

## CLAYTON FARMS RULES AND REGULATIONS

It should be noted that Clayton Farms was designed to be an “all around” outdoors recreation facility. We have a paradise where a man can pay one affordable price and be able to fish, as well as hunt most all species native to Louisiana. However, a prospective permit holder needs to take into consideration that the primary “crop” on Clayton Farms is waterfowl, with deer hunting and fishing as an extra advantage. While there are a good number of trophy deer hunting stands, a time may come when all those stands are occupied on a particular morning. We have taken steps to assure this seldom happens, but we want you to know that it is possible with the deer hunting only. If you are primarily a deer hunter and are not willing to duck hunt or fish on those particular mornings, please pay close attention to the deer hunting section in this rule book and use good judgment before purchasing a permit.

Blinds & Pits: 32 with approximately four (4) to be built at Boggy Bayou  
Deer Stands: 45

### Permit Issuing Property

Clayton Farms is a permit issuing property. This means that we have already determined the rules and regulations and permit holders will not have a voting voice in the rules. You're cost of a permit will earn you a permit to hunt, fish, and lodge on Clayton Farms for one price. Permit holders (PH) that pay their dues are agreeing that they have read and understood this rule book, and agree to abide by these rules within it. Failure to do so will result in a revocation of their permit **WITHOUT** a refund of dues.

Permit Holder ('s) = PH

### I. Dues

Permit costs:	Regular Price (Prior to July 1 <sup>st</sup> ):	\$3,500
	Regular Price (After July 1 <sup>st</sup> ):	<u>\$4,500</u>
	<b>Total Savings for early sign up:</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

Permit cost includes PH and one (1) guest. PH must be 21 years of age or older.

### II. Lodging

#### A. Camp House

- a. The camp house is for PH and their guests to use, at no extra expense, for overnight accommodations.
- b. PH will be supplied with an adequate number of bunks, but **no “assigned bunks” will be allowed.**
- c. The camp house will not be run like a hotel. Food, towels, room service, toiletries, nor any other amenities will be provided. It will be up to each PH to bring the necessary items needed for overnight stays. It will also be up to the PH to clean up after themselves AND their guests. No food shall be left behind. All garbage shall be taken FROM THE PROPERTY and properly disposed of upon the time of departure by the PH and his party. For the duration of the stay, the PH will be required to keep the camp and his gear in neat order. A PH is not to bring so much gear as to interfere with the comfort of another PH. Personal items must not be left at lodge. CFHC will not be held responsible for member's or guests' belongings.
- d. If a PH brings food or other belongings he is more than welcome to share with any other PH or guest but will not be made to feel required to do so in any way.
- e. No PH will make repairs or spend any money on “camp owned” items that he expects reimbursement on without prior consent from Clayton Farms.
- f. PH and guests will park in the designated areas and keep their vehicles off of the camp house yard.
- g. Any destruction of the camp house, contents of the camp house, or the yard by a PH or their guest will be charged to that PH. That payment must be made before the PH can return to any of the Clayton Farms property.
- h. All lights and electrical items will be turned off by the last PH to leave the camp house when their stay is over, and all doors and windows locked.
- i. No muddy boots, waders, or shoes will be worn past the porch.
- j. No dogs inside the camp house.

- k. No unnecessary gear will be brought into the camp house. (example- rods, tackle boxes, etc...)  
Those items should be left in the PH vehicle or on the porch whenever possible.
- l. Clayton Farms is not responsible for security. Clayton Farms is not responsible for items left at the camp house or on the property being stolen or vandalized.
- m. The upper portion of the camp house is reserved for bunks and sleep. The peace of other PH and their guests will be respected at all times, but especially in this area.
- n. No guns or ammo allowed in the lodge.

