

## **Dealing with extreme cold on a deer hunt.**

I do not like to use a propane heater unless it feels like life or death. In my opinion it helps distribute human scent. I would prefer that to freezing but the following tips should help you hunt all day without the use of a heater.

There is a mesh vest with many pockets that you wear between your long underwear and outer wear. It is designed to put hand-warmers in. I use 4 a day. One each side of the chest and one each side kidneys. You can find one on a hand-warmer web-site under accessories.

[www.warmers.com](http://www.warmers.com) products Heat Holster kit Item # HHO

I have never found any boots which will keep your feet warm while sitting all day. Big boots are bulky making travel to and from the stands difficult and trying to change foot-warmers in the stand is impossible without considerable noise.

I use a heavy insulated bootie that I carry to the stand. I wear a pair of insulated rubber boots (Muck boots are my favorite) that are easy to slip on and off for traveling to and from the blind. Once in the stand I kick off the rubber boots and drop a couple of hand or foot-warmers in the bootie. These will have to be replaced at some point during the day but that is easy and quiet. In addition to this I have normally already put on adhesive toe-warmers between layers of socks.

For my hands I prefer a fairly thin wool glove that's easy to maneuver in and a hand-warmer muff pouch with a couple of chemical hand-warmers inside.

I always carry a knit tuck to cover my face and neck if necessary.

If you are counting that's 12 hand-warmers and two toe-warmers per day. You can put your second set for feet and hand-warmer pouch in a plastic baggie so that they are quiet to get out when needed.

Raven wear is absolutely the best. You can find them on the web. Also the best place to get quiet booties.