

## **KYRGYZSTAN HUNTER'S EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST**

### **CLOTHING**

- Socks (1 pair/set for every 2-4 days) – Bridgedale or Smartwool types (wool/nylon blend)
- Underwear (synthetic type brief or boxer briefs (1 for every 2-4 days)
- Undershirt/long underwear top – zip neck style (Smartwool, Patagonia or similar (2)
- Long Underwear Bottoms – Synthetic or Wool type (1 or 2)
- Pants – Wool or fleece (windbloc) (1 or 2 pair)
- Shirts - Wool or synthetic (2 long sleeve)
- Gloves/mittens (2)- windbloc fleece or wool and a weather proof, warm shell type (1 each)
- Hat (1 light – ball cap type and 1 warm – w/earflaps or stocking cap type)
- Facemask
- Windproof Shell – pants and jacket w/hood – 3 Ply Goretex type (mountaineering style)
- Jacket – Wool or Fleece (windbloc)
- Insulated Jacket – Down or synthetic fill
- Snow Camo top and bottom (light wt/tough nylon for going over hunting clothes)
- Handkerchiefs (2-3)
- Travel clothes (1 set - wear to and from camp/airport)

### **FOOTWEAR**

- Boots (1 or 2) w/new laces; one should be 800-1000 gr. Thinsulate or Plastic double boot
- Camp shoes – wear to camp (optional)
- Blister kit (Moleskin, Bandaid Blister covers and/or athletic tape)

### **SLEEPING**

- Sleeping bag (mummy style) – (-10 degree F or colder rating) – Down or Polarguard 3D
- Thermarest (optional, but maybe used for spiking out)
- Stocking cap or headband

### **HUNTING EQUIPMENT**

- Internal frame pack (backpack hunts), 2 nylon straps (3-4') & extra waste buckle
- Day pack (for carry on and riding horses) – 2000-3500 cu. Inches
- Binoculars – waterproof (minimum of 8 power and 32 mm objective)
- Spotting Scope – Variable (at least 30 power) – the local guides will not have them
- Tripod – compact (less than 2 lbs.) (Slik, Bogen, Cullman or Velbon)
- Lens cleaner/cloth and/or lens pen
- 1 compact hunting knife (sharp)
- 1 compact knife sharpener
- Hard weapon case w/lock(s) (commercial flight)
- Nylon or leather rifle scabbard for horses

### ***Rifle Hunters***

- Gun & Scope (Bolt action preferred, .25 caliber minimum; no target turrets on scope)
- Extra Scope (mounted and sighted in on Talley or Leupold PWR type rings/mounts)
- Acu-Sight for your caliber w/extra batteries
- Rifle Sling & Scope cover (Bikini rubber, Neoprene or flip-up type)
- 2 boxes of shells (Premium factory or reloads) & nylon shell holder (Uncle Mikes)
- Compact cleaning rod (3 piece aluminum or Kit & Kaboodle) w/brush and patch end piece
- Cotton patches (2 dozen) & Bore cleaner (Shooter's Choice or Butch's Bore Shine)
- Electrical tape for barrel
- Gun Oil (teflon type – non-freezing)

### ***Bow Hunters***

- ❑ Compound or Traditional Bow (record brace height, knocking point, axle-axle, etc.)
- ❑ Extra string and/or cables (shot in)
- ❑ Extra rest and sight pins
- ❑ 2 releases (mechanical, tab or glove)
- ❑ Bowsling
- ❑ Armguard
- ❑ Moleskin or adhesive fleece for arrow rest area
- ❑ Arrows (1-2 dozen w/case)
- ❑ Bludgeon, Field and Judo points (2-3 each)
- ❑ Broadheads (sharp) – 1 dozen
- ❑ Compact/portable bow press (Bowmaster - compound bows)
- ❑ Allen wrenches
- ❑ String wax & string silencers

### ***Muzzleloader Hunters***

- ❑ Gun (.50 or .52 caliber)
- ❑ 20 – 250 - 300 Gr. Sabot type slugs or larger (Barnes, Nosler, Hornady or Swift work well)
- ❑ Pyrodex pellets, Triple 7 or equivalent (100 gr. Minimum/load)
- ❑ Magnum caps
- ❑ Quick loaders (2-3)
- ❑ Breech tool
- ❑ Allen wrench
- ❑ Cleaning rod and jag
- ❑ Bullet puller
- ❑ Breech plug grease/lube
- ❑ Cleaning patches
- ❑ Old toothbrush
- ❑ Cleaning solvent
- ❑ Electrical tape

