Deep in the heart of New Mexico's ancient peaks of the Southern Rocky Mountains, you will discover a timeless land filled with the richness of nature's most beautiful creations. This is a land where days end and adventures begin.

This is the Mescalero Apache Reservation, home of Mescalero Big Game Hunts. Within the confines of this sub-alpine and valley terrain, hunters experience the pride of hunting some of the finest bull elk, cow elk, bear and wild Merriam Turkey in North America.

This distinction comes as a direct result of the Tribe's commitment to build strong and healthy herds after they reintroduced 162 Rocky Mountain Elk to the region during the late 1960s. The native Merriam Elk were tragically driven to extinction during the early 1900s.

Today, however, the Tribe's current elk herd numbers over 4,200 head with 72% of the cows giving birth each year, ensuring the herds and the hunts will continue to be successful for years to come.
BULL ELK PACKAGE

A hunting license will expire when an animal is wounded or killed on all hunts. Bull Elk applications are not available online. Please call Mescalero Big Game Hunts for availability at (575) 464-9770 or (575) 464-7448.

FIRST, SECOND OR THIRD BULL ELK
PACKAGE HUNTS WITH BEAR PERMIT

Cost per hunter: $14,500
Non-hunter: $1,200

First Hunt: September 12 – September 16, 2018

Second Hunt: September 19 – September 23, 2018

Third Hunt: September 26 – September 30, 2018
Scheduled arrival for check-in at the Hunting Lodge is September 25, 2017. Departure is October 1, 2018.

Package hunters or non-hunter guest may purchase a Merriam Turkey Permit at $250 or a Management Bull Elk at $2,500.

MANAGEMENT BULL ELK

AUGUST 25–29, 2018
JANUARY 5–9, 2019

(1) One bull elk with abnormal/freak antler(s). Spikes are prohibited and guides required. If non-management bull elk is harvested, hunter and guide will be responsible to pay cost of a trophy bull elk. Reservation-wide. All hunters are eligible for discounted hotel rates. For an application, please call (575) 464-9770 or (575) 464-7448. First come, first served.

Package Hunt includes the following:

- Six nights of lodging at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino
- Choice of weapon
- One permit
- Breakfast, field box lunch and dinner
- One hunter per guide until kill is made
- One hunter per vehicle until kill is made
- Pack-out of game
- Horses
- Standard skinning and processing (standard beef cut), wrapped, boxed, frozen, shipped C.O.D.
- Mescalero Apache license for a bull elk at least five points on each antler
- Open area – reservation-wide

The following are not included in the package: Unchested meals; special processing of game (special cut); caping, salting or special handling of animals not being handled by taxidermist; crating and shipping of antlers; and gratuities.

Trophy Handling – A taxidermist will be available to receive trophies for mounting. A fee will be charged for all skinning, caping and salting. Caping and salting will be free of charge ONLY if the taxidermist handles the mounting.
REGULAR HUNTS

All regular hunts will be lottery. **Deadline is March 12, 2018.**

**BEAR**
August 11 – 15, 2018
- Any bear, except female accompanied by cub(s)
  or any cub less than one (1) year old
- Open area – reservation-wide
- 50 permits, $550 each

**COW ELK**
**First Hunt:** October 17 – 21, 2018
- 110 permits, $625 each

**Second Hunt:** November 3 – 7, 2018
- 110 permits, $625 each

**Third Hunt:** December 12 – 16, 2018
- 110 permits, $625 each

**SPRING GOBBLER**
**First Hunt:** April 13 – 15, 2018
- 55 per hunt at $250 each

**Second Hunt:** April 20 – 22, 2018
- 55 per hunt at $250 each

For all regular hunts, check in and out at the Hunting Lodge.

**FIREARM SPECIFICATIONS**
(any hunt): All regular hunts are rifle hunts, for turkey hunts a shotgun is required
- Minimum bullet weight is 165 gr. for all calibers
- No fully automatic weapons
- No pistols
- No black powder
- No .30 – .30 or accelerator bullets allowed
- No archery for cow elk, turkey
- Archery or Rifle for bear only

All hunts are subject to cancellation depending on fire restriction. We will contact you. Camping is allowed only one (1) day prior to any scheduled hunt.

