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# Texas Waterfowl Outfitters' guides dominate area

Texas Waterfowl Outfitters' other competitors combined, guides have dominated all local duck and goose calling contests, winning more trophies than all other competitors combined. They are knowledgeable and

mature, with an average age of 35, and an average of 13.4 years of waterfowl guiding experience. These guides use state of the art equipment and keep up-to-date on the most productive methods for bagging waterfowl.

Our properties are equally impressive. We are the only outfitter to cover a seven-county area encompassing Katy, Eagle Lake, El Campo and Bay City prairies.

By utilizing intensive waterfowl management techniques, prescouting fields and controlling hunting pressure on our 40,000 acres of private land that you will hunt, we provide our clients with some of the best waterfowl hunting that Texas has to offer.

Our hunting lodge, "Hacienda de los Gansos", is located 75 miles

southwest of Houston near El Campo, Texas, nestled between several roost ponds.

It is not uncommon to be serenaded by the sounds of 10,000 to 15,000 geese traveling between roost ponds during the middle of the night.

Hacienda de los Gansos consists of a 2,100 square foot lodge which features a rock fireplace, television and telephone, and separate sleeping quarters that are individually heated and air-conditioned with bathroom facilities.

Each room will comfortably sleep four to eight people. The lodge also features game processing facilities and covered outdoor kennels.

Complete packages include a guided morning duck, goose or

sandhill crane hunt and lodging along with home-cooked breakfast and dinner. Afternoon Bay Duck hunting can also be arranged from our lodge.

Our business is based on our commitment to provide our clients with a hunt of a lifetime and our large percentage of repeat business reflects this fact.

So whether you choose the fast-action wing shooting of an early season blue-winged Teal hunt or the more relaxed version of a "Texas Rag Spread" goose hunt, our guides will assist you in bagging the greatest number of birds allowed by law.

For more details, see our web site at [www.texaswaterfowl.com](http://www.texaswaterfowl.com).

For bookings, contact our office at 1-800-899-2650.



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## 'Gun Safe' education message important

Texas hunters: What's the first thing you do when you get home from a long day's hunt?

Hint: Don't forget to unload and lock up your guns.

With Texas' various fall hunting seasons either already under way or approaching opening day, hunters are moving gear in and out of their homes with increasing frequency.

This means some Texas children may have greater access to sporting firearms, which could lead to tragic accidents.

"Gun Safe" and its secure storage standards are approved by Texas Parks & Wildlife, a member of the Texas Firearm Safety Coalition. Gun Safe is a program coordinated by the Texas Nurses Foundation for the children of Texas.

The Texas Firearm Safety Coalition is a broad-based, nonparti-

san group representing both Texas gun owners and citizens who don't own any guns. The coalition established a public education project called Gun Safe to help support Texas House Bill 44, passed in a recent legislative session.

The bill amended the Texas Penal Code to create an offense for negligently allowing access by a child to a loaded firearm and also amended the educational code to authorize school districts to participate in firearm safety programs.

### Key Gun Safe tips:

1. Secure guns in a safe container.
2. Your storage container should be secured with a combination or key lock.
3. Only adults should lock up guns.
4. Use locks that are designed for the type of container in which your guns are stored.
5. Only adults should have access to lock keys and combinations.

## Know your deer

### White-Tailed

A small deer with short ears. The tail is fairly long, broad basally and white underneath. In summer the upper parts are reddish brown, but winter turns them bright grayish fawn sprinkled with

black. The face and tail usually lack blackish markings.

The underparts are white. The metatarsal gland is small and circular. All major points of the antlers come off the main beam and females are normally antlerless.

### Mule

A moderately large deer with large ears. The tail usually has a black tip and white basal portion. The upper parts in winter are cinnamon buff overspread with blackish color, but more reddish in summer. The brow patch is whitish and the ears are grayish on the outside and whitish inside. The underparts are white.

The metatarsal gland is three to five inches long, narrow, and is positioned above the midpoint of the shank. The antlers are typically divided into branches and restricted almost entirely to males.

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•Be a safe hunter. Always use caution when handling firearms around camp and in the woods and fields.

•Alcohol is not a remedy for the cold. Alcohol lowers the core body temperature. Plus, alcohol and firearms are a dangerous combination.

•Consider using a portable radiant gas heater. Use the heater in open areas in a tree stand or duck blind, under a fly, or with some model, to cook on.

Since these heaters are fired by liquid propane gas (LP), make sure to only use them outside, in open, ventilated spaces. Inside you could place hunters and campers at high risk for carbon monoxide poisoning.

•Be aware of the signs of carbon monoxide poisoning. Some hunters have used gas-fired products inside enclosures to cook and sleep and have suffered from carbon monoxide poisoning. Do not use the devices in a tent, truck, camper, RV or other enclosure.

Never sleep in any enclosure with a operating portable radiant gas heater. Carbon monoxide poisoning can be fatal.

### Signs of carbon monoxide poisoning include:

- Headache, dizziness and drowsiness.
- Nausea, vomiting, extreme sleepiness.
- Heart flutter, shortness of breath.

### Action to take:

- Get the victim to fresh air.
- If the victim isn't breathing give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.
- Get medical help.

For more information about safe camping, a Camp Safe, Camp Warm brochure is available from the Portable Radiant Heater Safety News Bureau, P.O. Box 45002-0002, Cleveland, OH 44145, or call toll-free 1-888-CAMPTR (226-7487).

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