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- The Wednesday night church service coincided with the last day of hunt-
- 12 ing season. Our pastor asked who had bagged a 18 deer. No one raised a hand. 20

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- Puzzled, the pastor said,
- "I dont get it. Last Sun-
- day many of you said
- 23 you were were unable to make it to service be-**4**2
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A Letter from The Editor

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Not sure about you but having a few days indoors out of the cold is kinda nice ⁽³⁾ I think I spent 75 of 61 days in the woods this Nov and Dec, hunting in Oklahoma, Wyoming and Minnesota chasing everything available. I didn't score any record book trophies (yet) but I sure had fun and met a ton of great people!

I recall a time not too many years ago when my tags would have all been filled way before Dec. I had no less than 45 legal bucks and

Elk in my capable shooting distance, both bow and rifle, but chose to just take video of them and let them get a few years older. The only barks of my gun or swish of my arrows heard were on my favorite dinner and management tactic of doe management. I even went to Wyoming to fill my cow Elk tag, but decided the 900 yard hike up the mountain for retrieval was not quite as fun as getting some good video (no jokes about age there folks!) ©

One thing that I have become aware of in the past two months is how special we all should feel. The quantities and quality of our animal kingdoms has simply become amazing. I recall years of not seeing a single hair during a full hunting season, now, going a night without a sighting is a strange night – in the south anyway. This is the result of years of management and super regulation and control by our Departments of Wildlife and equal congratulations is due to us conservationists as well. In the North the urban hunting is in full swing and it sure is strange hunting yards behind swing sets and to see joggers come by with-in 100 yards, but oh what a whitetail population ©

As for Wolf hunting, now that is the hunting of old. You can find the tracks, even bait and call, but to get some hair in sight is another story. What historic steps to be in though, the first time in some many decades that the predators of the wilderness will finally be managed, putting nature back in balance! I had the opportunity to try my hand in Wyoming for a few days and in Minnesota for a week. Adding this hunt to the Elk and Whitetail hunting sure made the days go by way to fast, but I sure loved every minute of it!

I sure hope current events don't damper any of the wonderful outdoors we now live in. My heart goes out to everyone in Connecticut, and everyone else who has lost another. The number of deaths in the world is staggering and sorrowful, but not unexpected. (This part is my area of the magazine and thus, my opinion so let's discuss if not in agreement, but let's leave it at that.)

The issue at hand has nothing to do with the instrument of use (guns) but is more a social issue. A few points to ponder, 1 - more children die each year by drowning in their backyard swimming pools than by guns. 2 - Higher on the list than guns are cars. 3 - The only place safe for mass incidents is gun free zones (why? Because the cowardly heathens find these areas as the only place they are safe while doing their dastardly deed). So, before we go and make rash new laws that will do nothing to prevent the incidents like Connecticut, I recommend we look at the true killers.

Put our money into disease research (number 1 by far as the worst of the worst), then focus on getting rid of all the cars, and finally, the easiest one, go out back and drain your swimming pool. These are far more dangerous than guns.

OK, as rational people we know we can't ban all the cars and the neighborhood parties would be boring without those swimming pools, so let's fix the small percentage (and I mean less than 5 percent) and remove the gun free zones. How much different would America be right now, in economy, safety and overall fun if there had been one gun on an airplane, or one gun more than once in some schools in America. Oh, how much bloodshed could have been saved by this simple and overly smart option? I have to wonder...?

Now, I hear the other side, "but what happens when a teacher accidently shoots someone?" Really? Really? Is this what you come with? What happens when you reach for whatever falls and you take out a school bus with your car? What happens when you don't lock the gate one time or teach them all to be dolphins? It's called an acceptable risk. Statistics clearly show these things happen far more often, and the thing that I say society will need to get past is the reality that ... accidents happen! Yes, one day something will happen and someone will get hurt, but if this acceptable risk is not socially acceptable, then stop driving and drain the pools right now, stay in your houses and don't ever come out, because accidents happen and no law can prevent that. Preventing what happened more than once in the last 5 years however, a law removing all gun free zones, can SAVE lives, but the dozens!

Thankfully, there is a bright shining light in the future. Our kids are showing up in mass to the outdoors world. Archery in the Schools, conservation classes in school, and this month's greatest, our essay contest winners and top 25. These kids spell it out with stories from the heart and they are what we are all working for, so it is so wonderful to see them understand and love the outdoors like they do. Thanks kids and please, KEEP WRITING!

NOW is the time to become a member if you are not, new member of state and national can be purchased for \$45 and the early bird cost for the upcoming March Banquet is the dirt cheap cost of \$45. ??? **\$45 for a night of fine dining at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum and entertainment and the possibility of scoring the hunt of a lifetime? For ??? \$45 ..** darn cheap!

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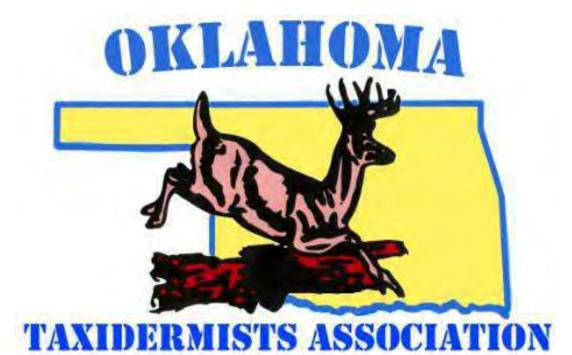
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Bassmaster Classic on its way to Oklahoma, along with new facilities at Grand Lake

The Bassmaster Classic is like a Super Bowl or World Series for fishing, and the event is headed to Oklahoma this winter. Grand Lake of the Cherokees will host the Bassmaster Classic fishing tournament Feb. 22-24, 2013. The event is expected to draw 70,000 visitors and account for more than 20,000 hotel nights in the region. Even more important, the event is expected to pump \$24 million dollars into the economy of Tulsa, Grove and other communities around Grand Lake.

At its December meeting, the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission heard a presentation on the upcoming Classic. The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation will be involved in the event by helping with the live release of fish back into Grand Lake following each weigh-in, through booth participation at the event expo, as well as through an extensive project to help the host community of Grove to develop world class fishing, boating and tournament facilities on the lake.

With over 15 hours of national media attention on ESPN and ESPN2, the Classic will be an enormous asset to the local economies and to the promotion of fishing in Oklahoma, according to officials with the Wildlife Department. Weigh-ins will be held at the BOK Center in Tulsa, which will be filled with an estimated 15,000-18,000 spectators at each of three different weigh-in events. The winner of the Classic takes home \$500,000 in prize money plus inevitable sponsorships and the most coveted prize in competitive bass fishing.

"It really is the top prize in professional bass fishing," said Gene Gilliland, assistant chief of fisheries for the Wildlife Department. "It's easily the biggest fishing event that will ever come to Oklahoma."

While expressing the magnitude of the event, Gilliland also noted that the Classic represents a tremendous opportunity for developing the region further for recreational use by anglers and boaters.

"The Bassmaster Classic is going to be a starting point for a lot of things that will be happening in the Grand Lake area and 'Green Country' in general," Gilliland said. "As big as Grand Lake is and as popular as it is, it doesn't really have big-time boat launching facilities. The City of Grove has stepped up and is cooperating with us and some other partners to try to make that possible, not only for the Bassmaster Classic, but for the future."

Wolf Creek Park in Grove is being renovated to provide six boat ramp lanes, parking for up to 300, restrooms, pavilions, a drive-through weigh-in station, courtesy docks and more. The two-phase project will result in a multi-million dollar, first-class facility for the public to use.

"This facility being built at Grand Lake is not just for the big level tournaments," Gilliland said. "But the City of Grove is trying to make something that the local fishermen can use so that they have some nicer facilities to be able to do some of their weigh-ins."

Over the course of the two-phase project, the Wildlife Department will contribute about \$3 million, which will be combined with several million dollars provided by the City of Grove, Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the Grand River Dam Authority - which owns the lake. The second phase of the project could include other partners as well.

"It's a big deal," Gilliland said. "I'm hoping that the folks at Lake Eufaula and at Lake Texoma and Ft. Gibson and some of our other major reservoirs get really jealous about seeing all this, because we'd like to do this same kind of project at those lakes and put in some really first-class facilities at other places around the state."