Hunting is physically taxing and hunters need to be in good physical condition. If horseback riding is desired, plenty of riding ahead of time is recommended to withstand the rigors of the hunt. The hunting area may be reached by pickup trucks and campers.

Applications available online at [www.InnoftheMountainGods.com](http://www.InnoftheMountainGods.com)
APPLICATION INFORMATION

Regular Hunts
Submit individual application for each animal species to be hunted. One to four applicants may apply on one application. If one of the applicants is drawn, all applicants on the application will be accepted for the hunt for which they applied.

The first applicant on the application will be notified via mail if the party is drawn and refunded for the party if they are not drawn. It is the first applicant’s responsibility to refund the party. A $15.00 non-refundable application fee per applicant will apply.

Please submit one (1) money order or cashier’s check in the amount to cover permit fees with application. No personal checks will be accepted.

Regular Hunt Application Deadline
Applications are now being accepted for 2018 hunts.
Deadline for application is March 12, 2018 at the closing of business 3:30 pm MST. Drawing will be held on March 19, 2018.

FIELD PERMIT
A $200 non-hunter field permit is available, which allows a non-hunter to accompany a holder of a valid Mescalero hunting permit out on the Reservation.

HUNTER’S SAFETY CERTIFICATE
Please submit along with application if the hunter is under 18 years old, as of scheduled hunt date.

GUIDES
Guides are not required for Regular Hunts, but are recommended to hunt on the Reservation, which is 460,000 acres. Guides are available if needed. Only enrolled Tribal member guides are allowed to bait on the Mescalero Apache Reservation. No complimentary licenses will be issued to anyone without approval of the Mescalero Apache Tribal Council. For more information, call (575) 464-7448 or (575) 464-9770.

All hunters are required to report all harvest information for management purposes within five days of each hunt.
SUBMITTING PAYMENT

NO cash or personal checks will be accepted. Only money orders or cashier's checks will be accepted. Payment should be submitted with application. Non-payment application(s) will not be accepted. SUBMIT ONE CHECK PER APPLICATION.

Field permits for Regular Hunts will be issued at $200 per permit at the Hunt Director’s discretion.

Make check(s) payable to: Inn of the Mountain Gods

Submit application to:
Inn of the Mountain Gods
c/o Big Game Hunts
P.O. Box 269, 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd.
Mescalero, NM 88340

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or by calling (575) 464-9770 or (575) 464-7448.
Fax: (575) 464-0309 Email: Hsaenz@innofthemountaingods.com
REFUND/TRANSFER POLICY – REGULAR HUNTS
No refunds will be given. The only exception will be in the case of death or verified illness or injury of the hunter, where written notification by caring physician is provided to the Hunt Director. A $100 transfer fee will apply for Merriam Turkey hunt and a $200 transfer fee will apply for all other regular hunts.

REFUND/TRANSFER POLICY – BULL ELK HUNTS
A $2,500 fee will apply with a written notice of cancellation if received prior to 30 days of the scheduled hunt, or a $1,500 transfer fee will apply to a BULL ELK PACKAGE HUNT. If received within 30 days of scheduled hunt date a $5,000 cancellation fee or $1,500 transfer fee will apply to any BULL ELK PACKAGE HUNT.

MEAT PROCESSING PLANT – REGULAR HUNTS
Hunt Lodge employees will be available for the processing of kills on the Cow Elk hunts. A two-week limit for meat to be kept in our freezer will be enforced. We will not be responsible for spoilage due to electricity or machine failure. Call (575) 464-9770 for more information.
Limited RV parking is available at the Hunt Lodge for hunters wishing to utilize space, $25/night to include water, sewer and electricity. Call (575) 464-7448 for prices and availability.

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Mescalero, NM near Ruidoso

For more information or to submit an application for hunting on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, contact:

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