

Dear pheasant hunters,

Thank you for your registration in our 2022 Pheasant Hunt! We are now less than a month away from the hunt, and we would like to provide you with information in regards to the hunt.

We still have plenty of open spots for more hunters, so if you know anyone who would like to attend the hunt this year, please let them know registration is still open. However, due to the nature of our hunt's limited availability, it would be prudent to register sooner rather than later.

We will meet for breakfast at the Olton Ag Pavilion (located just south of Hwy 70 near the intersection of 2nd Street and Avenue D) on Saturday morning, December 3rd beginning at 5:30 am. Registration will be held from 5:30 – 6:00 am. Upon your arrival at the door, you must have a valid Texas Hunting License with the Upland Game Bird Stamp Endorsement. Please purchase this before the hunt if you have not already. If you were born after September 2, 1971, you must also have proof that you have taken the Hunter Safety Course. **You will not be allowed to hunt without these items in your possession.** At approximately 6:30 am, we will discuss our safety rules as well as other business and at about 7:00 am we will assign your guide to your group and let you get to the fields. Sunday morning breakfast will be served from 6:00 am to 7:00 am at the same location. Lunch will be served, again at the same location, both days from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm.

We must remind you that any hunter who deliberately violates the game law by shooting hens will be asked to leave the hunt and not be allowed to participate in future hunts. Also, we need to remind you that there will be absolutely no quail shooting on this hunt. For safety purposes, we recommend that all hunters wear shooting glasses and we require some form of blaze orange or high visibility clothing on your upper torso or head. Every hunter will receive a cap that will meet this requirement. We will also have ear plugs and shooting glasses for sale on Saturday morning.

If you have never hunted with us before, you should know that our weather is extremely unpredictable. Most years it is very comfortable but could get extremely cold and/or wet, so please be prepared. Also, hunting dogs are welcome but must be under the control of the handler at all times. Dogs hunting out of control can ruin a hunt for others and will be kenneled. Please be respectful of your fellow hunters in this regard.

Our guides are all volunteers and are in charge of keeping order, making sure everyone is safe, and getting you to the proper fields. They would be honored to receive any gratuities or other expressions of your appreciation for their hard work.

We have a number of great raffle items confirmed this year, and we look forward to announcing them to you soon. **If you plan on contributing an item to our raffle and have not notified me and given me details about the item, please do so as soon as possible, so that we may have time to plan accordingly.**

Once again, we thank you for your contribution to our community. We hope to have a good crop of pheasants this year and excellent cover, so we should have a very successful hunt. Have a safe trip and we'll see you opening morning.

If you have any questions, please call the Chamber office, 806-285-2292 or send us an email at occa@oltonchamber.org.

Sincerely,

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