### III. Duck Hunting

#### A. Blind Selection

- a. Duck blinds will NOT be permanently assigned.
- b. There will be a sign in board on the front porch of the camp house that will have all of the blinds listed by number. It is up to the PH to know where each numbered blind is located on the property.
- c. At 5:00AM each morning, all parties interested in duck hunting that day, must be represented at the sign in board by a PH. Guests will not be allowed to draw for duck blinds, as they must hunt with their respective PH. Each PH will draw a number from one (1) through however many PH are participating. The PH that draws the number one (1) gets to choose his blind first. The PH that chooses the number two (2) gets to choose second, and so forth until all PH have a chance to choose a blind in their order.
- d. PH that intend to hunt together are allowed to both draw in hopes of a better chance for their desired blind. This is to be expected.
- e. Each blind will be allotted a predetermined number of hunters allowed for safety reasons. This will NOT be exceeded for any reason.
- f. When a PH is finished with his hunt, he will **IMMEDIATLEY** return to the camp house and remove his marker from the sign in board. He will not even so much as stop at a store prior to doing so. This will be done as a courtesy to other hunters and the explanation is in paragraph l of this section. This rule will be followed without exception. PH must also clean blind or pit before leaving.
- g. In the event that a PH is not present at the 5:00 am sign in (overslept, arrived late, etc...), he will be allowed to choose from what is left over.
- h. No PH may choose a blind and then not hunt that blind. Blind must be occupied 15 minutes prior to legal shooting hours.
- i. A PH may decide to move into an unoccupied blind that was not picked during the draw, or that was hunted and then abandoned by another PH. In order to do so, the PH must go back to the sign in board at the camp house, remove his marker from the blind he had previously chosen, and place it on the board in relation to the blind he wishes to move to (if it has not already been taken, and if he is not met with any opposition from other members **PRESENT AT THE SIGN IN BOARD AT THAT TIME** who also wish to move to that blind). In that case, a new drawing must take place for that blind by those PRESENT at THAT time. Once that blind has been properly reissued to a new PH, it will belong to that PH until he decides to abandon it, or 1:00PM, whichever comes first. Leaving someone to "save" the blind is not acceptable. The switch may only be made at the sign in board at the camp and that blind will still be issued to the original PH that drew it that morning until his marker is removed and claimed by another.

**VERY IMPORTANT: VIOLATION OF ANY CLAYTON FARMS HUNTING CLUB RULES WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE PERMIT REVOCATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:**

1. **MUST CALL METRO COMMUNICATIONS AT (800) XXX-XXXX BEFORE ARRIVING AT ANY CLAYTON HUNTING CLUB PROPERTY.**
2. **MUST IMMEDIATELY CALL METRO COMMUNICATIONS AT (800) XXX-XXXX UPON DEPARTURE OF ANY CLAYTON HUNTING CLUB PROPERTY.**
3. **MUST IDENTIFY HUNTING SPOT ON BOARD AT MAIN LODGE DAILY.**

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## **B. Game Laws**

- a. **ALL** Louisiana State laws and Federal game laws and regulations will be followed at all times.  
**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## **C. Blinds**

- a. Blinds will be kept free of shell hulls, trash, and the personal belongings of other members.  
**Period!**
- b. No PH will be allowed to brush a blind in a manner that will flare ducks, or will be intrusive for other hunters. If this problem arises, the decision on “what flares ducks” will be made by CFHC members. The PH that has brushed the blind in that manner will be responsible for restoring it to the way it was immediately.
- c. While there are 4 blinds on Fletcher’s Lake, freelance hunting of the lake from a boat blind is permitted. However, no PH shall hunt from a boat or the bank within an unreasonable distance from any of the 4 stationary blinds that are occupied. The PH occupying the stationary blind will have the power of decision as to what is an unreasonable distance, not to exceed 300 yards.
- d. Decoys will be provided by CFHC.

## **D. ATV Use**

- a. ATV’s will be parked in a manner that is not intrusive to the hunting of any other PH.
- b. There will be no joy riding on the property during hunting season at all. An observation area will be designated for afternoon scouting with binoculars.
- c. A PH shall not make ingress and egress to and from the property an unnecessary amount of times within the hunt. No activities that disrupt the hunts of other PH will be tolerated.
- d. ATV’s not allowed past parking areas of any property.

## **E. General Rules**

- a. Decoys will be picked up after each hunt, except for the fields with the permanent spreads.
- b. No water control structures, levees, pumps, or valves of any kind will be tampered with, adjusted, or moved in any way by any PH. **PERIOD!** This is certain to be met with immediate revocation of a permit.
- c. No farm equipment or structures not included in PH benefits shall be touched or tampered with. These structures shall be considered off limits to PH.
- d. No PH may leave his blind during a hunt in order to hunt a “makeshift” blind somewhere else on the property if it encroaches upon another hunting party in any way at all. No structures will be built or left standing in lieu of a makeshift blind. The hunter that made it must remove all material, including natural brush, from that area immediately prior to the end of the hunt.

## **IV. Goose Hunting**

### **A. Rice Fields**

- a. The rice fields will also be open to goose hunters.
- b. To goose hunt a section of the rice fields, a PH must draw that section while the 5:00AM sign in board drawing is taking place.
- c. The same rules that apply to the drawing for duck hunting will apply here.
- d. There will not be a separate goose hunting drawing held. A PH must decide what he will hunt, geese or ducks, when he picks his blinds or pit. That decision will be left of to him. He may hunt either.
- e. No goose hunting will be permitted after 1:00 PM.

## **V. Dove Hunting**

### **A. All General Hunting Rules Apply**

- a. All state, federal, and local laws will be followed.
- b. All ATV rules, as they are detailed in the duck hunting laws, apply.