A <u>recent episode</u> of the Wildlife Department's Outdoor Oklahoma TV show featuring the upcoming Bassmaster Classic can be viewed on the Outdoor Oklahoma Youtube channel at <u>http://www.youtube.com/user/outdooroklahoma</u>.

Wildlife Department hones in on Oklahoma stream biology

While boating and angling are a big part of the outdoor heritage in Oklahoma, few Oklahomans realize just how much diversity can be found in Oklahoma's 78,500 miles of rivers and streams.

"In Oklahoma we have about 175 different species of fish," said Brandon Brown, streams technician for the Wildlife Department.

Brown said the Oklahoma portion of the Illinois River has 80 species alone.

"That's more native species than some entire states," he said.

Recently the Wildlife Department has shifted the focus of its streams program from stream bank restoration, such as that performed at Lost Creek on the Lower Mountain Fork River, to more of a biological focus to help justify the need for setting instream flows. The state's most recent "Oklahoma Water Plan" acknowledges the need to set stream flows for aquatic resource conservation, and Brown along with other fisheries personnel have been collecting data to help establish those flow standards.



"Oklahoma has a lot of different kinds of fish," Brown said. "But if we ask the average person that lives in Oklahoma to name as many species as they can, they will struggle to come up with 15 to maybe as many as 20 or 25 species. That means that roughly 85 percent of our fish are totally unknown to the average person. The problem with that is that if people don't know they exist, they don't value them."

Brown pointed to the central stoneroller as a prime example of an unknown but very important native fish. Stonerollers feed and graze on algae, scraping it from rocks in the streambed. While the central stoneroller is common and widespread across the country and in Ozark streams, many people don't know that their presence is critical to the health of the environment. Without them, a stretch of stream can become coated with algae within days, leading to poor water quality, lower nitrogen fixation and even the alteration of habitat to the point that other specie cannot use it.

With as many as 30,000 visitors to the Illinois River on a busy weekend and large numbers visiting other rivers and streams throughout eastern Oklahoma, Brown emphasizes the need to educate the public on the importance of native fish and is working to "change the way people look at streams" through his outreach efforts.

The Wildlife Department is working to establish baseline biological data, build relationships with landowners, and identify correlations between water flow and successful reproduction of native fish, such as smallmouth bass.

Log on to the streams page of the Department's website at <u>wildlifedepartment.com</u> to learn more about streams in Oklahoma and to view Brandon Brown's stunning underwater photos and video footage of native fish.

Opportunity for Public Input

Public Comment Period is December 3, 2012 – January 11, 2013

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation is considering a number of rule changes, some simply housekeeping measures and some more substantial.

Each rule change proposal pertains to Title 800 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code. Title 800 is used by the Wildlife Commission to set fish and wildlife rules. The links below will open the "strikeout and underline" version of the code, where text with a line through it (strikeout) is proposed for deletion, and text underlined is proposed for addition. Only those subchapters, sections and subsections with proposed changes are included. If approved, changes to Chapters 10, 25 and 30 would go into effect July 1, 2013. Changes to Chapters 15 and 20 would go into effect January 1, 2014.

Chapter 10: Sport Fishing Rules Chapter 15: Commercial Harvest Rules; Aquatic Species Chapter 20: Restriction on Aquatic Species Introduction Chapter 25: Wildlife Rules Chapter 30: Department of Wildlife Lands Management

Options for Public Input

The public has several options for providing input on these rule change proposals.

1. The following link will take you to an online comment form where you may read a summary of each proposal and provide comments on any items of interest to you.

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Theme: Students must use the theme, Hunting: Sharing the Heritage,

Archery: What I like about Archery in the Schools and Bowhunting or the concept of the theme to develop an expository essay or short story.

Eligibility: Students ages 11-17 currently enrolled in any Oklahoma School and home school students are eligible for participation. Winners of the 2011 contest are not eligible. Applicants must have successfully completed an Oklahoma Hunter Education course by the entry deadline.

Number of Entries per school: There is no limit to the number of entries per school.

Specifications:

- Students must use the theme, Hunting: Sharing the Heritage, Archery: What I like about Archery in the Schools and Bowhunting or the concept of the theme to develop an expository essay or short story.
- Essay or short story should be double-spaced on white, 8 1/2 x 11 paper, with 1 1/2 inch margins on top, bottom and sides. Typewritten copy is preferred. All essays or short stories must be legible.
- Length should not exceed 1,000 words (four typewritten pages) for short stories, or 500 words (two typewritten pages) for essays.
- Students must have successfully completed an Oklahoma Hunter Education course by the entry deadline.
- Papers should be carefully proofed for spelling, punctuation, capitalization and grammar.
- A completed entry blank must be used as a cover sheet and stapled to the essay or short story. Entry must be typed or clearly printed and signed by the teacher or youth group leader.

Judging: All essays or short stories will be judged in one of two categories: 11-14 age group or 15-17 age group. Applicants will be judged on the use of the theme concept, creativity, neatness, proper grammar and punctuation. Winners of the statewide competition will be notified by phone.

Prizes

 In the 11-14 age category: One boy and one girl will receive a scholarship for the Apprentice Hunter Program during the summer of 2013 at the YO Ranch, Mountain Home, TX. The Oklahoma Station of Safari Club International will reimburse the winners travel expenses up to a maximum of \$500 per Essay Contest Winner.

Apprentice Hunter Program Information:

Safari Club International's Apprentice Hunter Program is a unique, hands-on course designed for girls and boys aged 11-14. The program covers such diverse topics as history of hunting, the ethical basis of modern sport hunting, wildlife management, field identification, tracking and interpreting sign, game cooking and the SCI Sportsmen Against Hunger Program. There are three sessions, each one week long, during the summer of 2013.

In the 15-17 age category: One boy and one girl will go on a guided antelope hunt in New Mexico. Winners in this category must comply with all
requirements of New Mexico game laws for the 2013 hunting season. The Oklahoma Station of Safari Club International will reimburse travel
expenses up to a maximum of \$500 per Essay Contest Winner.

The four statewide winners and their legal guardians will be invited to Oklahoma City to attend an awards ceremony in March. In addition, the top 25 essay entrants will receive a one-year youth membership to Safari Club International. Transportation to New Mexico and Texas: Oklahoma Station Chapter will reimburse trip travel expenses up to a maximum of \$500 per Essay Contest Winner. The four state winners' entries will be printed in the Oklahoma Station Chapter Safari Club International December Newsletter "Safari Trails". Printing makes the essays eligible for consideration in the Outdoor Writers Association of America Youth Writing Contest. Essays may also be printed in Outdoor Oklahoma magazine.

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Senior Division Boy Student Name: Stephen Deane School: Weleetka High School Grade: 10 Age: 16

Teacher: Matthew Belicek 405/786-2203

Archery: What I like about archery in the schools and bowhunting.

The Archery in the Schools Program helps students not only learn, but experience what it is like to bow hunt or shoot a bow. It builds selfconfidence and gives kids something constructive to do. It also improves the student's behavior and motivation. I think if I wasn't in the National Archery in the Schools Program I would have nothing to do with my free time. I think if we can impact one kid's life, it's worth it.

Archery in the Schools teaches you how to hunt, shoot a bow, as well as patience. The National Archery in the Schools Program is an approved physical education program. The program began in Kentucky in 2002 and there are now 47 states as well as Washington DC, five Canadian provinces and six countries (Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, USA), with over seven million students competing in the program. I think this program fits easily into the school day. It helps kids to stay in school and not drop out, because it is something fun for them to look forward to do after their school work is done.

It's just something to boost their selfconfidence and make them realize they can do much more with their lives. It sets higher goals for them so they can get good scholarships for school. Bow hunting comes naturally to someone that is in this program because when participants get better in the program they start to excel and want to put their skills to the test. This also gives them something to do so they don't get in any kind of trouble. Bow hunting dates back to the Stone Age and can be traced throughout history in many regions around the world, including Asia, Europe, and North America.

