

Alaska is one of the few locations in North America where man has not destroyed the natural beauty of the wilderness. A land where wildlife has roamed for thousands of years untouched and untamed. To help keep this beautiful, vast, wilderness pristine and enjoyable for future outdoorsman, please follow these simple rules. Also included are some other suggestions for a successful trip. Enjoy!

## **Moose Etiquette**

**All out of state residents are required to have an Alaska hunting license as well as a big game locking tag**

### ***“The Camp Site”***

1. Leave NO trash! If you decide to have a fire, please burn all trash. If there is any remaining trash, it MUST be packed out with the rest of your camp gear.
2. When nature calls, please do your “business” away from camp, as well as areas where others would need to walk. Example: (like getting to and from a boat or plane).
3. If temporary structures are made from wood or other natural objects, please disassemble before departing
4. Always make sure that each member of your group is equipped with the tools needed to return to camp should you get separated.

### ***“Bear”***

1. Keep a clean and scent free camp
2. Store food or meat away from camp as to not attract any unwanted visitors, especially at night

### ***“The Pick Up”***

1. BE READY! As a responsible hunter, it is your job to be prepared when it is time to move your meat out of the bush. This means having your meat transfer form completed. This transfer form is to be given to your pilot before they depart back to Bethel with your meat. You are required to complete and return your harvest either 15 days of taking the animal, or within 15 days of the close of the season. These can also be done online.
2. Have all your meat staged and ready for loading. There will be no time to pack out any meat once your pilot has landed.



**“Harvesting the Meat”**

1. It is your responsibility to know how to properly field dress and care for game meat.
2. You must make contact within 24 hours of harvesting a moose.
3. All the meat must be salvaged and brought out of the field.
4. If you shoot one in the water or if it runs into the water, you must retrieve the animal.
5. Always keep meat cool, clean, and dry. Remove the hide as quickly as possible and get the meat away from internal organs.
6. **Front Quarters and Hind Quarters MUST be left on the bone when salvaging prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>.**
7. **Remember to keep part of the sex of the animal attached to the animal. It must be attached to the quarter. If you cut it off, and throw it in the bag... this does not count.**
8. Back at camp, keep the meat off the ground to keep clean and cool. If possible make an “A” frame to hang the meat from. If that is not available, you will have to cut alders and crisscross them as to mimic a pallet so that air will flow through the meat. A tarp should be loosely placed over the game bags to keep rain off the meat. You should also rotate meat daily to ensure that all areas of the meat are getting dry and cool.
9. You must remove meat from all boats and rafts daily! It is almost impossible to dry and cool meat when stacked inside the raft.
10. Any meat that is left behind, damaged, or spoiled is solely the hunter’s responsibility, and it will be the hunter’s responsibility to deal with authorities if such a manner arises.
11. Antlers are the **LAST** thing to be taken out of the field.

\*We ask that even if you are donating meat, that you treat it as if you were taking it home yourself. What we “donate” for meat to the community reflects upon us who we are, and what we stand for.\*

**Papa Bear Adventures and Ptarmigan Air does not take the improper care of meat lightly. Our company strives to provide an outstanding experience for you, and we expect that you will represent us in the field accordingly. If for any reason we feel that you are not upholding your end of being a responsible hunter, appropriate action will be taken.**

We are extremely excited that you have been chosen to experience this opportunity in remote Alaska, and we hope you have a wonderful hunt!

**By signing this document, I fully understand my responsibilities as a big game hunter with Papa Bear Adventures and Ptarmigan Air. I am also agreeing that I have read and fully understand these rules and guidelines.**

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter 4: \_\_\_\_\_

