ABOUT THE HUNT
The Wyoming Women’s Foundation (WYWF) created the hunt to promote camaraderie and mentorship through hunting while raising awareness of and funds for the Foundation. Female hunters of all experience levels participate, with emphasis on safe and responsible hunting.

HISTORY
Leading the way as the first event of its kind for women, the inaugural Wyoming Women’s Antelope Hunt took place in 2013. Hunters from across Wyoming and the nation have participated.

It was when retired Wyoming Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kite was hunting antelope with her sister-in-law, Karey Stebner, outside of Rawlins, Wyoming that they came up with the idea of an all-women’s antelope hunt. Justice Kite shared the idea with friends Lynne Boomgaarden (current Wyoming Supreme Court Justice) and Donna Wichers. The women approached the Wyoming Women’s Foundation to organize and host the event. WYWF formed a committee and got started.

Prominent women, including Wyoming Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kite, Ms. Wheelchair USA 2013, Ashlee Lundvall, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jillian Balow and Julie Golob, captain of Smith & Wesson’s highly successful shooting team, have shared in the hunt experience.

IMPACT
- **$345,000** raised since 2013, for grantmaking, special projects like the hunt, and programs at the Wyoming Women’s Foundation that improve the economic self-sufficiency of women and the future of girls
- **63** scholarships awarded to hunters since 2013, including first time hunters, military veterans, single mothers, and youth hunters
- **100+** organizations and individuals have sponsored the hunt since 2013
- **Partner** with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department to offer hunter safety training and provide firearms sight-in and training
- **176** hunters have experienced empowering mentor or mentee opportunities
- **Partner** with the Boone & Crockett Club, a nonprofit organization providing education on hunting as a conservation tool, to teach, promote and reward ethical hunting practices
- **59** first-time hunters have learned to provide meals for themselves and their families
**SCHEDULE**

**PLEASE NOTE, TIMES ARE TENTATIVE**

**THURSDAY, OCT. 11**

1:00 - 5:00 pm  |  Hunter Orientation:  
                |  Sight-in Firearms  
                |  Safety instructions & hunting regulations

6:00 - 10:00 pm  |  Cocktails & Welcome Dinner

**FRIDAY, OCT. 12**

5:45 am - 5:00 pm  |  Guides & hunters take to the field. Hunting teams may return early if successful.  
                   |  Activities for returning hunters: skeet shooting, fishing, & meat processing

6:00 - 10:00 pm  |  Dinner & Auctions

**SATURDAY, OCT. 13**

5:45 am - 5:00 pm  |  Guides & hunters take to the field. Hunting teams may return early if successful.  
                   |  Activities for returning hunters: skeet shooting, fishing, cooking demos & meat processing

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm  |  Awards Banquet

**LOCATION**

The hunt is based from the Ranch at Ucross, located 19.5 miles northwest of Buffalo, Wyoming at 2673 US-14, Clearmont, WY 82835.
STORY OPPORTUNITIES

OPTION 1: JOIN A HUNTING TEAM

There are limited opportunities to join a hunting team on Friday or Saturday mornings. To do so, you must notify us by mid-September: EARLIER IS BETTER TO SECURE A SPOT.

When do I have to arrive?
Hunting teams typically leave between 5:30 am and 7:00 am from the Ranch at Ucross on Friday and Saturday mornings. Coordinate with Micah to arrange a time: micah@wycf.org, 307.275.6111

How long will we be in the field?
Many hunters get their animal on the first day. But be prepared to be out for the entire day, keeping in mind that the team will return if everyone has filled their hunting tag.

How far do I have to hike in one day?
As little as a couple hundred yards to as much as several miles.

What should my fitness level be?
We try our best to accommodate everyone’s fitness level. Please let us know in advance your fitness level so we can match you with the right team and land.

What is the terrain?
Most is rugged hills covered in sandstone rocks, cactus, yucca and sagebrush.

Will there be ATVs or horses to carry my equipment?
All hunts will be done from vehicles and on foot, mostly on private land; no ATVs or horses.

What do I need to wear?
Be prepared for a variety of weather conditions. You can review our list of clothes as a guide. You will need to wear something blaze orange above the waist for safety.

OPTION 2: CONDUCT INTERVIEWS AT THE RANCH

There are several opportunities to interview hunters, guides and organizers. Please let us know when you plan to arrive and your best contact information so we can help setup interviews.