Native Americans were skilled bow hunters. While their bows and arrows were often crude, they overcame the limitations of their equipment with their exceptional ability to stalk within close range of wary prey. The ability to get close to game remains the essence of all bow hunting today. As immigrants moved into North America, they gradually combined European and Native American archery techniques and technology. The first archery club in America, knows as the United Bowemen of Philadelphia, was formed in 1828.

I told you about some bow hunting history, now I will tell you why I myself like bow hunting and the Archery in the Schools Program. I like the Archery in the Schools Program because it lets me express myself and what I like to do. I went to the regional competition last year, and did a lot better than I thought I would do. This program allowed me to get into bow hunting and I hope to shoot a deer next year during archery season and accomplish something I have wanted to do for a long time.

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Senior Division Girl

Student Name: **Courtney Maichak** School: Deer Creek High School Grade: 12 Age: 17

Teacher: Debbie Adams 405/348-5720

Four Years Waiting

I waited for years, silent, listening to my dad's and brother's stories of their first deer. I had even heard the tales of others, around the campfire, at a traditional deer camp. Although, I enjoyed the ghosts of the past, I longed for my own special story to share. I wanted it to be different than the others I had heard. It began something like this...

Four years I waited to bag my first deer. I would not take just any deer; it had to be an eight point buck. Passing chances at plump does and even letting a large six point buck pass by me the year before, I stayed true to my vision. Four years of going into the woods went by with a new hope rekindling each time I set up for a buck. Finally, my hopes of getting a crack at the stag of my dreams came around.

Before the hunt even began, I was taunted. While getting off the highway by an old country gas station, an old pickup truck paraded by. My eyes were locked on the branches that stole most of the space in the bed of the truck. Massive bases that seemed the size of tree trunks and tines the size of saplings projected above the bed sides and tailgate! I began picturing myself taking a buck as large as the one displayed in front of me. I dreamed at least a hundred different scenarios, all ending with me holding the rack of a colossal buck.

Pulling onto the ranch in western Oklahoma, my hopes were high for the last hunt of the season. It was an unusually warm November evening. Both dad and I eagerly prepared for our hunt by loading our guns and strapping on our backpacks full of gear. We set off from the dusty pickup and crept about a quarter of a mile through overgrown grass. As we neared my tree stand, I scanned the meadow we approached hoping to catch any bruins making use of the evening sun. Slowly, I climbed up and settled into the ladder stand that was leaning upon a giant cottonwood. Perched fifteen feet in the air in what seemed to be the main jet stream, the last leaves of fall were losing their grip on the ancient tree. My dad wished me good luck and bid me farewell as he set off for his own evening hunt. I watched as he slipped through the tall, golden, river bottom grass. He barely got more than ten yards away when I saw the first flicker of movement on the opposite end of the field.

As if a school lunch bell had sounded off, deer began to enter the meadow. The first rustle happened straight in front of me. A young fawn bounced out of the thicket of brambles as the mother doe slowly inched her way to the edge and stopped to assess the potential dangers. Seconds later two younger does bounded from

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the other end, as if they were in a race to get a bite of the tender grass. A gust blew through and gave a slight chill to the air, rustling the branches like a giant wind chime as it passed.

Minutes passed as I scoured the landscape for a tall tined stag, when like a mirage he stepped out of the tall grass. Was this the buck I had been dreaming of? He stood erect and attentive at the edge of the meadow with a heavenly light shining over him, presenting a most majestic image. I fumbled for my binoculars. By this time, my heart was pounding almost aloud. He was roughly two hundred yards away and now in a trot with a noticeable limp in his back left leg. As he closed in, near the three does and fawn, I slowly brought the gun up and braced it against my shoulder. The buck came closer and the other deer scattered toward the outskirts of the clearing. Now only eighty-five yards away, he slowed to a walk and I lined up the sights right behind his left shoulder. Inhale, exhale. Inhale, exhale. Inhale, hold...

Sigh! Just when I was about the squeeze the trigger one of the does walked behind him, forcing me to wait for my next opportunity. Another gust of wind ripped through the trees making the whole tree and ladder stand sway in its midst. Taking deep breaths to calm myself, I began to regroup. I again aligned the sights and checked to make sure nothing impeded my shot. I slowly eased the trigger back...BANG! The buck was still standing! He had not even flinched at the rifle's report that echoed along the canyon walls of the river bottom. He looked straight ahead with his head slightly stretched out, but there was no movement. Did I miss? An eternity seemed to pass, but only seconds had ticked by. I jacked the bolt to load another round into the chamber. Placing the sights back on him, determined not to let this buck get away, I squeezed again. BOOM! The second shot rang across the surrounding landscape. The three does and fawn took off running out of sight. The buck staggered forward a few yards, falling into the native bluestem. I was breathing harder than ever before as adrenaline coursed

through my veins. My ears faintly rang from the two shots. A seemingly endless stream of thoughts ran through my mind, but one thing was for certain. I had finally harvested my first deer, and eight point buck just like I had imagined all those times before.

My dad had never even approached his stand, he was able to see my every movement through his binoculars after hearing the crack of my first shot. What seemed like a long scene from a play had actually only taken several minutes. He hurried back to me and my prize, smiling proudly. My mouth could not move fast enough. I stumbled over my account as I described the event that had just ensued. Both sides had four points and both bullets had found their marks, just as I had envisioned.

Now the heritage of hunting continues and so does the tradition of storytelling around the camp fire. Only now, instead of merely listening to the stories of others, I can also recount my tale by the flicker of the flame and under a blanket of stars. I am proud to say that my dad had passed on his love of hunting and maybe even more so the complete experience. The heritage of hunting is a tradition I am proud to be a part of. Sharing the heritage give me chances to not only spend time with my family but others. Every fall, we prepare for the hunting season, practicing with our guns and bows, plotting points on the maps, and improving our calling techniques. Receiving this opportunity has allowed me to become closer with not only my family but Mother Nature as well.



OKLAHOMA STATION



Junior Division Girl

Student Name: **Kalee Long** School: Owasso 8th Grade Center Grade: 8th Age: 13

Teacher: Frank Blair 918/272-6274

Archery: What I like about Archery in the Schools and bow-hunting

Archery, for me, has a sort of peaceful and tranquil feel to it that you just can't get when holding a gun. While hunting or practicing with a gun, respectfully, does leave you with that adrenaline rush, archery just leaves you feeling calm and serene. Archery/bow-hunting can be traced back to the earliest of hunters; it is a part of our history, heritage, and survival.

Sadly, archery has been lost or forgotten by most of my generation, this is why I think that the Archery in the Schools program is a good reintroduction of the art/sport. One aspect of it that I particularly like is that the sport does not know bias directed towards gender, race, size, strength or speed, and is dominated by none of these as many sports are. It also helps kids focus in on the target, be it the actual target your shooting at, or a target or goal that they are trying to reach elsewhere.

It has improved, I believe, my own focus and determination. My focus has been improved from obvious reasons-if you don't focus in on the target/goal, they you won't hit/reach it. I try to apply this in my own everyday life as much as possible. My determination has been improved because I've learned that if you want something, say to hit the center of the target, then you have to work and work at it to make it happen.

Unfortunately, there are some any kids that do not have the opportunity to experience this enlightening experience, and even more kids don't even know or think about it. However, I believe that if kids were given the opportunity learn about and try archery then there would be a huge rise in the amount of students who are interested in and participate in the sport. This could be achieved through the Archery in the Schools program, but first it has to be in the schools.

I want other kids to be able to enjoy this feeling as well, and it's so incredibly simple. You just pick up a bow, set your arrow, take your stance, breathe in, aim, breathe out, and release. Anyone can feel this as long as they're provided with the needed materials of course. The sad thing is that a lot of people don't have the money to buy all of the materials that makes archery fun and safe. The to all of these problems in the Archery in the Schools program.

I love the program myself, and think it gives kids like me a chance to get involved in something fun and unique. It gets us involved in competitions as well, but whether we go or not, it's always fun and something I look forward to.



