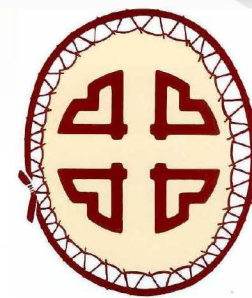


Always consider Safety First by listening to our Elders, parents and friends. They will have pointers for good safety practices, and passing on the message helps us all!

Unload shells from your gun before putting it back into your vehicle – consider safety lock devices.

Watch your children at play and teach them about the safety of guns and food – store your guns properly when at camp or at home.

Have a safe Goose Hunt!



Baash-chi-cho Eeyou Eenou

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Spring Hunting in Eeyou Istchee and Down South

Hunting in the Eeyou Istchee climate has its strengths – we can keep our kill as decoys all day, because the weather is regularly 10 to 15 degrees colder than down south. When hunting elsewhere, we have to consider the changes of temperature, because it impacts how long our food will last without needing to be cleaned or treated.



Things to consider when you're out hunting down south:

- Seek written permission from landowners/ farmer
- Have hunting permits ready
- Be ready for game wardens and police: go talk with them (preferably, 2 people would go together)
- Check weather conditions
- Bring a plucker(s) to clean your harvested geese and pluck as soon as you can: down and feathers keep the goose hot
- Gut your geese right away
- Find out from another hunter what to expect when hunting down south, to be prepared for avoidable problems
- Find ways to keep your harvested geese cold and frozen
- Use steel shotgun shells instead of lead shotgun shells
- Clean up your hunting area: bring back your garbage including empty shell casings

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that after a goose has been harvested, its intestines shouldn't be left ungutted longer than two hours? They contain germs that can harm you and your family if you don't properly take care of your harvest.

Let's teach both young and old about Firearms safety

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Let's teach both young and old about Eeyou Indoh—hohn

Safe handling of wildlife food is important: consider having a member of your family available to clean your kill within two hours of your hunt. For example, if you kill your goose in the morning, your family member can clean it at lunch. This method will preserve your intestines for consumption.



MY CHECK LIST:

- Permission letter from the farmer
- Licence to hunt
- Drivers license and status card for identification purposes
- First aid kit, in case you get hurt
- Medical card
- Your meds – you can't forget your meds!
- Steel shotgun shells;
- Cooler
- Plucker
- Freezer
- Generator
- Toiletries
- Garbage bags for picking up garbage
- Rubber gloves to protect your wounds from cross contamination
- Kitchen wear and easy simple foods like pasta, smoked goose or canned foods
- Cleaning products to disinfect your hands and protect you from diseases
- What are the regulations down south? Do they affect me? Be informed!