

Submit between January 1<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Application For Membership In

# Gulf Hammock Hunting Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 1180  
Bronson, FL 32621

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Will Hunt ( ) Will Not Hunt

Names of children under 18, if they will hunt:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of another hunting club ( ) Yes ( ) No

If Yes, give details: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Member References:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Other references if none above:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

This is the \_\_\_\_\_ year that I have applied.

If you are not accepted for current year, it will be necessary to re-submit application for the next year. New members will be admitted when vacancies occur in the club membership.

Children of an applicant who will reach 18 years of age during the calendar year in which application is being made, must also file an application for consideration for membership.

*If I am accepted, I agree to pay annual dues promptly upon notice and abide by all game laws and club rules now in effect or hereafter adopted and will pay my application fee of \$300 with first year's dues within 10 days after notice of acceptance.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations represents the club's best efforts to maintain a healthy game population for the members and provide the safest possible environment for members and guests. The health and welfare of the club's members and guests are the top priority.

## SAFETY REGULATIONS

1. Transportation
  - a. All motor vehicles shall be operated on roads maintained by Hancock Forest Management, Inc.
  - b. The speed limits are 25 mph on open roads and 10 mph within camping areas.
  - c. Mud Bogging in strictly prohibited.
  - d. ATV's, utility vehicles and all off road vehicles may be operated only between the hours of 5:00 am to 9:00 pm.
  - e. Children under age 16 are prohibited from operating all off road vehicles.
  - f. Guns transported on off road vehicles must be unloaded and pointed either straight up or straight down
  - g. Shooting down roadways is prohibited
2. Swimming in ponds or rock pits is prohibited.
3. Children under 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless under the immediate supervision of an adult.
4. Shooting inside camping areas is prohibited. Guns must be unloaded while inside camping areas.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. a. All dues must be paid by May 1st prior to each season. The penalty for late payment of dues is \$150.00 and the penalty for a check being returned for insufficient funds is \$50.00. Failure to receive further written notice for each season is not sufficient reason to waive the penalty. Membership and camp lease terms are for the period of one (1) year beginning on May 1st and ending on April 30th. Members who have not paid dues and late fee by June 15th will be terminated and must complete a new application for membership if they seek to renew their membership at a later date.
2. All members, spouses and children between the ages of 16 and 65 must have a valid hunting license and obey all state game laws and club rules and regulations and the lease provided by Hancock Forest Management, Inc. Any violation of these laws and regulations will constitute grounds for dismissal from the club.
3. Visitors and Guests
  - a. Members only may invite visitors and guests. The inviting member shall be responsible and liable for the health, safety, welfare and conduct of their visitors or guests. Visitors and guests may enter the club area to campsites but thereafter and otherwise must travel elsewhere in the club as a passenger in the inviting member's vehicle. Visitors are not permitted to hunt or participate in the hunt, fish or have a gun in their possession or vehicle subject to rule # 3b dealing with guest privileges.
  - b. Commencing with the beginning of Regular Gun Season and continuing through the Deer Season members may purchase guest hunting or fishing privileges for a maximum of 3 guests per season with a maximum of 3 days per guest at a cost of \$50.00 per day. Guests may not travel in the club area in their own vehicle, but must travel only with a member. Guests shall wear a badge in plain sight indicating that they are guests of the club. Arrangements for guest permits may be made with the Secretary, Club Manager or any Director.

4. Member, spouse and children under 18 may hunt on member's fee.

5. Member's children becoming 18 during the calendar year must pay membership fee by May 1st of that year. The application fee will not be required.

6. Members shall carry membership card on their person when in Club area and must exhibit the card on demand of an enforcement officer, gatekeeper or another member. Members shall be issued one sticker for their vehicle which should be placed in the rear window of the vehicle. If no rear window is available the sticker must be placed somewhere on the vehicle in plain view. All vehicles must have a sticker. Additional stickers may be purchased from the Club Secretary or Club manager at the cost of \$1.00 per sticker.

7. No guns, except for handguns, are allowed in the Club area when hunting season is not in. Guns may be brought in and left in the camp site three days prior to gun season. Handguns are not allowed in the Club area during Bow and Black Power Season.

8. No littering in the Club areas. Garbage must be placed in designated dumpsters or removed from the area. Garbage may not be brought into the Club from member's residence or other origins. No large appliances such as refrigerators or stoves may be placed in or near the dumpsters, but must be removed from the Club area to an authorized dump site or landfill. Animal remains may not be placed in the dumpsters but must be scattered in the woods not less than 50 feet from any road and not more than one carcass in an area. **Common dumping areas near the campsites are prohibited. NO TRASH OR ANIMAL REMAINS MAY BE PLACED IN THE ROCK PITS. Violators of this rule shall be subject to a \$100 fine.**

9. Members may build an open fire in campsites only. Members are responsible for any damage to other properties or Hancock Forest Management, Inc. Timber as a result of fire spreading from their campsite. Any violation of this rule will result in fines, termination of membership or termination of camping privileges.

10. Cutting, destroying or damaging timber, cattle fences, gates and all personal property is prohibited.

11. Members shall Not interfere with any work program of the lessor.

12. Gates must be locked when entering and leaving the area.

13. Up to \$500 reward may be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction for trespassing, destroying or damaging property or violating game laws or Club Rules and Regulations.

14. Members shall not trespass on State Property.

15. Fishing in ponds or pits. Not more than 5 bass and 15 other fish per day limit per member. Electric trolling motors only.