Junior Division Boy

Student Name: **Barrett Jackson** School: Owasso 8th Grade Center Grade: 8 Age: 14

Teacher: Frank Blair 918/272-6274

Hunting: Sharing the Heritage

The first time I went hunting was great. I was probably five years old. It was very fun, and I got to see all kinds of things not all people get to see everyday. It was I, and my dad, we were deer hunting, and we never saw a deer but it was great to be out in the woods with my dad connecting with nature. I also remember we were sitting eating lunch at camp when a doe stepped out in an opening near camp. My dad got his run ready then he shot. It felt like the ground shook and fire came out of his barrel of his gun. It was cool, but he missed. That was the first time I went hunting.

Hunting has always been a tradition in my family. I love going out in the woods with my

dad. Without my dad I would never have had the opportunity to go hunting. I would love to pass down hunting to my kids. I hope I will never have to lose my privilege to hunt.

In my family it's all about conservation. We have always taken just what we needed from the land, and we have always followed the regulations. Whatever we harvest, we have always taken home for the dinner table. Being members of organizations such as Ducks Unlimited, has given us a very good perspective on conservation and its importance to hunting. A concern for the well being of the lands that we hunt on has really grown our awareness of the conservation needs of those lands.

I love sitting in the duck blind with my dad. I love watching the stars and just listening. You can hear all kinds of things if you just sit and listen. When I'm just sitting in the dark waiting on the first light, listening, I feel like I'm a part of nature. When we hit the first note on our calls to let the ducks know we are there, my adrenaline really gets going! There is nothing like it when the ducks start quacking and with wings locked, dropping into the decoys!

Sometimes it's not always about harvesting an animal. It's more about getting connected to nature. I also love just watching all the animals around me when I'm hunting. Even if it's just a little bird on a branch, or a coyote walking across a field. Just watching animals gets me going. When I'm out in the woods, I realize that we humans aren't the only creatures benefiting from all that nature provides for us.

Often we spend money on things we don't always like it. However, when buying tags or buying duck stamps, we know it goes to the conservation of wildlife. Paying boat ramp fees, paying to camp in wildlife management areas, buying corn for feeders, all contribute to help ensure that we will always have hunting to enjoy for ourselves and for our future generations.

The Top 25

Along with the winners, these top 25 young writers' receive a 1 year membership to Safari Club International and the Oklahoma Station Chapter. (A Note from the Editor: **NEVER STOP WRITING** my literary gang. If you are looking for a place to display your next masterpiece, **PLEASE** feel free to send them to me. I am always looking for content for our ST and would be honored to receive your articles and put them into press within our pages!)

Marry Farrow Henryetta OK 74437

Jaycee Weeks Okemah OK 74880

Samantha Wall Salina OK 74365

Kendall Odle Pryor OK 74361

McKayla Griffin Wetumka OK 74880

Billy Jo Gordon Okemah OK 74859

Haley Crum Okemah OK 74859

Ellee Barnes Marietta OK 73448

Danielle Smith Owasso OK 74055

Shelby Santag Locust Grove OK 74352 Kelsey Washom Collinsville OK 74021

Julie VanBerschot Owasso OK 74055

Jonathan Hargas Pryor OK 74361

Riley Cramer Owasso OK 74055

Jordan Riley Owasso OK 74055

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Wyatt Thompson Marietta OK 73448

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Dakota Day Pryor OK 74361

Spencer Henson Locust Grove OK 74352 Bryce Moore Pryor OK 74361

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OKLAHOMA STATION

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Essay Contest Sponsored By:



Safari Club AWLS

Oklahoma Chapter

Two educators will be awarded a scholarship to an eight-day conservation education school at Safari Club International's American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) at Granite Ranch near Jackson, Wyoming. The AWLS program covers many different aspects of conservation education.

Lodging, meals and training materials will be provided by Oklahoma Station Chapter Safari Club International. Transportation to Jackson, Wyoming, will be covered by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

Educator applications are judged in categories such as:

- Training in conservation education or environmental education programs.
- Current programs you are conducting in your school and community with a conservation and environmental emphasis.
- Past programs you have conducted with a conservation and environmental emphasis.
- Teachers of state winners in the youth essay contest: Hunting: Sharing the Heritage, will receive priority consideration.
- The AWLS program is conducted during the summer. AWLS presents an outdoor program for educators which concentrates on natural resource management and provides participants with a base knowledge from which they may evaluate conservation efforts. Participants learn about stream ecology, map and compass, language arts and creative writing in an outdoor setting, fly tying, shooting sports, wildlife management, the Yellowstone ecosystem, camping, white-water rafting, educational resources and how to implement outdoor education ideas. Six sessions will be offered June through August of 2013.

Oklahoma Station had a Board of Directors Vote and agreed to pay for and increase this to 3 teachers for the 2012 competition.



Matthew Belicek Weleetka OK 74880 School: 405/786-2203

Tim Gwartney Pryor OK 74361 School: 918/825-2371

Tambre Sanders Marietta OK 73448 School: 580/276-2968

Congratulations Teachers and you are in for a stunning, spectacular treat in Jackson Hole! Bring back lots of knowledge and spread it to our youth!!

The Oklahoma Station SCI Board of Directors and All It's Members are Proud to have you as our children's teachers!!



Office: (405) 306-1578 | Cabin: (405) 598-9115 Email: dave@quailridgeok.com Located in Tecumseh, Oklahoma



Welcome To Quail Ridge! Hunting in Tecumseh, OK Sporting Clays in Oklahoma City, OK

ATTENTION QUAIL RIDGE and Oklahoma City Area SPORTING CLAYS SUPPORTERS

As many of you may know, there are objections from neighbors to our current location. Although we are perfectly legal at our current location, the OKC Water Utilities Trust has worked very hard and diligently to find us a new location to move our sporting clays business. This move will place us further away from any sub-divisions. The Trust is in full support of the move. The next step in the permitting process is going before the OKC Planning commission on January 10, 2013. After that, will be the OKC City Council on January 29, 2013. If this move to the new location does not pass the permitting process do to a few people from the new area objecting and our side not having enough support to overrule, the city leaders could terminate our present lease and close the sporting clays. Your support is dearly needed to make sure we have a place to partake in all the sporting clays activities we do with and for you.

B Proposed Location 7000 SE 119th Street – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

A Current Location 7632 SE 149th St, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

PLEASE E-MAIL YOUR SUPPORT TO THE FOLLOWING CITY LEADERS:



<u>mayor@okc.gov</u>, <u>ward1@okc.gov</u>, <u>ward2@okc.gov</u>, <u>ward3@okc.gov</u>, <u>ward4@okc.gov</u>, <u>ward5@okc.gov</u>, <u>ward6@okc.gov</u>, <u>war</u> <u>d7@okc.gov</u>, <u>ward8@okc.gov</u>

Please include your home and/or business address

Quail Ridge will hold two public meetings at FSBC at 6400 S. Sooner Rd.

You are invited to come show your support. Jan 3, 2013 6:00-7:00 PM Jan 22, 2013 6:00 - 7:00 PM



Oklahoma Station Safari Club International Supports this move and requests your support too.

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27th Annual Convention Banquet and Fundraiser



Oklahoma Station Chapter – Safari Club International

SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd, 2013



National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum 1700 N. E. 63rd Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111

It's almost Banquet Time! To get us in the mood, we will be adding more and more auction items to the ST each Month till Auction night. Items with our 2013 stamp are Auction items we will have available.





The Hunt: 5-day Whitetail Archery hunt with 150plus Outfitters during the rut. This is a filmed hunt with an SCI videographer.

When: Your hunt will take place Nov 2nd - 6th, 2013.

Where: Our lodge is located near Garnett Kansas, This is in the southeastern part of the state in management unit 11.

Value: \$2,500

Who: This hunt is for an individual, We do have 2 more openings for this same hunt minus the videographer for \$2,500 each.

Not Included: We do not provide your meals. We do not cover the cost of your tags and hunting license.

Contact info: Call me, Cody Mundell at 785-304-1699 or email me at codymundell@gmail.com



This donation is our way of giving back to the community of hunters.

We are a small outfitter that has been in business since 2009.

To the left is a photo of Leroy Ussery's Whitetail harvested on Nov 4th 2012 with 150plus Outfitters.



