

RED DOG GUIDE SCHOOL

A division of Tatlow Mountain Outfitters

RED DOG Guide School is the only school in Canada that is dedicated to producing top quality big game guides. Our focus is to teach all the basic skills required to become a guiding superstar. The instructors are seasoned guides and outfitters with decades of knowledge and experience, each specializing in one or more aspects of hunting and guiding. We bring in only 10 students per class, with our spotlight on the quality of guides and not the quantity. Students can enroll at anytime, however limiting the numbers and operating on a first come first served basis, they are encouraged to book right away. We have a minimum age requirement of 19 years old and good physical and mental health is a must, due to the nature of this course and the guiding lifestyle. Attendance is obviously important as well as student conduct; anyone uncooperative will be dismissed without refund.

Students can expect to spend some time in a class room atmosphere as well as outside in a hands-on environment. Time out on the trail practicing skills is another essential part. There is a lot of information that will be covered in a relatively short amount of time; we encourage students to help out one another and to spend time after hours working at honing their skills. The basic class schedule would run from breakfast at 7:00 am, classes during the day, and end with dinner at 6:30pm. We are committed to the students that are driven to becoming top notch guides, this is not a course for those looking for an exploratory vacation (there are places that cater to folks looking for a little adventure). Graduates that attain the necessary skills will be eligible for job placement in the form of job lead referrals.

While on the course students will stay out at our main hunting camp located in the Chilcotin Mountains on the shores of Tuzcha Lake. Transportation to and from Williams Lake can be arranged, but we do encourage students to bring their own vehicle (we do not allow the use of personal ATV's). It is a comfortable rustic setting with well built log cabins, each cabin has room for 2 -4 students. Our spacious main lodge serves as the general meeting area, dining, and class room. A large covered deck allows for a great change of scenery during school sessions. The large tack barn and corrals offer a great situation for students to work with the horses safely. Students staying with us will get a very real feel of what it is like to be working and staying at a remote hunting lodge. For students looking for a better feel of where they are going and what to expect, check out Tatlow Mountain Outfitters.

Basic course outline:

- * An introduction and what it means to become a big game guide.
- * Knowing the laws and rules pertaining to guiding and hunting.
- * Responsibilities of a professional guide.
- * Big game guiding techniques
- * Trophy care and caping
- * Guiding clients
- * Horsemanship/packing/basic foot care
- * Basic wilderness survival
- * Firearms safety
- * Guiding equipment
- * Securing a job in the industry

We are the "Real Deal" and students coming to us can expect to be immersed in the guiding lifestyle and traditions.

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Gear List

Three ring binder + large & small note pads + pens/pencils
Personal toiletries
Sleeping bag - good up to -10 degrees
Boots - high quality water proof
Camp shoes
Personal blister kit (band-aids, moleskin)
Jacket - medium
Rain gear
Hat & gloves
Large backpack + day pack
Knife - skinning and small blade for capping
Bug repellent
Flash light
Water bottle

Optional Gear

Camera
Binoculars
Spotting scope
Head lamp sun glasses
Thermarest pad
Fishing gear + license
Range finder
Multi tool
Compass and/or GPS

*Students can bring their own horse equipment (saddle/pad/bridle etc.), however the gear will be approved for use before used with our horses.

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Enrollment Application

(please print, then photocopy for your records)

Course start date you wish attend: June 9 to 29____ or July 7 to 27____
(Minimum of 6 students required to run course)

Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ Province_____

Age:_____ Weight:_____ Height:_____

Any physical disabilities/problems:_____

Taking medication?_____

Food Allergies:_____

Horse experience:_____

Hunting experience:_____

21 day course, I agree to pay \$3600 CAD, to Tatlow Mountain Outfitters (RED DOG). Enclosed is a deposit of \$1800, the balance will be paid 30 days before the start date of the course, unless otherwise prearranged.

Terms: All funds are to be paid in Canadian funds. Deposits are non-refundable but are transferable to another course date.

Assumption of risk: The activities that will be undertaken during this course are commonly known to have various risks natural to them. I know and willingly accept those risks associated with the course. I will not hold Mike Hawkridge, Tatlow Mountain Outfitters, RED DOG guide school, or any guides/instructors, responsible for loss, injuries, or damages, as a direct or indirect result of my participation in those activities.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

After completing this application please send back to Tatlow Mountain Outfitters, or call for fax info.

Tatlow Mountain Outfitters

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