



OPERATION ORPHANS, INC.
Ranch Information Packet

January 1, 2024

Enclosed herewith you will find a packet of information regarding the Operation Orphans, Inc. "Take a Child Hunting & Fishing" program. Underprivileged youngsters, ages 11-18, from child care facilities and orphan homes throughout Texas are invited to participate in an opportunity to experience the outdoors, meet new and positive people, and enjoy a whitetail doe hunt. Please check our web-site for film presentations of our program: www.operationorphans.org.

Landowners and ranchers, such as yourself, allow these kids to harvest excess does and help introduce kids, which may otherwise never have the opportunity, to experience the outdoors. We also provide the opportunity for these youngsters to attend 2 of our fishing camps. We are always in need of new places to fish. So, if your ranch is in Mason County, and it has a pond, tank or river that you would like to allow us to bring kids to, please let us know. The Board of Directors has selected these four dates for fishing and hunting during the forthcoming season, as follows:

April 13, 2024	Boy's Fishing
April 20, 2024	Girl's Fishing
October 26, 2024	Girl's hunt
November 16, 2024	Boy's hunt
December 7, 2024	Boy's hunt
January 11, 2025	Boy's hunt

To date Operation Orphans, Inc. has hosted over 19,000 youngsters with a total game harvest of more than 18,000 animals. Obviously, our 60 year history has been a success story, but it reaches much deeper than statistics. The ranchers, the youngsters, and Operation Orphans, Inc. have created a long-term partnership. The children arrive at Camp Gene Ashby, located on the banks of the Llano River in Mason County, on Friday evening where they are housed and fed. They rise early Saturday morning and are transported to the host ranches before daylight. Operation Orphans, Inc. will provide guides, rifles, and the noon meal should you desire. A representative of Operation Orphans, Inc. may accompany the children to the ranches that provide their own guides.

Beginning in 1994, all guides which are furnished by Operation Orphans, Inc. will have successfully completed the Hunter Safety Course. This is an effort on our part to better ensure the safety and knowledge of the Operation Orphans, Inc. guides. All guides will have a background check performed. If you wish to furnish your own guides, please have them access <https://www.ciaresearch.com/oo> to perform the background check. The process is quick and easy. Contact Operation Orphans, Inc. director, Bob Moore, 903-258-4366, e-mail: bob.moore@operationorphans.org, with questions or for more information about the background checks.

Some ranchers have shared their willingness to host children with their lease hunters. The lease hunters give up a day for these kids which may never have another opportunity to enjoy the excitement of this outdoor activity. In turn, the lease hunters often wish to be involved by guiding these kids on their lease.

We need your help to continue this successful program. Please consider hosting some of these youngsters who have had their share of hard knocks.

Each child is assigned one guide. During the girl's hunt a woman or a woman and man team will guide each girl. Once again, if you supply your own guides, please have them go to <https://www.ciaresearch.com/oo> to do a background check.

An endeavor of this nature requires extensive planning and coordination. If you would like to participate, please complete the enclosed form and return it to me as soon as possible, but no later than October 1, 2022. You can contact us as soon as you know you wish to host, even if you are not sure of the numbers yet. Slots can fill up quickly.

For your reference, I have enclosed the Safety Rules for Operation Orphans, Inc. guides, as well as a copy of a Release of Liability Form. Note: You do not fill out the liability form. This is the document which participating children's homes are required to execute prior to taking part in the program. The forms are kept on file at Operation Orphans, Inc. If you will be furnishing your own guides, please review these safety rules, as well as any additional rules which you may have, with those persons who will act as guides for the hunt. We also stress that if you furnish guides which wish to furnish their own rifle, the rifle must be of a small caliber (.222, .243, etc.). If you have your own liability release which you need Operation Orphans, Inc. to execute, please include it with your form and mail it to us.

Please note in our Safety Rules that alcoholic beverages are not to be consumed or in the view of participants of the "Take a Child Hunting & Fishing" program.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 325-347-6745.

Sincerely,

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