

**South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks
Controlled Hunter Access Program (CHAP)
Guidelines at a Glance**

Goals:

- **Achieve optimum hunter access to and recreational use of specific private lands for hunting by controlling the amount of hunter use at a given time.**
- **Allow for special provisions for uses unique to the CHAP tract such as restrictions on hunted species or game retrieval**

CHAP guidelines:

- **Enrollment and payment details:**
- Landowners with under 1,000 acres receive \$6/hunter-day of use. In addition, landowners are eligible for bonus payments per hunter day.
 - Types of bonuses include:
 - \$2/hunter-day if there is no game species restriction;
 - \$2/hunter-day if the enrolled acreage is open to all legal game hunting seasons and lawful methods of take for the entire season length;
 - Landowners with 1,000 or more acres also receive an enrollment payment of \$250.
 - Minimum payment of \$250 and maximum payment of \$12,000.
 - **Immediate members of the Cooperator's family are not eligible to be credited toward the hunter days used to calculate payment for the Cooperator's CHAP.**
 - Payment will be made in February following the hunting season.
 - Cooperator must be legally able (through ownership or rental agreement that includes hunting privileges) to enroll offered land in CHAP.
 - Cooperator manages hunter permission slips in two ways:
 - Self-serve sign-up boxes are provided for hunters to check-in and obtain a permission slip or check in at the ranch or farm headquarters.
 - On-line reservation system with a check-in box.
 - Landowner cannot exclude someone unless all available permission slips are used.
 - Region Review Teams will review applications for determining enrollment eligibility.
 - Recreational trapping is not part of the CHAP agreement.

Hunter use:

- Hunters are required to check in and obtain a permission slip on a first-come, first serve basis before hunting. Hunters without a permission slip will be hunting without landowner permission and could be cited for trespass. When all permission slips are assigned for a particular day, then no more permission slips will be administered.
- Hunters must:
 - Observe any special rules or restrictions for the area;
 - Know property boundaries and not trespass on to adjacent property;
 - Travel by foot only unless otherwise posted;
 - Not litter.