Review this list to choose your equipment for your trip. Obviously some items are not needed for all trips; but please ask if you’re not sure. If you are flying on airlines do not put your cartridges in the gun case. Put knife, matches, fire paste & cartridges in your clothes bag and check them in, do not try to carry those items on the plane. Check in your gun/bow case and your duffle bag, ask to carry your day pack on the plane, it has your most valuable items. Insure your baggage.

- 2 Duffel Bags (horseback-in trips)
- Knife (in checked baggage on airline)
- 20-40 Ammo (put in checked baggage)
- Hunting Jackets (light & heavy)
- Rain Gear
- Orange Vest & Hat
- Hat or Cap for cold weather
- Toiletries Kit
- Unscented Shampoo
- Unscented Deodorant
- Socks
- Shirts
- Pants
- Underwear
- Long Johns
- Bath Towel
- Wash Cloth
- No-Scent Spray
- Camouflage Clothing
- Pre-wash cloths with unscented soap
- Warm Sleeping Pad (for the cots)
- Light Sleeping Bag (if staying indoors)
- Heavy Sleeping Bag (if camping)
- Summer Clothes (Aug & Sept hunts)
- Medium Clothes (Spring & Fall)
- Heavy Winter Clothes (Oct to Jan)
- Light Hunting Boots (waterproof)
- Cold Weather Boots (waterproof)
- Riding Helmet (for horses or ATV)
- Coolers (for transporting meat)
- Pack Frame (for unguided hunts)
- 4x4 Transportation (for unguided hunts)

- Gun or Bow Case (airline approved)
- Your Gun, Bow, Shotgun, or Pistol
- Harris Rifle Bipod (25” to 27”) or Shooting Sticks
- 20 Hunt Arrows, 3 Target Arrows (bow hunts)
- Bow Release (bow hunts)

- Day or Fanny Pack (with the following)
- License & Tag
- Quality Binoculars (8X or 10X)
- Spotting Scope (if you own one)
- Laser Rangefinder (if you own one)
- Fire Starter
- Waterproof Matches or Lighter
- Game Bags (not needed after Nov 1)
- Compass or GPS
- Cell Phone (if you have one, for emergencies)
- AA Mag-Light or Headlamp
- AA Batteries, 8-Pack
- Camera & Film
- Drinking Water Purifier Filter
- Water Bottle
- Compact First Aid Kit
- Chap Stick - Pain Reliever - Antacid
- Prescription Medicine (if needed)
- Compact Emergency Blanket
- Trail Ribbon
- Sun Glasses
- Bug Repellent (Apr, May, Aug or Sept)
- Hunting Gloves

- Idaho Horseback Drop Camps – Please limit the total weight of your gear and food to 80 pounds per person. We put the gear of two people on one pack horse and if you bring too much gear additional horse loads will cost $200 per horse. Avoid glass and overly heavy items. The trip will go much faster if we do not have to repack all your bags when you arrive. Important: We must pack the horses with equal weight on each side of the horse and large duffel bags will not fit in the pack bags, so pre-pack each person’s gear into two smaller duffel bags of equal size and weight (use your bathroom scale to verify weights).

It is suggested that you keep your food lightweight, simple to prepare, and choose items with a minimum amount of leftover garbage. Military MRE’s, boxed foods, de-hydrated meals, and instant powdered drinks are good. Cured or canned meats last longer than fresh meats. Trail mix and candy bars provide quick energy. Other good choices are instant coffee, instant tea, powdered milk, pasta, top ramen, rice meals, instant potatoes, canned vegetables, dried fruits, chili, trail mix, eggs are OK, ham, bacon, jerky, precooked sausages, spam, some fresh meat, bologna, corned beef, tuna, instant or boxed cereal, and granola bars. Bring a small cooler for eggs & perishables.

- Turkey Hunters - 12 Gauge Shotguns with extra-full turkey choke tubes work best.
- Guns should have a 3" or 3 1/2" chamber. Remember Full or Modified chokes are not adequate.
- Camouflage finished gun or tape your shotgun. Do not use a gun sock, they hamper vision and cause misses.
- Use #6 or #5 shot in 3" or 3 1/2" Copper-Plated Turkey Loads or Heavy-Shot.
- Shoot your gun at turkey head targets at 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 yards. Then you will know how your gun shoots.
- Bring camouflage Pants, Shirts, Jacket, Gloves, and a Head Net with eye holes. Any forest pattern will work fine.
- Do not bring white or bright T-Shirts, Shoes, or Socks. Birds can see them. Use green, tan, brown, black, or camo.

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