



Annual Elk Hunt Plan

Season Planning Workbook — State Strategy | Logistics | Team Roles

Plan your elk season from tag strategy to in-field roles. Complete before your primary state application deadline. The hunters who plan the most thoroughly hunt the hardest.

HUNT YEAR & PARTY

Hunt Year / Season _____

Planned Start Date _____

Planned End Date _____

| HUNTER NAME | STATE / UNIT APPLYING | POINTS HELD | TAG TYPE | ROLE (CALLER / SHOOTER / BOTH) |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Hunter 1 | | | | |
| Hunter 2 | | | | |
| Hunter 3 | | | | |
| Hunter 4 | | | | |

STATE STRATEGY

Rank your states by priority. Define your draw plan and contingency for each.

PRIMARY STATE

State _____

Unit / Region _____

Points Held (party avg) _____

Draw Odds (%) _____

Tag Cost (approx.) _____

Application Deadline _____

If we DRAW — plan: _____

If we do NOT draw — plan: _____



BACKUP STATE

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|---------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|
| State | _____ | Unit / Region | _____ |
| Points Held (party avg) | _____ | Draw Odds (%) | _____ |
| Tag Cost (approx.) | _____ | Application Deadline | _____ |
| If we DRAW — plan: | | | |
| _____ | | | |
| If we do NOT draw — plan: | | | |
| _____ | | | |

THIRD OPTION

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|---------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|
| State | _____ | Unit / Region | _____ |
| Points Held (party avg) | _____ | Draw Odds (%) | _____ |
| Tag Cost (approx.) | _____ | Application Deadline | _____ |
| If we DRAW — plan: | | | |
| _____ | | | |
| If we do NOT draw — plan: | | | |
| _____ | | | |

CALLING & FIELD ROLES

Clarify roles before the season so there is zero confusion in the field.

| ROLE | ASSIGNED TO | NOTES |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Primary Caller | | |
| Primary Shooter (1st tag) | | |
| Primary Shooter (2nd tag) | | |
| Pack Out Lead | | |
| Camp Manager | | |
| Navigation / Mapping Lead | | |

GEAR & CAMP LOGISTICS



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| <p>Base Camp Location</p> <hr/> <p>Primary Pack (brand/model)</p> <hr/> <p>Shared group gear list status</p> <hr/> <p>Meat care plan (cooler / processor location)</p> <hr/> | <p>Camp Style (backpack / spike / roader)</p> <hr/> <p>Pack weight target (lbs)</p> <hr/> |
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PRE-SEASON PREPARATION CHECKLIST

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tags purchased / in hand ■ E-scouting completed (drainages mapped) ■ Shooting: 200+ arrows/week on track ■ Pack shaken out and tested on mountain ■ Calls purchased and practiced daily ■ Meat care supplies (bags, saw, knives) ■ Binoculars / rangefinder tested ■ Vehicle / trailer prepped ■ Tag regulations reviewed for each state | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Licenses purchased for all states ■ OnX / mapping updated with pins ■ Physical conditioning on track ■ Boots fully broken in ■ First aid / safety kit packed ■ Game bags acquired (4+ quality bags) ■ Satellite communicator charged and tested ■ Food / water plan finalized ■ Emergency contact plan in place |
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IN-SEASON DAILY PLAN

Define your daily hunting routine before you reach the mountains.

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| Wake time | In position by |
| <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Morning hunt focus | Midday plan |
| <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Afternoon hunt start | Evening hunt focus |
| <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Communication check-in time / method | |
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SEASON NOTES & DEBRIEF

Result (tagged out / close call / no contact)



Best moment of the hunt

Biggest lesson learned

What to do differently
next year