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- ❑ Camera – compact w/extra batteries and soft case – Digital or 35mm
- ❑ Film – Print (100, 200 or 400 speed – Fuji or Kodak) and/or Slide (Fuji 100 Sensia)
- ❑ Flashlight/headlamp (Petzl Myo 5 or Tikka LED recommended) w/extra batteries
- ❑ 1 liter size Lexan/plastic water bottle (Nalgene or Gatorade type)
- ❑ 2 liter size Platypus or MSR Dromedary Water Bladder
- ❑ Matches and a butane lighter
- ❑ Sunglasses w/head strap
- ❑ Ziploc Bags (4 or 5, each, 1 gallon size & quart sized)
- ❑ Garbage Bags (2 or 3, heavy duty kitchen or larger type – compactor or leaf bags best)
- ❑ Pillow cases or Alaska game bags (2-3 for taking home capes & dirty clothes)
- ❑ Heavy Duty Duffel for taking home capes/horns/skulls – Hockey bags (4' long)
- ❑ Small Ditty bags for organizing gear
- ❑ Book (small paperback)
- ❑ Hunting License & Firearms Permit (Outfitter provides)
- ❑ Airline Tickets, CITES permit (US), Passport w/Kyrgyz Visa, Credit/bank Card, Contact list
- ❑ Customs Declaration form for US Firearms or Gun registration and Firearms license(Canada)
- ❑ Trophy Fees, tip money and emergency cash (US Cash - \$100 bills)

## **PERSONAL**

- ❑ Tooth Brush, Tooth Paste & Dental Floss
- ❑ Small (1-2 oz.) liquid soap (no-scent hair and body) (optional)
- ❑ Toilet Paper – 1 roll & Kleenex pocket packs or TP in a Ziploc (hiking)
- ❑ Lip balm w/SPF 10 minimum
- ❑ Small towel and wash clothe
- ❑ Deodorant (baking soda or no-scent type)
- ❑ Babywipes, Wet-Ones or Scent Shield Bath Towels
- ❑ Prescription medication (if required)
- ❑ Glasses or contacts (if required)
- ❑ Advil and/or aspirin and Vioxx
- ❑ Band-Aids, medical tape & antibiotic cream
- ❑ Athletes Foot/Jock Itch Cream
- ❑ Nail Clippers
- ❑ Sunblock – Important in snow and for fair skin
- ❑ Iodine Tablets – for Water purification
- ❑ Imodium AD tablets
- ❑ Specialty Medication – Diamox, Flagil, Antibiotics (Ciprol, Keflex &/or EES 400)

## **Optional**

- ❑ Video Camera w/extra battery
- ❑ Garmin GPS (E-Trex Summit, Vista or 76 S) w/extra batteries
- ❑ Suunto Brand Altimeter/compass watch
- ❑ Range Finder (Leica 800 or 1200 compact w/extra battery) – highly recommended
- ❑ Gaiters (OR Crocs or Pros, Gore-Tex)
- ❑ Disposable shaving razor
- ❑ Safety Blanket (Light wt. Foil type) – optional
- ❑ Black Bike brand kneepads – good for archery hunters
- ❑ MSR XGK Multifuel Stove with **New** fuel bottles (2, 22 oz) and stainless steel cookpot
- ❑ Extra bow limbs (Bowhunters)
- ❑ Leki Telescopic Trekking pole (recommended)
- ❑ Satellite Phone (handheld – Globalstar or Iridium w/ 2 batteries)
- ❑ Small notepad and pencil/pen
- ❑ Food – Jerky (sealed), granola/candy/power bars, trail mix & drink mix/juice crystals
- ❑ Water filter (compact type) – PUR brand is good.

## **PACKING TIPS**

- 1) For the commercial flight to the area, pack your unloaded rifle or bow in a lockable, hard plastic or metal case. Ammunition is to be packed separate. The ICC 36x16x4.5” aluminum case and duffel combination work well.
- 2) For the commercial flight, pack all of your gear into one checked, large duffel or a large, internal frame pack (40-50 lbs.) and one carry-on/daypack – 2,000-3,500 cubic inches (around 15-30 lbs. - containing essentials – 1 pair hunting boots (or wear them), camera, binos, phone, paperwork, ID, Jacket, etc.). You might want to bring a small, lightweight duffel for organizing things in camp. You’ll use your extra, large duffel for taking home trophy(s). The total weight of all equipment should be 70-85 pounds. If you’ll be bringing a backpack, put it inside your large duffel for protection.