



## SHIELD RANCH CAMP WOOD

### Shield Ranch Camp Wood Family & Guest Hunting

MLDP White-tailed Deer Season Dates: October 1st – February 28<sup>th</sup>.

The number of available tags will be determined following surveys and the issuance of tags by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). The Land Steward will provide tags when you arrive at the Ranch and provide guidance on the number and sex of white-tailed deer available for harvest.

Feral and Exotic ungulates: Harvest of feral pigs and goats, and exotic ungulates (Fallow, Sika, and Axis Deer, Aoudad, Elk, Blackbuck Antelope, etc.) of any sex is encouraged. Other than white-tailed deer, these feral and exotic animals are the only wildlife allowed to be harvested. Shooting of other wildlife species is strictly prohibited.

Before arrival at the Ranch, all guests (hunters and non-hunters) must complete and sign a release form. These can be found on the [Shield Ranch Family website](#). You can choose to download a .pdf, sign it, and email it to the Land Steward. Or you can have your guest complete the online form – no printing required.

All hunters must possess a valid Texas hunting license.

All white-tailed deer must be tagged, and harvest information recorded on the Managed Lands Deer Permit (MLDP) data sheet immediately upon arrival back at the Ranch house/skinning shed. Also, immediately contact the Land Steward so that he can meet you at the skinning shed to take measurements. Taking measurements and completing the paperwork are TPWD requirements!

It is the family and guest hunters' responsibility to process their game and arrange for its disposition. Any distribution of meat locally by the Land Steward must be arranged prior to harvest.

#### Safety:

- Never have a loaded gun in vehicles, ATV's, or Ranch House.
- Before taking a shot, clearly identify your target and shoot only in a safe direction.
- Remember that we have lease hunters on the Ranch, so know the boundaries and always stay within the family-designated hunting area (See map at Ranch House or ask the Land Steward for a copy).
- Alcohol and firearms do not mix.
- Notify the Land Steward by phone, not text, at 830-834-0955 when all hunters have safely returned from hunting outings. This informs the Land Steward that it is safe to move about Ranch.
- To avoid accidents, please notify the Land Steward by phone before any shooting (trap/skeet/target practice) takes place at the Field Trap shooting area.