What: 4 day hunt including gemsbok and Kalahari springbok
Where: Along the Orange River, Namibia
When: 2013 season
Who: One hunter and one observer (or two hunters)

Value: \$4500

Not Included: Airfare(USA/Joh'burg/Upington OR Cape Town/Upington +- U\$2000) gratuities, packing, dipping/shipping of trophies and travel/stay over cost

before and after the hunt. Schedule hunt between April - October 2013 only.

Contact Info: Willem & Marita Mans

hunting@kumkum.com.na

This Orange river area close to the Kalahari has become famous for it's fantastic big Gemsbok, Eland, Red hartebeest and Springbok trophies. Enjoy this 50 000 acre unspoiled nature jewel of mountains, valleys and wide open plains, on the ORANGE RIVER (border to South Africa) with it's Big Fish and Diamonds and where HUNDREDS OF GAME can be seen almost every day while hunting.

Hunt can be upgraded also to include **Leopard**--min. 12 days, Klipspringer, Cape Eland, Hartmann Mountain Zebra, Kudu, Red Hartebeest, Blesbok and others as per our pricelist on our website: <u>www.kumkum.com.na</u>. Upgrade to additional hunters/days cost US\$300/day, non-hunters US\$120/day plus 15% V.A.T. on daily rates only. Arrival/departure point is Upington via Cape Town or Johannesburg. Side



trips to a neighbouring Game Park where rare species like Cheetah(also tame ones) and Black Rhino can be seen, the Fish River Canyon, the Namib Desert, Kalahari Gemsbok Park(many say the best) and a visit to the popular tourist attraction Cape To bird hunting can also be organized, is highly recommend



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Value: \$8500.00

The Adventure: Last year we let you choose your height of adventure, low, mid or over the top of the mountain. This year you can choose any one of our adventures!!! Hunt; Elk, Mule Deer, Antelope or Fly-fish the Rockies in any of our top trophy regions of Wyoming or try the Whitetail, Wolves or Ice Fishing of Northern Minnesota, or Whitetail, Predator or Turkey hunting of Oklahoma – do any 1 of them ©

When: During the chosen games season, local state regulations apply. High Mountain and Minnesota trips are 10 day or less and Oklahoma can be the entire season if available.

Where: Wyoming. Minnesota or Oklahoma



Who: You of course! Bring a friend at normal rates and parties are always welcome.

Not Included: Transportation to and from closest airport, hotel stays on travel days, License(s), and Face Cream for those smile wrinkles you will gain...[©] Sheep, Grizzly Bear (probable for 2013 Wyoming season), Moose.

Elk or Mule Deer in the Shoshone National Forest or Antelope in the lower farm lands. We Outfit some of the top areas (63/64 Elk) in Wyoming if not in all of America. Over 300 inch is the norm and 400 is out there too but we do have to get an additional fee over 360". We will wait for you to draw your tag.

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Contact: Bruce Lindsey - Phone: 307-221-4752 Email: Bruce@BNLOutfitters.com http://www.bnloutf

Hickory Ridge Ranch

What: This hunt is for one youth hunter and a paying adult. Hunt includes all trophy fees and accommodations for the youth plus all accommodations for the accompanying adult and a 20% discount on trophy fees. If the hunters wish to have the hunt filmed these services can be added at no additional charge

Where: The hunt will take place at Hickory Ridge Ranch in Lamar, OK.

When: The hunt is to be conducted in the 2013 season

Value: \$6000

Who: One youth hunter with an accompanying adult hunter (father/son, mother/daughter, etc...) and the youth's family.

Not Included: Oklahoma licenses for both hunters and processing of animals harvested. Contact Info: Joshua Jones

> 405-714-0555 josh@hickoryridgehunting.com

HICKORY RIDGE RANCH near Lamar, Oklahoma, includes 2,000 very wild acres under high fence and another 2,000 acres outside the fence, along the South Canadian River. The ranch is professionally managed for whitetail bucks and trophy elk. Owner Denver McCormick has made it possible to offer this very special hunt. This hunt is not about just taking a nice deer. This is about a young hunter and their role model building memories in the great outdoors. Those special times out in the woods with their mom, dad, grandpa, aunt, etc... can be some of the best childhood memories and instill a love of nature and our hunting heritage in the hearts of the next generation.



Horseshoe Hill Outfitters

What: 2 Person Hunt for up to 140 Inch Class Whitetails Where: Horseshoe Hill Ranch, Pennsylvania When: 2013 or 2014 seasons Who: 2 hunters each to take their own Whitetail

Value: \$2500



Not Included: Airfare, hotel accommodations before or after hunt if necessary, shipping of trophies, licenses (\$150)

Contact Info: Horseshoe Hill Outfitters http://www.hhhunts.com

724-290-9338 hhhunts@gmail.com

This fantastic opportunity from Horseshoe Hill Outfitters i for 2 people to both harvest up to 140" class whitetails. They also may bring a group in which each member will be granted \$1,000.00 off of their trophy hunt. Meals, lodging and guide all included. Hunt can be upgraded to hunt 150"-300" Deer. There are no license fees required. We have an on-site taxidermist and meat processor available. This hunt is valid for the 2013or 2014 hunting seasons at Horseshoe Hill Ranch in Pennsylvania . Large groups welcome our lodge sleeps 15.

Horseshoe Hill Outfitters offers world class hunts in locations all over the United States (and in Canada). We take pride in our ability to put hunters on trophy class animals in all of our locations. Horseshoe Hill Outfitters has provided hunters with thousands of successful kills, many rewriting the record books! Our hunters come back year after year to bag that huge trophy animal.





Horseshoe Hill Outfitters

What: 5 day wolf hunt over bait and ice fishing

Where: Longlac, Ontario
When: 2013 or 2014 seasons (February-March)
Who: One hunter plus accompanying hunter (second hunter at full rate of \$2500)

Value: \$2500

Not Included: Airfare, hotel accommodations before or after hunt if necessary, shipping of trophies,

licenses (\$150)

Contact Info: Horseshoe Hill Outfitters

724-290-9338 hhhunts@gmail.com

This fantastic opportunity from Horseshoe Hill Outfitters is for a 5 day Wolf Hunt over bait in Longlac, Ontario. Hunts are conducted February – March. Hunt is semi-guided,



box blinds with heaters are the primary method of hunting. Average shots are 100-200 yards. Groups up to 6 welcome. Closest airport is Thunder Bay, Ontario (200 miles). Ice Fishing is included in this package as well. Transportation to and from stands provided by snow sleds. This hunt is valid for the 2013 or 2014 hunting seasons. The winning bidder must bring a full paying customer along with them @ \$2500.00. Non-Hunters welcome @ \$100 per day.

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Trophy Fallow or Mouflon in Spain

What: Trophy Fallow Deer or Mouflon Sheep hunt in Spain for one hunter with Alfonso Fabres of Hunt In Spain. The hunt is valid until a trophy bull is collected or wounded. The number of days for this hunt is unlimited, however, the hunt is over if the trophy is collected, wounded or if 3 reasonable chances are missed.

Where: The hunt is to take place near Salamanca, Spain

When: 2013 or 2014 seasons

Who: Hunt is for one hunter

Value: \$9300

Not Included: Hotel fees if hunter overnights in Madrid, hunting licence of \$290, export permits of \$200 and 18% V.A.T

Contact Info: Lucia Lopez Email: <u>info@huntinspain.com</u>



Accommodation for this hunt is unique: an 18th century lodge which has been refurnished with all modern facilities. It is based in one of Spain's oldest bull-fighting ranches, where you will be able to see and take pictures of these free, impressive and beautiful animals in the wild and if you enjoy a challenge you are welcome to fight one of them.

If you are keen on culture and tradition, you will enjoy visiting Salamanca. This city is one of the best examples of Romanic and Gothic Art in the World. It is full of Roman Bridges, Cathedrals, Castles and Monasteries and a visit is highly recommended if you come with a companion on this trip. Salamanca was elected the European Capital of Culture in 2002.

ALFONSO FABRÉS has been in the outfitting business for 30 years. He is Vice-President of Spain's Hunting and Tourism Association. Belongs to Board of Directors in Castilla-León States for hunting resources.

Director of the Spanish Professional Hunters Association. He has also won the Spanish Award from the Spanish Hunting Federation. He was the guide to the King of Spain when he twice took the all-time World Record Spanish Ibex.