## **B. Stand Selection on Organized Hunts**

- a. On an organized hunt, (usually on an opening day of a split), predetermined stand locations will be marked on a map at the sign in board at the field. Those stands will also be marked in the field.
- b. Each PH will be allowed to draw for a stand and the process will unfold just as described for duck hunting. However, for organized dove hunts only, when a PH chooses his stand, he will also, at that time, make a choice for his guests' stands as well.
- c. Stand selection will be made at 11:00 am on the day of the organized hunt.
- d. Latecomers that did not participate in the drawing, may enter the field and take a leftover or abandoned stand.
- e. A chosen stand must be occupied by 3:00pm or it will be considered open (a blind bag or leaning gun does not constitute an occupied blind. It must be occupied in the literal sense).
- f. Since guests will be allowed to hunt in their own stand, they must check with their respective PH before they will be allowed to move to another stand other than the one they have been assigned.
- g. Once a limit of doves has been reached, that PH or guest will be asked to give up his / her stand to another shooter. That PH or guest can relinquish his stand to whom he chooses.

## **C. Non-Organized Dove Hunting**

- a. A non-organized dove hunt is permitted on any morning or evening that the season is open except during duck season, at which time, dove hunting is not permitted at all after 1:00 PM.
- b. Stand selection in these instances should not be an issue and will be left up to the PH participating.

## **VI. Deer Hunting**

### **A. Box Stands**

- a. 3 bucks per membership. Doe must be killed before taking 2nd buck. One buck only per membership can be harvested on Hwy 65 CRP.
- b. The stands will be drawn for in the same manner as the duck blinds are drawn for each morning. Each morning, all PH that wish to participate in deer hunting shall meet at the sign in board and draw a number. The PH that draws the number one (1) will choose his stand first. The member that draws the number two (2) will choose second and so forth until all PH have had a chance to draw or until the stands are full.
- c. A stand that has been drawn by a PH belongs to that PH until 12:00pm. At which time, that PH must vacate the stand for the evening drawing held at 1:30 PM.
- d. At 1:30 PM, there will be another drawing for these same stands, to be held in the same fashion as the morning drawing. Note- If a PH or guest has hunted a stand in the morning, and there are more hunters than there are stands for the evening drawing, that hunter will not be eligible for the evening hunt. He can draw again the next morning. If there are enough stands to support the hunters that wish to participate in the evening drawing, a PH or guest that has hunted that morning is welcome to draw again that evening.
- e. A deer hunter guest is allowed to hunt a deer stand alone if he / she is fifteen (15) years old or older.
- f. PH must accompany guest while on property. The PH is responsible for the actions of that guest. The PH will be responsible for the guest's transportation to the stand if the guest has none. It will not be expected that another PH will supply transportation to that guest unless he wishes to do so. **Paragraphs e and f apply to this guest being eligible to deer hunt.**
- g. There will be an eight (8) point or better rule on Clayton Farms. Any PH or guest that shoots a nonqualified deer will be subject to a \$500 fine. If the non-qualified deer was harvested by guest, the fine will be imposed upon the PH that brought the guest and it shall be paid prior to that PH and or guest returning to the property.

- h. In the event of a kill, the deer hunter may retrieve his kill if the deer falls within his area and is visible to the hunter. If the deer is not visible, or runs off and requires tracking, that hunter must wait until the 12:00Pm cut off to track on morning hunts, or until after legal shooting hours in an evening hunt. In the event that a deer is unable to be found in the time between the morning and evening hunts, hunting that evening will be suspended until the deer is found or the party abandons its' pursuit. A valiant effort to find the deer will be made.

## **VII. Fishing**

### **A. Trophy Pond**

- a. No motors, other than electric trolling motors are permitted.
- b. No boats longer than 16ft are allowed.
- c. There is no launch into the pond, so a boat that can be lifted and slid into the pond is required. No trailer launching.
- d. No bass over 14" may be taken from the pond. A PH may keep only three (8) bass under 14" per day.
- e. Slot limit. Weight: bass between 3 and 7 pounds should be immediately released.
- f. Other species of fish in this lake will be regulated by Louisiana state law and are not subject to specific club rules at this time.
- g. No littering on this property will be tolerated at all! The pond, and the surrounding banks, should look just as it did when the member arrived; if not better.

### **B. Fletcher's Lake**

- a. All state, federal, and local laws apply.
- b. Fishing this lake will NOT be allowed during duck season after 1:00PM. It is permitted in the mornings during duck season but will not interfere with duck hunting in any way. If a problem arises between a duck hunter and a fishing party, the fishing party must vacate the area immediately, even if it requires leaving the lake to solve the problem. On the other hand, no duck hunting PH shall unnecessarily force a fishing PH to leave an area. If the term "unnecessarily" can not be agreed upon, the fishing party will leave the area for the time being, and the matter will be resolved by Clayton Farms. If it is determined that the duck hunting PH forced the fishing PH from the area in question for an "unnecessary" reason, the duck hunting PH will be subject to a fine.
- c. Access to this lake will be permitted by towing in a boat that is on a trailer by ATV only.
- d. Gasoline powered boats are allowed.

