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United Bowhunters of New Jersey Deer Management Proposal Township of Princeton, New Jersey September 17, 2013

Deer Management Overview

The United Bowhunters of New Jersey ("UBNJ") respectfully submits this proposal to conduct a Deer Management Program in Princeton Township, New Jersey. The UBNJ is and continues to be recognized statewide for its successful efforts in conducting Deer Management Programs for dozens of organizations and municipalities. The UBNJ has proven that it and its members can conduct safe, efficient, economical and quiet Deer Management solutions using archery equipment. The Deer Management Program implemented by the UBNJ is one of the first such programs in America. The UBNJ has been contacted by many states and providences in North America for the purpose of running and administering Deer Management solutions.

The UBNJ proposes to conduct its Deer Management Program on the Princeton Township properties as listed in the attached Schedule "A". The following list is an overview of the Deer Management solutions that will be implemented in Princeton Township, New Jersey:

1. The program hunters will be limited to UBNJ members who are in good standing with the organization.
2. The UBNJ will subject all hunt participants to an archery proficiency test.
3. All hunt participants will be subjected to an extensive safety orientation.
4. All hunt participants and their actions are governed by 30 rules and regulations in addition to any rules the township deems necessary. A copy of the Princeton Township Proposed Deer Management Program Rules and Regulations is attached as Schedule "B".
5. All hunt participants are thoroughly checked for Fish and Wildlife violations.
6. All hunt participants will be subject to a criminal background check by local authorities.
7. The UBNJ will provide Princeton Township and its police department with a roster of hunters complete with hunter vehicle identification information.
8. The UBNJ will provide a Hunt Manager and Hunt Monitors to enforce all rules and regulations.
9. The UBNJ will implement a Deer Management Program, not a Trophy Hunt, therefore the taking of antlerless deer must be completed before a hunter can take a buck.
10. The UBNJ will provide harvest data to the township to evaluate success.

11. The UBNJ will provide manpower for any land posting or general property stewardship.
12. The UBNJ will arrange for deer to be processed by a butcher and donated to a Homeless Shelter or Food bank (This is the only item for which a cost will be assessed to Princeton Township).
13. Should Princeton Township opt out of using a deer processor, deer will be taken and processed by the individual hunter or donated to local game dinners.
14. If requested, the UBNJ will provide references from other municipalities and entities.
15. The UBNJ will provide 24/7 contact numbers of program administrators to address any concerns of Princeton Township officials.
16. The UBNJ carries a \$5M liability insurance policy for all Deer Management Programs

In summation, the UBNJ is proposing to conduct a Deer Management Program, free of cost to Princeton Township. This Deer Management Program has been conducted in dozens of situations and has a 20+ year accident free record. The Princeton Township deer herd, due to the exemplary efforts of township officials, is now at a level that can be successfully and safely maintained using recreational archery hunting techniques. The implementation of a UBNJ Deer Management Program in Princeton Township can and will efficiently maintain the deer herd in the township. In this time of cost-cutting, particularly at the municipal level, the implementation of the UBNJ's Deer Management program is a practical and economical solution.

Thank You,



Jack Spoto
UBNJ Hunt Manager



SCHEDULE "A"

Schedule "A"
Property List-Princeton, NJ

UNITED BOWHUNTERS OF NEW JERSEY DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

TOWNSHIP/COUNTY LANDS

Mercer County, Herrontown Park
Woodfield Tract
Puritan Tract
Rosedale-Green Acres Tract
Quaker Tract
Autumn Hill Park
Fieldwood Tract
Gulick Tract
Princeton SOC Tract

SCHEDULE "B"

Schedule "B"

United Bowhunters of New Jersey

Host Owner/Township of Princeton,
County of Mercer,

Deer Management Program Rules, Regulations & Procedures

All State & local laws and regulations pertaining to hunting and parks apply, including any additional season limitations, dates and bag limits, set forth by the Host Owner, Township, County, State or UBNJ. In addition, the following special rules, regulations & procedures apply as a minimum for all hunts:

1. All applicant hunters must be current **individual** UBNJ members in good standing thus being covered by UBNJ insurance for a minimum of one million dollars of general liability only while on approved hunt properties at approved times for approved activities. (preparation, set-up, scouting & hunting)
2. No hunt will commence without the hunt manager being in possession of an annual signed UBNJ selected members only **hunt authorization permission letter** or contract issued by the host officials. (original to UBNJ Hunt Chairman) The selected UBNJ hunters are not permitted to have any **non-selected person(s)** with them on the hunt properties for any purpose.
3. All applicants must be **18** years of age and possess an applicable valid **hunting and driver's license**. All applicants will be required to possess a valid **NJ Firearms ID card**. Applicants may apply for an unlimited number of hunts yearly but will be chosen to participate in no more than **two** per year. All hunters must submit new applications each year. UBNJ general application and hunt set up period is **January to June**, however applications will be accepted at any time. July, August and September are the targeted months for the safety / orientation and proficiency tests.
4. Applicants will be selected by **lottery** style drawing if applications exceed hunt quotas prior to individual hunt deadlines, established by hunt managers and the host officials. Applicants will be selected in the order in which they were received if under quotas or as deadlines expire. **Preference** to Twp. / County residents, successful program hunters and those designated by host officials may occur for a period of no longer than **three** consecutive years before hunter is placed back into the general application process. **Non-selected** applications will be maintained in a **yearly reserve / waiting file** in the order in which they were received. These applications will be used to fill openings during the hunt year and may be given preference for future selection.