There are no surprises with this hunt. The winning bidder may take even SCI gold medal trophies at no addition charge. If the hunter is lucky enough to get a short red fox may also be taken as a bonus species free charge.

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What: Two hunters for seven hunt days plus the arrival and departure days, plus trophy fees of <u>\$3000</u> to be shared between the two hunters.

Value: \$9,400

When: 2013 or 2014 season Outfitter schedule

Where: Limpopo Province of South Africa

Not Included: The balance of Trophy Fee's, Travel to and From South Africa

The trophy credit can be used for any animals of your choice. Daily rates and trophy fees additional to those donated will be as per the current price list. Non-Hunters are welcome to be added at \$200 per day. This is an all-inclusive package and includes pick-up and drop-off at Johannesburg Airport, all meals, drinks in moderation, field preparation of trophies, laundry service, accommodations in our lodge, and the services of an experienced Professional Hunter and tracker. The hunt may be scheduled for 2013 or 2014. Trophy credits cannot be transferred between the two hunters.

Contact: Andre Stewart <u>kuvhima@mweb.co.za</u> Tel: 27 83 320 8866 Fax: 27 86 671 7556 <u>http://www.kuvima.co.za</u> Address: P.O. Box 607, Lephalale, Limpopo Province, RSA, 0555















What: 10 day plains game safari for two hunters including trophy fees for an impala and choice of either

blue wildebeest or gemsbok for both hunters! Where: Limpopo, South Africa When: 2013/2014 season Who: Two hunters

Value: \$13,000

Not included: Airfare to O.R. Tambo International Airport (Johannesburg, South Africa), prep and shipping of trophies, accommodations before or after hunt if necessary.

Contact Info: Hannes Els <u>hannes@limcroma.com</u> <u>http://www.limcroma.com</u>



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What: 10 full days of hunting for 1 hunter and one observer including trophy fees for impala, blesbok,

springbok, and gray duiker OR 10 days for 2 hunters (2x1) including impala and blesbok for each hunter. Where: Eastern Cape of South Africa

When: Hunt may be taken in 2014 or 2015 (if any open dates remain the hunt may also be conducted in 2013)

Who: 1 hunter and 1 observer OR 2 hunters

Value: \$8240

Not Included: Any air travel, pre and post safari accommodations and meals. Trophy fees for animals taken in addition to those included in the package or animals wounded and lost. Hire of rifles and ammunition, gratuities to PH and camp staff. The preparation, packing, documentation, taxidermy and export of trophies from South Africa and all items of a personal

nature.

Contact Info: Joe or Barbara Dabney 870-214-1028 Web Site: www.mankazanasafaris.com email: info@mankazanasafaris.com.

This beautiful hunting area is nestled in the foothills of the Great

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This package includes: Services of a licensed professional hunter (guide), hunting vehicle and support team. Pick-up and drop-off at Port Elizabeth airport. Accommodations, meals, soft drinks, liquor, local beer and wines in reasonable quantities. Daily laundry service. Trophy fees for the included animals. Field preparation of trophies and delivery of trophies to a local taxidermist or shipping agent. Value added tax. To reserve their preferred dates the winning bidder MUST contact Joe or Barbara Dabney (see above) within 60 days of the close of the auction. Failure to do so may result in their having to accept whatever dates are available.







What: Alberta bear hunt for one bear, second bear can be added for \$1500

Where: Alberta, Canada When: 2013/2014 season Who: One hunter

Value: \$3500

Not Included: Airfare to Edmonton Canada, Alberta bear license and tax, shipping of trophy/meat, hotel accommodations before or after hunt.

Contact Info: Troy Foster

northab@telus.net http://www.northalberta.com



Located in Slave Lake, (North Central Alberta) we offer hunts for Canadian: Moose, Whitetail Deer, Mule Deer, Black Bear and Wolves may also be taken. In addition to our hunting program we now offer world class fishing for Northern Pike and Walleye.

North Alberta Outfitters was established in 1986, and is owned and operated full time by myself, Troy Foster and my wife Lisa Foster. I was born and raised in the Slave Lake Area. My knowledge of the hunt area is extensive, providing you with the optimum hunting experience. Our warm and friendly staff are ready to greet you on arrival and help you get settled in.

North Alberta Outfitters will place you in an area that holds quality trophy animals of the species you choose to hunt. When you book a hunt with us, you receive: experience, dedication, and professionalism. Our success is your success along with your enjoyment.





What: Alberta bear hunt for two bears; method of take is hunter's choice
Where: Alberta, Canada
When: 2013/2014 seasons
Who: One hunter with an accompanying hunter at full rate

Value: \$3650

Not Included: Airfare to Edmonton Canada, Alberta bear license and tax, shipping of trophy/meat, hotel accommodations before or after hunt.

Contact Info: Colin Paly

colin@northernedgeoutfitting.com

http://www.northernedgeoutfitting.com/



Northern Edge Outfitting Ltd. takes pride in offering personal guided trophy hunts for bear, moose, whitetail deer, wolf and coyote with an emphasis on providing you with the hunting experience of a lifetime. We all work hard to provide comfortable camp facilities, and are always willing to go that extra mile to make your hunt a memorable one.

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The Hunt: One Person will enjoy the Red River Oklahoma hospitality of Monty Roberts for a river bottom 1 day **HOG Hunt** with UNLIMITED Hogs!

Value: \$300.00 - 1 day

When: Scheduled date with Outfitter during the 2013 Year

Where: South of Davidson Oklahoma, on the Red River

Who: 1 Hunter but please bring another at normal rates if you can.

Not Included: Transportation to and from, normal supplies, tags and processing.

Contact Information: Marty Roberts (580) 305-4868 <u>RobertsRanchOutfitters@yahoo.com</u> http://robertsranchoutfitters.com - PO Box 273, Davidson Oklahoma 73530

You will be hunting for wild hogs. Arrive on the evening before the first day of hunting, hunt one day; depart the evening of the 1st day. Monty Roberts will provide all transportation during the hunt and all meals during your stay.

The ranch has camper slots with water, electric and dump station or you can stay in the 5 room bunk house. A 250 yard rifle range is available to ensure accuracy before your hunt. Roberts Ranch Outfitters is a homestead ranch located on the Red River near Davidson Oklahoma and Vernon Texas. This ranch features wild ranging river bottom hogs. This hunt represents an outstanding opportunity to introduce new younger hunters to Hog Hunting.





ROBERTS RANCH OUTFITTERS on the RED RIVER

The Hunt: One Person will enjoy the Red River Oklahoma hospitality of Monty Roberts for a river bottom, high stand, and unlimited size Whitetail Deer hunt with bow or muzzleloader!

Value: \$1800.00 - 5 days

When: Scheduled date with Outfitter during the 2013 Bow/Muzzleloader Seasons

Where: South of Davidson Oklahoma, on the Red River

Who: 1 Hunter but please bring another at normal rates if you can.

Not Included: Transportation to and from, normal supplies, tags and processing.

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Hugh Bereman with a 2010 year 150+ inch wild trophy buck.

You will be hunting for wild trophy bucks...Only mature bucks with horns of 10 points or rough score of above 140 may be taken. Arrive on the evening before the first day of hunting, hunt five days; depart the evening of the fifth day. Monty Roberts will provide 1 X 1 placements in the stand, all transportation during the hunt, and all meals during your stay.

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This hunt represents an outstanding opportunity to introduce new younger hunters to trophy Whitetail deer hunting.





Lad Shunneson Adventures Deep Sea/ Wingshooting Combo

What: 6 days of deep sea fishing for marlin, sailfish, dorado and shark combined with fantastic duck and

dove hunting Where: Mazatlan, Mexico When: January-March 2014 Who: One hunter with accompanying hunter at 25% discount Value: \$4565

Not Included: Airfare, licenses (\$16/day), alcohol, shotgun shells (\$17/box) Contact Info: Lad Shunneson 303-258-7777 ladadventures@webtv.net shunnesonandwilsonadventures.com

Join Lad personally for this 6 day package including 2 days of deep sea fishing, 1 day of wingshooting, and 1 day of beach and shopping. Fully guided including all meals, accommodations in Lad's private condominium on the beach in Mazatlan, Mexico. Also includes 1 night of true Mexican fiesta! Can be upgraded to include a full day of bass fishing on the legendary Lake El Salto.

