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CHRISTIAN OUTDOOR MINISTRY

At **CHRISTIAN OUTDOOR MINISTRY (COM)**, we have designed our ministry to provide youth and their families with opportunities to experience God's creation through hunting and fishing activities. By following the time-tested slogan of the NRA - "**Hunt WITH your Child, Not FOR Them**", we aim to empower parents with a new sense of adventure and responsibility as they share life in the outdoors with their children.

Texas has a great heritage of stewardship for the outdoor resources and game management through hunting and fishing, as regulated by our Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. However, with the growing value of land resources and the cost of hunting leases, availability and affordability is out of reach for the average father and mother who would like to introduce their children to the outdoors. That is why landowners, such as you, are such a valuable leg in our four-legged stool approach to **CHRISTIAN OUTDOOR MINISTRY**.



1. We want to provide a Christian witness to youth and their families in God's creation to develop disciple making leaders of the future for God's glory.
2. Our goal is to create a Christian environment to mentor youth and their families to create a positive outdoor experience through hunting and fishing.
3. This ministry will be led by mature, responsible and experienced Christian outdoorsmen and women who will volunteer their time, talents and abilities to influence youth and their families. All volunteers will be trained, equipped and pass criminal history background checks to serve with youth and their families.
4. We seek to work with landowners to assist them in their wildlife management plan for hunting and fishing opportunities. In addition to our policies and rules of safety and conduct, we respect the guidelines, expectations and requirements of our generous hosts. Conservation education and hunter safety are paramount. Landowners will be provided the security of liability insurance from **CHRISTIAN OUTDOOR MINISTRY**.

To ensure the success of this ministry, we must have all four essential legs to the stool. When all are present together, then all involved will bring glory to God and his Word.

As a Texas Landowner, your resources are very valuable to you and we respect their importance and pledge to follow the Scouting motto of "**Leave a place better than you found it.**"

As you consider the opportunity to host an outdoor event with Christian Outdoor Ministry please consider the following information regarding our program:

- Youth will be between the ages of 9 and 17 years of age.
- All youth (or parent) should have completed a TPWD Hunter Education course.
- All youth will have a valid Texas Hunting License with appropriate tags.
- All youth will be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.
- During the hunting periods, we will ensure youth are accompanied by a skilled guide, if their parents lack hunter experience, or request the assistance of a skilled guide.
- The number of youth/parents/volunteers involved is determined by the capacity of facilities and the availability of hunting blinds over feeders. This is our preferred method of hunting unfamiliar property and to ensure as humane and ethical a harvest as possible.
- Although we prefer to arrive Friday evening and hunt Saturday morning/afternoon and Sunday morning, the Landowner has total control of the hunting opportunities.
- Additionally, the Landowner dictates the type of game to be harvested and the quantity of each to be harvested.
- We begin every hunt on Friday afternoon/evening with introductions of all involved in the weekend activities, along with strict review of safety procedures, COM rules and regulations; plus, Landowner rules and regulations.
- COM desires to involve Game Wardens and Wildlife Biologists in our events for educational purposes, as allowed by the Landowner.
- All youth will provide proof of marksmanship ability before being allowed to hunt.
- Marksmanship will be reinforced during the day on Saturday.
- Saturday will also include additional educational programs and we would appreciate any programs the property is directly involved in.
- During the weekend, youth will be responsible for their firearms and their accompanying adults responsible for their ammunition. Only one round will be allowed to be loaded at one time and only when a shoot is agreed to by the youth and their adult guide.
- We desire to hunt most all available, legal game, including rabbits, squirrels, game birds, hogs, varmints, deer, exotics, etc. Antlerless and management game hunts are welcome and are typically the norm.
- All game will be processed for transport home in an ice chest. For large game, that means skinned and quartered with backstraps and tenderloins removed.
- We prohibit alcohol consumption by all participants and tobacco use is discouraged with proper extinguishing required if used. We will adhere to your smoking policy.
- All participants are subject to removal from the hunt if unsafe, unethical or dangerous behavior is observed.
- We wish to conduct all scheduled outdoor activities, but reserve the right to cancel if unsafe weather conditions are predicted or experienced.