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5. All successful applicants must attend and pass a UBNJ **safety / orientation and proficiency test** prior to hunting. (3 out of 4 arrows in 9" circle at 20 yards) (3 out of 4 slugs and or muzzle loading rifle bullets in 9" circle at 50 yards) The proficiency test certification is specific to the weapon used during the test. Consecutive year hunters need not test again unless directed by a hunt manager due to a change in weapons or physical abilities. The safety / orientation will be attended every year by all participants.
6. Selected hunters will be **evaluated** during each years hunt by the Div. Of Fish and Wildlife, UBNJ and host officials regarding participation and discipline in and out of the program. During the hunt year, additions, adjustments or replacements will be made as necessary and filled from the specific hunt reserve / waiting files.
7. **Vehicle ID** passes will be issued consisting of a 3 x 5 card (or similar) with UBNJ Logo, UBNJ member # and season dates only. The hunter will display the card on their vehicle dashboard while hunting. The UBNJ # on the vehicle ID can be checked against the hunter roster prepared by the hunt manager. The **hunter roster** will contain only UBNJ #, hunting license #, hunter full name, address, contact phone numbers, vehicle plate #'s / description and primary zone / property assignment. * All other hunter ID information is confidential to UBNJ hunt administration, host officials and ID / background check officials if required for a specific purpose. Roster is given to hunt officials, UBNJ Hunt chairman and hunters for patrol & contact info. All other hunt documents are maintained by hunt manager and stored. Vehicle changes are made through hunt manager prior to use. Parking areas and sign in and out procedures may be used if feasible for specific hunts.
8. Hunting is restricted to the portions of the properties designated as open to deer hunting and site-specific non-transferable areas or zones may be assigned. Unless otherwise specified, **switching** of zones or specific stand sites, is authorized in all hunts between two consenting hunters or if an area is shown to be lacking the assigned hunters presence for an extended period of time. The hunters will work together and contact each other for switching to meet the deer harvest goals of the property. All conflicts with switching areas will be handled by the hunt manager and or UBNJ chairman / President and may result in expulsion.
9. **One** antlerless deer must be taken from applicable hunt property prior to the taking of each antlered deer whether Div. F&W Earn a Buck exists or not. Once a buck is taken another antlerless deer is required. (Bank A Doe will Apply) UBNJ promotes and directs hunters to practice **QDM** by harvesting **antlerless deer** at every opportunity possible and mature bucks only while hunting the program properties. Hunters found purposely not harvesting antlerless deer will be removed from the program and replaced.

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10. Deer harvested must be **checked in** at a State check station determined by UBNJ and the NJ Div. Of Fish and Wildlife for this program and will be **reported** with State check station steel tag number to the designated hunt manager. The hunt manager will provide the hunt chairman and host officials with an **annual report** documenting the harvest statistics and facts regarding the hunt.
11. Hunting may begin one half hour before **sunrise** and ends one half hour after **sunset** as required by the State.
12. Only **deer** may be hunted; any other hunting is strictly prohibited unless otherwise authorized by UBNJ Hunt Chairman or President.
13. Only **portable stands** that do not harm trees will be permitted with each hunter only setting up 2 stands per property area/zone and removing them within 14 days of the hunters' completion or the season end. Screw in, removable steps are permitted. No permanent items or stands permitted. Minimal pruning of branches permitted unless otherwise directed for specific properties.
14. All hunting will be conducted from 12' minimum **elevated portable deer stands** at least 25 yards away from a utilized property trail or road. No ground or stalk hunting.
15. All elevated deer stands will have the hunter's **UBNJ member #** inscribed or written upon it. The numbers must be legible from the ground.
16. Hunters must use a **safety harness** commercially made for tree stand hunting.
17. No arrow will be nocked or firearm loaded until the hunter is **in position** on his or her elevated deer stand.
18. **Firearm** hunting and deer drives are prohibited unless otherwise directed for specific hunt missions.
19. If a **firearm** hunt is **authorized** by the UBNJ Deer Management Chairman or UBNJ President, it will be conducted with shotgun slug or muzzle loading rifle bullets only and will follow the same UBNJ hunt rules and regulations.
20. All hunters will have in their **possession** a UBNJ member card & Photo drivers license or **ID** as well as their required hunting licenses and permits.
21. The use or possession of **alcoholic beverages** or body/mind altering **substances** before or while on the hunt properties is prohibited. **Smoking** is prohibited on the hunt properties.
22. The release of any nocked arrow or firearm discharge, other than in the act of hunting, is prohibited. No **target practice** on hunt properties.

