Recreation Program. I hereby further covenant and agree that I, my heirs, successors and assigns will not make any claim or institute any suit or action at law or in equity against the Williamson County and its respective agents, employees and assigns by reason of conditions of the Premises or activities occurring thereon.**

**As used in this release, the terms I, my person and myself include minors in my care while on the Premises.**

Dated and signed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Hunter's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Hunter's Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Hunter's Address)

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(Hunter's Phone # – indicate home or mobile)

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(Hunter's Driver's License #)

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(Hunter's Texas Hunting License Document #)

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(Hunter's Texas Hunter Education Certificate #; if exempt, please state "N/A")

**For Minor Hunters:**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name of minor hunter) a minor, whose date of birth is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_ and I hereby grant consent to said minor to participate in Williamson County's Bow Hunting Recreation Program and I agree that I will remain with such minor at all times while participating in such program:

Signature of parent or legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of parent or legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated and signed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.