- If indoor lodging and indoor showers are available, we will require all participants to bring their own sleeping bags, pillows and towels to avoid any housekeeping burden.
- As the Host of the hunt, it is your decision as to how involved you choose to be; from merely providing access to your ranch and facilities, to serving as transportation provider and guide for a youth/adult pair. We find the more involved you are the more rewarding the experience.
- With that being said, we will do our best to reduce the work and stress on you and your staff.
- It is our desire to create the most memorable of outdoor experiences for all involved.
- Saturday night after dinner, if a Burn Ban is not in place, we desire to conduct our Campfire Activity and encourage your attendance.
- As previously stated, we will leave your facilities better than we found them.

Thank you again for your consideration of our request to utilize your facilities to host one of our Christian Outdoor Ministry events. It is truly a blessing to bring our ministry to your corner of our great state of Texas to share the rich tradition of conservation and stewardship, with an opportunity to share the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

Dr. Danny Souder
President
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Landowner Activity Agreement

This agreement is made and entered into, by and between _____

("Landowner"), and Christian Outdoor Ministry— a non-profit program ("Program").

WHEREAS Landowner and Program have mutual goals of introducing youngsters to the outdoors, furthering the objectives of ethical hunter and angling education by providing affordable, hands-on experiences, and providing families the opportunities and privileges associated with fair chase hunting, while experiencing the wonders of our Creator.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the performance of the following conditions, Landowner hereby grants to Program the right to use the premises to conduct youth outdoor recreation programs, including sponsorship of supervised hunting and/or fishing. This grant is subject to the following conditions, which are expressly agreed to by Program and Landowner.

1. Landowner agrees to provide a Program-sponsored activity, which will be completed by a duly recognized and authorized Program Guide, based on Landowner guidance and instructions.
2. Landowner will allow representatives of the Program to enter onto the property to plan improve and otherwise make provisions for use under the terms of this Agreement, as long as Landowner is notified and gives consent.
3. It is expressly understood by Landowner and the Program that the activities agreed to are bound by the laws of the State of Texas and Texas Parks and Wildlife regulations, and

violations of these laws must be brought to the immediate attention of Landowner and the Program for review and action.

4. The Program will make no alterations to buildings nor construct any improvements without first having obtained the consent of the Landowner. The Program will not carry away from the premises any wood, plants, rocks, or other material. The program will promptly report to Landowner any unauthorized use of the premises.
5. The Program agrees to indemnify and hold Landowner, its agents, employees, and representatives harmless against any claims of any character of all persons whomsoever which result directly or indirectly from the activities described in the youth hunt announcement. All participants involved in Program activities must sign a waiver and agree to indemnify and hold The Program and Landowner, their agents, employees, and representatives harmless against any claims of any character of all persons whomsoever which result directly or indirectly from Program activities.
6. Landowner, and anyone authorized by Landowner, may enter and use the premises at any time for any purpose. Landowner agrees not to conflict or interfere with the Program, and the Program agrees that its activities will not interfere with Landowner's use of the premises. Landowner agrees to notify the Program in advance of any other hunting or other activities taking place on the premises that may present a danger to human life or health, or that may affect or interfere with the Program's activities.
7. This Agreement constitutes the only agreement between Landowner and the Program, and supersedes any prior understandings or agreements. No amendment of this Agreement will be binding unless it is in writing and signed by the Landowner and the Program. Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice delivered to the other at the address set out below.

8. Landowners, to the best of their knowledge, will assure youth only hunt animals that are free of any medications.

9. The landowner understands the program will educate participants to the game allowed to be taken, but mistakes may occur. The earlier in the year hunts are scheduled will assist in eliminating misidentification of immature buck deer.

In witness hereof, the undersigned Landowner, and the Program, through its representative, execute this agreement on the date of the last signature.

LANDOWNER

CHRISTIAN OUTDOOR MINISTRY

 (Printed name)

 (Printed name of representative)

 (Signature)

 (Signature)

 (Address)

 (Address)

 (City, State, Zip)

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 (Date)

 (Date)

 (Phone number at hunting area or other means of contact)

 (Location 911 address)

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