Contributions, gifts, and membership dues made to the United Bowhunters of New Jersey, A New Jersey Non Profit Corporation are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax Purposes

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23. **All State & local laws, rules and regulations pertaining to crimes, hunting and parks apply.**
24. **All current NJ Div. Of Fish & Wildlife laws, rules & regulations, season dates, licenses, permits and bag limits apply**
25. **Any applicant who is prohibited by law or court order from possessing a firearm, bow or weapon, who has been convicted of a felony or indictable crime or who within three years of the date of application has violated either the NJ Fish and Game Code or any local regulation pertaining to parks or to hunting will not be eligible for this hunt.**
26. **The applicable Private Host Owner, Township, County, State government and UBNJ have the authority to stop the hunt at any given time.**
27. **Applicant agrees to abide by any additional rules, regulations, conditions, procedures or restraints set forth by the UBNJ, applicable Private Host, Municipality, County and State government.**
28. **In addition to Private, Municipal, County and State law enforcement officials, UBNJ full time Council members will be utilized as hunt monitors to ensure safety and adherence to rules and regulations. Council hunt monitors must attend and help run the specific hunt orientation and proficiency test to be eligible to monitor and hunt.**
29. **UBNJ full time Council members will be used in conjunction with and in addition to selected hunters on all program properties to accomplish deer management harvest goals. Council members will not count toward the hunter quotas for said properties. Council monitors will be assigned hunt areas/zones and follow switching zone rules.**
30. **Violation of any special rules, regulations, conditions, procedures or any applicable State law or local regulation will result in the immediate loss of hunting and access privileges on all UBNJ Deer Management Hunt properties present or future and will also subject the hunter to applicable law penalties.**

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RULES, REGULATIONS & PROCEDURES CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I _____ [please print name] certify that I have read, fully understand and agree to abide by the above 30 numbered groups of UBNJ Deer Management Hunt Rules, Regulations & Procedures as well as all State & local laws.

* [signed original kept by UBNJ, copy of rules give to hunters for future reference]

[Signature & Date]

United Bowhunters of New Jersey

Host Owner/Township of Princeton,
County of Mercer,
State of New Jersey

RELEASE OR COVENANT NOT TO SUE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT:

In consideration of the privilege of access to the **Princeton Township Parks**, located in the Township of Princeton, County of Mercer and the State of New Jersey for the purpose of deer hunting as applicable and as a condition to the issuance of permission or permit to participate in this Deer Management Hunt, therefore I the undersigned do hereby release and agree to forever hold harmless **Princeton Township**, The United Bowhunters of New Jersey and their authorized agents and officials from all claims, demands, actions, debts, liabilities, judgments, costs, attorney's fees or expenses resulting from or incident to any loss or injury from any inherent or otherwise dangerous condition, whether hidden or obvious, which might exist on, in or under, above or near any authorized hunting area, whether any such inherent or otherwise dangerous condition is known to said **Princeton Township** and the United Bowhunters of New Jersey or officials or agents thereof and whether or not notice of the existence of any such condition is given or not, also for any loss or injury resulting from hazards that may exist incident to hunting on the **Princeton Township Park** properties. Lyme's Disease from tick bite is a risk you assume on all hunting properties. The provisions contained herein shall be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, guardians, representatives and assigns.

HUNTER RESPONSIBILITY AND COMPLIANCE

I, the undersigned, acknowledge and agree to my responsibility for understanding and abiding by the rules, regulations and directions provided in the mandatory orientation session, the annual hunting and security plan and by all aforementioned officials. I also understand and agree that any violation of these rules, regulations and directions places me in automatic suspension of my hunting and access privileges to ALL properties included in this Deer Management Hunt and ALL other present or future Deer Management Hunts administered by United Bowhunters of New Jersey throughout NJ.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Witness Signature: _____

United Bowhunters of New Jersey

Consent to Criminal Law, Local Law, and NJ Fish & Wildlife Code Violations History Check

I hereby authorize UBNJ and any applicable State, County or Township Police Law Enforcement Agency acting on behalf of **Princeton Township** and the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife to access and check the State and local records for the purpose of determining whether I have been convicted of any crime or offense or am currently restricted or barred under any court order that would prohibit me from possessing a firearm or weapon of any type. I authorize a check to determine whether I have been convicted of a felony or indictable crime. I further authorize a check to determine whether I have violated NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife Law or Regulation Codes or have been convicted of any local regulation or ordinance pertaining to hunting or parks within three years of this application.

Name (print) _____

Social Security # _____ DOB _____

Current NJ All Around or Archery & Firearm Hunting License # _____

Signature _____ Date _____