

Firearms and Weapons Policy

Participant safety is our highest priority. Our research expeditions take place in remote environments with limited visibility, uneven terrain, and group-based movement. To ensure a safe and controlled experience for all attendees, we maintain the following policy:

General Attendee Policy

Firearms, explosives, or weapons of any kind are **not permitted** for public participants attending any research expedition, outing, or event hosted by the Center For Wilderness Cryptid Studies.

This policy applies to:

- Handguns, rifles, and shotguns
- Airguns, BB guns, or pellet guns
- Knives exceeding standard utility use
- Any item carried with the intent to be used as a weapon

Authorized Personnel Exception

Only pre-approved and designated research personnel, authorized by CWCS, may carry specific equipment where deemed necessary for field safety. Authorization is limited, documented, and subject to internal safety protocols and applicable laws.

Compliance Requirement

All attendees must comply with this policy as a condition of participation. Individuals who arrive with prohibited items will be asked to:

- Secure the item in their vehicle **or**
- Leave the event without refund

Failure to comply may result in removal from the event and restriction from future participation.

Rationale

This policy exists to:

- Reduce the risk of accidental injury in group settings
- Maintain clear safety protocols in low-light or wilderness conditions
- Ensure compliance with insurance and liability requirements
- Promote a safe, welcoming environment for participants of all experience levels