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1. **General:** Division of Wildlife youth and novice hunts are organized to provide a unique experience for hunters who are just beginning their hunting lives. Our efforts to make each hunt a safe, enjoyable and memorable experience can only be successful if all participants follow the guidelines and policies of the program.
  
2. **Responsibilities of the hunter:**
  - ◆ Complete and return all forms and documents to the Huntmaster prior to the hunt.
  - ◆ Bring all licenses, tags and HE cards to the hunt.
  - ◆ Practice shooting skills at a range prior to attending a sponsored hunt. Marksmanship skills will be verified by the Huntmaster prior to a hunt. All participants must be familiar with their firearms, ammunition and safety procedures for use of a firearm.
  - ◆ **All hunters will use factory-loaded ammunition only.**
  - ◆ All hunters will follow the rules and policies of the CDOW Hunter Outreach program.
  - ◆ Hunters will treat all hunt participants with courtesy and respect. Failure to extend respect and courtesy to an adult or volunteer is grounds for dismissal from a hunt.
  - ◆ All firearms will remain unloaded and cased when in the camp area or transported. Youth hunters will not handle firearms except while under direct supervision of an adult.
  
3. **Responsibilities of a parent /sponsor:**
  - ◆ Complete and return all forms and documents to the Huntmaster prior to the hunt.
  - ◆ Attend all meetings and training with the youth hunter.
  - ◆ When appropriate, serve as a guide when designated by the Huntmaster.
  - ◆ Accompany youth hunters at all times and participate in all activities.
  - ◆ Comply with all CDOW Hunter Outreach rules and policies.
  - ◆ Discuss all concerns with the Huntmaster. Decisions of the Huntmaster are final. Parents/guardians will comply with Huntmaster guidance. Failure to comply is grounds for dismissal from a hunt.
  - ◆ Parents/guardians may not hunt unless authorized by the Huntmaster.

- ◆ Parents/guardians will assist in the safety procedures established by the Huntmaster at all times during the activity.
- ◆ Parents may NOT bring additional firearms to the hunt. No handguns are allowed on a DOW hunt unless carried by a commissioned law enforcement officer.

### **Firearm's Safety**

1. Treat every firearm with the same respect due a loaded firearm.
2. Control the direction of your firearm's muzzle. Carry the firearm safely. Keep your finger off the safety until ready to shoot.
3. Identify your target and what is beyond it.
4. Be sure the barrel and the action are free from obstructions.
5. Unload firearms when not in use. Leave the actions open.
6. Never point a firearm at anything you do not intend to shoot. Avoid all horseplay with a firearm.
7. Never climb a tree, fence, or jump a ditch or log with a loaded firearm. Never pull a firearm toward you by the muzzle.
8. Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or water.
9. Store all firearms and ammunition separately beyond the reach of children.
10. Avoid alcoholic beverages or other mood altering drugs before or during shooting.