## **VIII. Ethics**

### **A. Common Sense Laws**

**NOTE**-Clayton Farms has a set rule book that covers most of the situations that may occur. However, we can not possibly cover everything. Therefore, we are strictly governed also by common sense. While we know that this quality is not possessed by all, we diligently seek PH's that have it. The following are examples that should give you an idea of the kind of PH we seek.

- a. No alcohol is permitted while any activity is taking place that involves firearms or operation of ATV's or boats on Clayton Farms.
- b. No loaded weapons inside the camp house at any time.
- c. No loaded weapons should be left unattended anywhere on Clayton Farms.
- d. Safe shooting, in a safe direction will be strictly enforced.
- e. There will be times when the company at the camp is mixed, to include children. While we want you to enjoy yourself, and we do not intend for you to completely change your way of life, we ask that you take into consideration who is in the room before you speak or act. On the flip side of this, PH that decide to bring their children or spouse; remember that you are in a hunting camp and you will, on occasion, have to rely on the good graces of other people when it comes to discretion.
- f. All PH will treat other PH and their guests with respect and consideration at all times.
- g. Each PH will be expected and required to clean up after themselves and their guest. This not only includes after their stay, but while they are present on the Farm at all times.

- h. While we encourage a family oriented facility, we expect each PH to be responsible for the actions of any children they bring with them. PH are to keep them supervised at all times and see to it that, while they enjoy themselves, they do not interfere with the enjoyment of any other PH or their guest (Parents: keep in mind that what you have grown to tolerate from your child may still cause others, who are not accustomed to it, to not be able to enjoy their stay at the farm. Please make your children mind).
- i. PH's will bring their own toiletries, food, towels, condiments, or any other necessary items needed for a stay at the camp. If you would like to use something that you did not bring, please get permission from that PH first.

## **B. Dogs**

- a. This will be a club where dogs will be common. PH will recognize that while it is imperative to have dogs on the property, they WILL control their dogs at all times.
- b. No dogs are allowed inside the camp house at any time for any reason.
- c. PH will be required to bring a travel kennel, at the least, to keep their dogs secure when needed.
- d. Dogs will be kept in these kennels at night either on the porch or in the PH vehicle.
- e. If your dog barks incessantly at night, you will need a bark collar, or some other means of quieting the dog for the peace of others.
- f. No dog will be allowed to behave in such a manner as to disrupt another PH hunt or stay at the farm.
- g. If your dog causes damage to the property, you will be responsible for restitution to Clayton Farms, to be paid prior to revisiting the property.
- h. Your dog's mess is your responsibility. This includes your guest's dog.

## **C. Access to the Property**

- a. There will be portions of the Farm that are off limits to vehicles. The "cut-off" line will be posted with signs. These signs will be obeyed.
- b. Portions of the property are behind a locked gate. Some will remain open throughout the season. Some we wish to keep locked. All PH will be issued a combination to access the property and structures that apply to them. We request that if you unlock a gate, you lock it behind you even while you are there, but especially when you leave.

## **D. Cleaning Game**

- a. All game will be cleaned and the meat cared for properly. No wanton waste.
- b. All waste products and carcasses shall be disposed of in designated areas immediately. No carcasses or waste products from cleaning game or fish shall be stored on the property or in the back of PH vehicles until "later".
- c. There will be designated areas for cleaning fish, fowl, and deer. No other areas will be acceptable.

## **IX. Guests – One (1) guest per Permit Holder**

- A.** "A guest" is someone other than a PH. Includes spouse, children, or other.

## **B. Responsibilities of the Permit Holder**

- a. A PH that brings a guest, spouse, or dependent child to Clayton Farms is totally responsible for any actions taken by those he has decided to bring.
- b. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Any PH bringing a guest shall go over this rule book with that guest prior to the guest arriving at Clayton Farms. It is understood that when a PH pays his dues, he is agreeing to be responsible for going over these rules with his guests as described above, as well as taking full responsibility for their actions.

**ALL LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF CLAYTON FARMS HUNTING CLUB  
ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE AT ANY TIME.**

By signing this agreement, it will be understood that I have read the entire document and understand all of the contents and rules. I furthermore understand that by signing this, I agree to abide by these rules, explain them to my guests, and will be held responsible for their actions as well.

I also understand that failure to comply with any of the rules herein will result in the revocation of my permit without a refund of any kind.

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