Mazatlan has one of the largest concentrations of waterfowl in Mexico. To hunt ducks and doves there is an unbelievable, world-class experience.



This is Lad's 43rd year running these adventures. The sun, beach, and general fun as well as the fishing and duck hunting are fantastic!



Lad Shunneson Adventures "Fish Slamming Safari"

What: 6 days with Lad Shunneson Adventures deep sea fishing for marlin, sailfish, shark, and rouck Where: Mazatlano or Zihautanejo, Mexico

When: July or August 2014

Who: One person with accompanying guest at 25% discount

Value: \$4565

Not Included: Airfare, licenses (\$16/day), alcohol Contact Info: Lad Shunneson

> 303-258-7777 <u>ladadventures@webtv.net</u> shunnesonandwilsonadventures.com



A very exciting new adventure for summer deep sea fishing at Lad's beautiful private condo on the beach. The winning bidder and at least

one guest (guests receive 25% discount) will enjoy 6 days with Lad in either Mazatlan or Zihautanejo, Mexico with 4 full days of fishing plus arrival and departure days. Package includes all meals, guide services, accommodations in Lad's private condominium, all government taxes and a true Mexican fiesta!

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What: 2 days of hunting for free range aoudad at Trash Rack Ranch
Where: Trash Rack Ranch- 40 miles north of Del Rio, Texas
When: Any time (late spring and early summer are the best times for aoudad hunting)
Who: One hunter

Value: \$3200

Not Included: Transportation to and from ranch, taxidermy, meat processing, and license Contact Info: George Nelson Trash Rack Ranch LLC

http://www.traxshrackoutfitters.com

Trash Rack Outfitters (TRO) is a family run ranch and is



located 40 miles north of Del Rio, Texas (home of beautiful Lake Amistad) on highway 277 or approximately 50 miles south of Sonora on highway 277. Our terrain ranges from mesquite and cedar flats with an abundance of oak to steep bluffs with sage, pinion pine and cedar. The flats have White Tail Deer, Turkey and Hogs. The hillsides and bluffs also have the Deer, Turkey and Hogs as well as the exotic species including large herds of Aoudad. We also have access to high fenced properties with several different Exotic species including Black Buck, Fallow Deer, Elk and high genetic White Tail Deer.



Currently, Trash Rack Ranch has been watching an aoudad that could put one lucky hunter in the record books. If it is not a new world record, it is at least in the top 5.





What: 2 day hunt for Rio Grande turkey at Trash Rack Ranch
Where: Trash Rack Ranch- 40 miles north of Del Rio, Texas
When: To be arranged with outfitter (subject to state regulated seasons)
Who: One hunter

Value: \$1050

Not Included: Transportation to and from ranch, taxidermy, meat processing, and license Contact Info: George Nelson

Trash Rack Ranch LLC

830-313-1020

http://www.trashrackoutfitters.com

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Oklahoma Station Chapter – Safari Club International

PO Box 890307 Oklahoma City, OK 73189

Oklahoma Station - SCI Supports and Contributes Funds Locally & Nationally

The future of hunting is up to each one of us. It is our financial donations, our efforts in the political arena, and our ability to educate the uninformed public of the important role hunting plays in the welfare of the animal population and their habitat. Our activities and energy must focus on 3 areas - Conservation, Education, and Governmental affairs.

We, the members of SCI, are the last best chance that wildlife has to survive in a healthy habitat, and we have to preserve our right to hunt.

Oklahoma Station Chapter, SCI is a 501 c (3) Charitable Status Organization

Protect the Freedom to Hunt

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PROTECT OUR FREEDOM TO HUNT & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PRORAMS - Thirty percent (30%) of net monies raised by the Oklahoma Station Chapter support programs that provide for full-time staff lobbyists & biologists in Washington, DC. SCI is the only <u>hunting organization</u> that has full-time lobbyists & biologists working to provide sound scientific information to influence legislation and regulations that affect hunting both at the federal and state levels. 70% of funds raised by the Oklahoma Station Chapter are used in Oklahoma for hunting-education, wildlifeconservation and humanitarian-services programs.

Highlights of 2011- 2012

Funded a Operation Game Thief Trailer for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife – Our chapter committed \$25,000 over 3 years to the ODWC to build a new trailer to be used in the Operation Game Thief program. We received a \$5,000 grant from the SCI foundation to help with this commitment.

We provided the funds to send 4 Oklahoma teachers to the 7 day American Wilderness Leadership School in Jackson Hole Wyoming in 2011. These teachers will now be prepared to take this learning experience and bring it to hundreds of our state youth over the coming years. We will send at least 3 teachers to the 2012 training. The ODWC helps us support this program and contributes the travel cost for 2 teachers each year.

Our chapter agreed to support an additional Shotgun Training Education Program (STEP) replacement trailer. Our commitment is for over \$15,000 to help ODWC purchase a new trailer for this fantastic program.

Our chapter helped fund a youth shooting range at the Oklahoma City Gun Club with a \$1,500 donation.

As a result of our very successful 2011 banquet we were able to provide over \$30,000 to the national SCI organization for conservation and in support of our right to hunt.





Conservation

OKLAHOMA HABITAT DONOR PROGRAM -

- Financial support for the Hackberry Flats Wetlands project, Frederick, OK.
- Financial support for a "Quality Deer Management" program in Lincoln County, OK.
- Financial support for the ODWC black bear collar program

RESTORATION OF RUFFED GROUSE & PRAIRIE CHICKEN - Financial support towards restoration of ruffed grouse and Greater Prairie Chicken habitat in Oklahoma. 2009 support for Audubon Society/OSC conservation project to protect the threatened Lesser Prairie Chicken in Northwest Oklahoma in conjunction with the Lesser Prairie Chicken festival.

INTRODUCED EIGHT (8) ELK INTO THE EXISTING HERD IN SE. OKLAHOMA -Chapter financed the purchase, transportation and release of 5 mature bred cow elk and 2 mature bulls plus radio-collar transmitters for monitoring purposes. These 8 elk will improve the gene pool in the existing elk herd in SE Oklahoma which is in cooperation with the Timberline Elk Ranch, Cushing, Oklahoma, and the ODWC.

2005 AIR BOAT (18 X 8'), 502 CU. INCH CHEVROLET ENGINE 502 HP RATING WAS PURCHASED FOR OKLAHOMA DEPT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION USE.

ODWC Contributions – Since the foundation of the Oklahoma Station Chapter of SCI, <u>over</u> <u>\$ 280,000</u> has been funded for various Wildlife Department programs either through direct funding or purchase of equipment for ODWC use.

Education

SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR YOUTH EDUCATION & OUTDOOR PROGRAMS – Archery in the Schools program (\$ 9,500 in 2008), Last Frontier Council -Boy Scouts of America; Eddy Eagle Gun Safety program; Make a Wish Foundation, Youth Hunter Education Challenge, & the 4H Youth Shooting Team.

OKLAHOMA DEPT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COLORING BOOKS - We purchased 65,000 wildlife conservation coloring books for school children.

APPRENTICE HUNTER PROGRAM -An annual youth essay writing contest that focuses on America's hunting heritage; co-sponsored by the Okla. Dept of Wildlife Conservation. Two students in the 11-14 age category win scholarships to attend a weeklong program at the YO Ranch in Mountain Home, Texas. One boy and one girl, 15-17, each win a guided pronghorn antelope hunt in New Mexico and presentation of their mounts at the Annual OSC Awards Banquet & Charity Fundraiser.

THE AMERICAN WILDERNESS LEADERSHIP SCHOOL - Each year, our Chapter and the Okla. Dept. of Wildlife Conservation sponsor two Oklahoma educators for an 8-day experience at SCI's Granite Ranch near Jackson, Wyoming, in fields of wildlife ecology, firearm safety and shooting sports, camping, white-water rafting, stream ecology, natural resource management with a base knowledge from which to evaluate conservation efforts. They bring this training back to their classrooms to educate thousands of Oklahoma youth on the value of hunting as a wildlife management tool.