16. Members who have permanent custody without formal adoption of children, and who provide 100% for the welfare of same, may apply to the Board for family membership privileges for said children. Members who have children hunting under this rule must make a written annual report to the Club by May 1st confirming the status of the child.

17. Members, by acceptance of membership in the Gulf Hammock Hunting Club, shall be responsible for assisting in the enforcement of the Rules and Regulations of the Club.

18. Members may bring one pet dog into the Club area when hunting season is not in. The pet dog must remain in member's vehicle or be released in camp, remaining under control of the member. One dog may be brought into camp



during Bow and Black Powder season to be used if necessary to trail a wounded deer. The trail dog must be left in camp and retrieved from camp only after member has wounded a deer. Trail dogs must remain on leash while trailing the wounded deer.

## HUNTING REGULATIONS

1. All game laws shall be obeyed. The Club may establish regulations with smaller bag limits and shorter seasons than the state.

2. An Archery, Special Crossbow, Black Powder and Spring Gobbler Season in addition to the Regular Gun Season is allowed during the periods of time as set by the State Game Commission. Crossbows may be used during archery season.

3. Deer: The use of dogs to trail and pursue deer is allowed during regular gun season. Members must make every effort to prevent dogs from entering adjacent private properties. Members may not release dogs within 1/2 mile of the 160 acre tract of land that lies immediately at the junction of Swilley Road and Watson Trail.

A. Bucks - Bucks must have at least 2 points (1 inch or more in length) on one side. The maximum number of bucks allowed to be killed is 5 per membership.

B. Antlerless deer - Killing antlerless deer will be considered each year. Rules and bag limits for antlerless deer will be included in the cover letter along with other material for each season.

4. Wild hogs may be hunted with trail and bay dogs during regular gun season for deer, **during daylight hours only**. Hogs may also be taken during archery, muzzleload and the small game period following deer season by still hunt only (no dogs). Visitors may not participate in hog hunting. Catch dogs are not allowed and sows with pigs may not be killed.

5. Turkeys, - Gobblers only may be taken during archery, black powder, regular gun season and the regular spring gobbler season. A special youth season is not allowed.

6. No hunting of any game shall be permitted before the opening of the Deer Season, except for archery, primitive weapon and Spring Gobbler Season.

7. Trapping will be allowed by members with state permit after the deer season. Only live traps may be used.

8. ALL DEER, HOGS AND TURKEYS must be checked at any available checking station on the same day of the kill and prior to leaving the Club area. Checking stations will be established at the following places; Buck island Gate, Rosewood Gate, Turkey Feeder Road Gate, Parker Road Gate, and Government Tram Gate (Davis Rd.), Boatwright Well Gate and Campsites

9. Supplemental Feeding:

A. The use of feeders, mineral blocks or broadcasting grain is prohibited.

B. Light scratching and seeding is allowed in small areas which have been cleared in the timber harvesting process.

C. New beds prepared for planting pines may not be disturbed in any manner. Members found operating vehicles of any type on new beds will be subject to dismissal.

10. No tree stand may be permanently attached to any tree. The use of nails, spikes, screws or similar devised to attach tree stand to trees is prohibited. Member's name must be placed on tree stands.

11. No tree stand may be placed within 300 feet of private property.

12. By order of Hancock Forest Management, tree stands are to be removed at the end of each deer season and may be re-placed one week prior to archery season.

13. Each club member has the right to hunt anywhere in the club regardless of the placement of tree stands.

14. Club land lying west of Parker Road and West of South Spur is designated for still hunting only. Members with dogs found in the this area will be in violation of Club rules.

15. Gator Hunting - Members with valid permits may take gators in the club during the off season as provided by Florida Statutes and the permits. Members may not bring in guests for the hunt.

## CAMPING REGULATIONS

1. Camping is limited to designated areas.

2. Campsites may be leased from the Club on an annual basis. Leases may not be transferred. If member declines to renew lease the campsite reverts to the Club .

3. Campsites are available for lease only.

a. All camp site leases and structure fees must be paid by the member who has the lease by May 1st in accordance with the following schedule:

1. For each lot..... \$200.00

2. For each structure which remains in camp all year or from May 1st through September 1st, other than a common shared cookshed/eating structure or a generator/ storage shed..... \$200.00

3. The penalty for late payment is \$100.00 for the lease and \$100.00 per structure.

4. One common shared cook shed and eating area is exempt.

4. No tables, seats, etc, may be attached to trees.

5. Left over firewood shall be neatly stacked.

6. Campsites must be left clean of all debris, trash, cans, bottles, etc.

7. Leased sites are subject to the following:

a. No additional permanent structures or mobile homes.

b. Concrete slabs are prohibited at all times.

c. Sites will be kept well maintained and mowed.

d. Leases and structure fees must be paid by May 1st each year.

## AGREEMENT & MISCELLANEOUS

Members, by accepting membership card, agree to permit vehicle or camp to be searched by the Club manager, gatekeeper or other authorized persons.

Members agree to abide by these rules and regulations and any other that may be adopted hereafter and agree that Club will not be responsible, or held liable, for accidents or injuries.

Members are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner.

Members shall not drive recklessly or exceed 25 mph.

Members are reminded that peaceful and tranquil hunting and camping by fellow members must not be disrupted or violated.

The club manager shall have the authority and responsibility to enforce these rules and regulations.

Violations of these rules and regulations will be grounds for fines or expulsion from the club.