- Pre-hunt Stories: Hunters can be interviewed Thursday afternoon and evening.
- Hunting Experiences: Hunters can be interviewed Friday, late afternoon and at dinner; or Saturday, late afternoon or that evening’s awards banquet.
- Volunteer & Staff Perspective: Wyoming Women’s Foundation staff and hunt committee members should be available all three days.

OPTION 3: ACCESS TO PHOTOS AND WRITTEN ARTICLES

- Photos: Photographers will be on hunts to document the events. Photos are available to media. Let us know in advance what you are looking for and we will try to obtain it.
- Written articles: If interested in having an article written about a particular hunter or the hunt in general, please let us know.
- Call or email to set up a phone interview. We will be able to connect you with a hunter, post-hunt.

Can’t make it?
Stay up-to-date on event highlights by following Wyoming Women’s Antelope Hunt on Facebook and by following this year’s special media guest.
EMPOWERING WOMEN

“This event brought these women together as individuals and they left as part of a community, empowered and confident.”
-Hunt participant

“I GAVE THANKS FOR THE MEAT, FOR THE FRIENDS AND FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. MY RESPECT FOR NATURE WAS LIKE NEVER BEFORE.”
-Tonya Lewman
Hunt Participant

SCHOLARSHIPS
Through the support of sponsors, the Wyoming Women’s Foundation offers scholarships to pay participation expenses for women interested in joining the hunt. In 2016, the hunt offered scholarships to 13 women, including first time hunters, military veterans, and single mothers.

EMPHASIS ON SAFETY & ETHICS
The hunt partners with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department to offer hunter safety training and provide the firearms sight-in and training. The hunt also partners with the Boone & Crockett Club, the oldest conservation organization in the country. The Boone and Crockett Club promotes and rewards ethical hunting practices and wildlife conservation efforts.

AWARDS
Working with the Boone and Crockett Club, the Wyoming Women’s Antelope Hunt has structured its awards to adhere to the core principles of conservation and hunting ethics. The hunt presents the awards on Saturday night.
WHY HOST A HUNT?

ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY AMONG WOMEN AND GIRLS
The Wyoming Women’s Antelope Hunt raises funds and awareness for the Wyoming Women’s Foundation. The Wyoming Women’s Foundation promotes economic self-sufficiency among women and girls. In 2015 and 2016, the Wyoming Women’s Foundation funded two studies to evaluate self-sufficiency in Wyoming which guides grantmaking and policy to improve the economic status of women and families in the state.

Since its inception in 1999, the Women’s Foundation has granted nearly $832,000 to 138 nonprofit organizations.

MENTORSHIP AND NETWORKING AMONG WOMEN
The hunt provides an opportunity for women to mentor or be mentored while enjoying the thrill of the hunt with others. It gives women of all ages and backgrounds an opportunity to network and develop new relationships.

WESTERN TRADITIONS
The Foundation celebrates hunting as part of Wyoming’s heritage - a tradition that is passed on from one generation to the next. By hosting a women’s-only hunting event, we have the opportunity to encourage the growth of more women hunters while preserving our Wyoming hunting heritage, wildlife and open spaces for future generations.

SINCE 2008, THE NUMBER OF FEMALE HUNTERS HAS GONE UP 32 PERCENT IN WYOMING, ACCORDING TO THE WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT.
Wyoming’s history tells a story of strong women in an “Equality State.” The character of Wyoming was formed by a combination of unquenchable spirit with a rich and varied cultural heritage. This spirit is apparent in the group of thoughtful women who launched the Wyoming Women’s Foundation in order to provide grants to organizations serving women and girls, respond to requests that close gaps in programming and create transformative change in many lives.

A priority fund of the Wyoming Community Foundation, the Wyoming Women’s Foundation makes grants that help women achieve economic self-sufficiency and provide opportunities for girls for the greatest impact in our communities. The statewide fund is dedicated to funding for women and girls, and donations are leveraged through its endowment. Grantmaking is focused on lasting systems-change for women and girls.

Using a model proven successful by other women’s funds, the Wyoming Women’s Foundation improves access to education, jobs and asset growth for women and girls, in turn reducing teen pregnancy, increasing the number of women and girls who complete their education, supporting positive early job experiences and strengthening sustainable economic self-sufficiency. As WYWF increases grants, these achievements will continue to grow.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR WYOMING?

- A single mom in Johnson County, with two children, barely earning a self-sufficient wage, will use nearly 50% of her income to pay for housing and childcare each month.
- 40% of all households with children in the U.S. include mothers who are either the sole or primary source of income for the family.
- 58% of single mothers living in Wyoming are below the self-sufficiency standard, meaning they are not able to meet basic needs without public or private assistance.

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