STEP PROGRAM – Okla. Dept of Wildlife Conservation's <u>Shotgun Training Education</u> <u>Program ("STEP")</u> – OSC-SCI supported this program by originally purchasing a custom built 26-foot long gooseneck equipment trailer. OSC purchased two additional trailers in 2008. These trailers carry the program's portable trap machines, firearms, ammunition, safety and gun maintenance equipment. In the past 10 years, 100,000 persons in the state





of Oklahoma (65% are youth under the age of 18) have participated in STEP, leaning the importance of hunting as a conservation and management tool and improving their shooting skills to ensure the humane harvesting of wildlife.

OKLAHOMA WILDLIFE EXPO – Our Chapter supports the ODWC - Wildlife Expo with significant funding and with workers. This is the biggest and the most successful comprehensive hands-on outdoor education experience and recreation event in State history. Approximately 60,000 attend annually. In 2011, OSC featured "Predators of Oklahoma" with a game for thousands of youth to identify the animals and win a prize for successfully doing so (all eventually won). We estimate over 8000 kids participated in our "Predators of Oklahoma" game.

WILDLIFE HERITAGE CENTER MUSEUM, ANTLERS, OK. – Our Chapter contributed to the building of the museum/learning center in SE Oklahoma. The operation is a joint agreement of the Okla. Dept of Commerce, Okla. Tourism and Recreation Dept and the Okla. Dept of Wildlife. The facility will be utilized as a regional tourism attraction while at the same time serving as a wildlife and natural resource conservation public education center.

SAFARI IN A BOX - Safari in a Box is a K-12 education kit designed to provide exciting, hands-on learning. It gives teachers and others who work with young people resources and ideas to introduce youth to important concepts of habitat, wildlife management and impacts resulting from human and wildlife interactions. Initial SIB placement was in memory of OSC member David Rocker.

"SCI SAVES CSI" - 2009 support of OSU's "Insect Adventure", a project which teaches basic conservation principles to over <u>300,000</u> individuals in Oklahoma each year (and also contributes to the conservation of the endangered American burying beetle, a species valuable in Crime Scene Analysis).

Humanitarian Services

SAFARI-CARE – On numerous occasions, OSC members have traveled internationally and carried medical, educational and relief supplies to villages in need of support.

SPORTSMEN AGAINST HUNGER – OSC originally funded 100% of operating expenses for the program in excess of \$200,000 annual budget. OSC also managed the program Statewide for over 10 years. OSC continues to financially support this program annually, and in 2011 as we have for the past 10 years we supported this program with a \$ 2,000 contribution to ODWC.

SENSORY SAFARI DAY - A hands-on adventure for sightless and sight-impaired children and adults. Members loan their animal mounts for these people to see for the first time, through their fingertips, animals from around the world. The event is co-sponsored by the Okla. Dept. Wildlife Conservation, Oklahoma Station Chapter - SCI and the H&H Gun Range.

VETERANS' HUNTS – OSC organized Mid-East-Conflict veterans' hunts in conjunction with Jay Barczak of Wild Game Outfitters-Duchess Creek Ranch, Porum, OK, and in conjunction with other supporters. In 2009, three veterans were drawn from public nominations for guided elk and deer hunts complete with all accommodations. In 2010, OSC and Mankazana Safaris presented a Purple-Heart veteran the hunt of a lifetime in Africa. OSC supports our troops who protect our freedoms!

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Permittee of the Shoshone National Forest

BNLOufitters has many opportunities for the **2013** season. Available slots fill up fast as we wish we could take care of the world but there are limits to even our resources :)

Wyoming Elk Hunting is a huge item we love to do and we do it in one of the arguably best Trophy Elk areas of Wyoming and maybe America. Horse backing into the Shoshone for unbelievable adventures to ranch hunting with the mountains in as a backdrop are on the top of our list. The similarity though is you MUST put in for your draw tag in **JANUARY**, contact us for help or put in for Area 63/64 and General tag. This is definitely the hunt of a life time! We also have access to special tags so contact us for info and pricing. Base hunt \$5500 for 1 on 2 guide services.

Wyoming Cougar, Mule Deer, Shirras Moose, Mountain Goats, Big Horn Sheep, and Antelope, Wolves, Black Bear, and soon, Grizzly Bears (estimated 2014 and current customers will have first opportunity) are all on our Big Game hunts: Wyoming is indeed a wild frontier and any of the adventures are sure to please and full fill your wildest dreams! Draw times for these tags vary from MARCH to JUNE to no draw required so contact us for help, info and pricing.

Wyoming Fly-Fishing and ECO Trips: is the best way to enjoy the summer and early fall beauty. Fly fishing in the backcountry of Wyoming is a phenomenal experience with blue ribbon caliber trout fly fishing, spectacular scenery and first class camps, with access to more than 15 alpine lakes and endless miles of rivers and streams. These waters are home to California Golden Trout, Yellowstone Cutthroat, German Browns, Rainbow Trout, Cuttbows, Brooke Trout, and Lake Trout. No matter the location, we will put you in the middle of frenzied top water trout action. Our unique location allows us to sight cast to fish that are not line shy and more than willing to gobble many assorted dry flies during the summer. *Many of our clients will experience 70-fish days with a good number approaching 22 inches.* This is truly a top water experience. Don't want to fish, no problem, let's ride and camp and take in the stunning beauty of this spectacular place on earth! 3 days trips start at \$2500 and longer, higher country trips are available, so contact us for help, info and pricing.

Minnesota Urban Hunting: having lions roar in the back ground from the Duluth Zoo is a possibility in these urban hunts. The Whitetails are huge in size and sporting 150 plus racks is a norm. The Duluth hunts have special requirements which must be completed by JUNE. All other hunts can be done over the counter with a week of notice being all that is required most times. We are also adding Lake Superior and Minnesota lake fishing in 2013 which is a must do for all fisherman. Other adventures, both short term and long term, are available in Oklahoma, Minnesota and Wyoming so don't take this as the complete list, drop us a line or email and lets get you into the greatest adventure you have ever had!

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BOWERS CORNER

Project: Build a handmade masterpiece 3 Piece Recurve Bow for the March 2nd Oklahoma Stations SCI Auction

Location: Oklahoma City

Process: To be shown through the process over 2 Safari Trails Magazines and finalized in the Banquet Book.

Part 2 of 3 (Last pics and tidbits in Banquet Book)

Once the limbs come out of the oven it's time to rough them in. A point to remember, cut slowly with a small toothed blade for this, a scroll saw works great. Also, cut from the base of the limb towards the tip. If you cut from tip down you have a change of splitting the glass and running or damaging the limb. Once it is rough cut, press glue a couple layers of botech on the tip to build up three or 4 layers to make the tip strong enough to not break from string pressure.

Once the tips are dry, using long stoke sanding down the sides and very fine sanding to all the edges and surfaces, finish off the libs to a smooth finish. Drill a shallow hole in the base for inset of a holding pin and another all the way through for the mounting screw to go through. Applying 3 or 4 coats of urethane spray to the sanded and finished limbs makes them pull out the color and shine in their full glory.

The riser block is by far the longest process, you make take days or even weeks to cut and sand this into it final beauty. Rough cutting it in with various saws, removing more detailed wood with high speed router bits and rotator saws gets you down to the sanding level. Hours and hours of rough paper, then medium, then fine to get the details and lines right will produce a beautiful riser. I personally like to leave a flaw or two in the wood to make sure there is no mistake that it is handmade. Why try for perfection when machine builds can probably do that. Once it is all sanded, drill the threaded screw mount in and a shallow hole for the pin and begin the spray, sand, spray again routine of urethane to bring all the color out to a high shine or smooth sheen.

Not quite done yet, once you have everything shined up to your licking, and cut the notches into the tips, time to string it up. Do NOT try and step through and bend your bow over your knee like you saw in the movies, you are libel to break a tip or maybe en your hip. A little string with small pouch on one end and a slip loop on the other makes stringing a breeze ($\underline{H\&H}$ has you covered for this) and while you are there, have them put on some beaver balls and beaver felt to quiet the whole thing down as well as make it smooth as silk.





PIC 2: Roughed in cut of riser block with lots of work to go ☺

Making your own bow is a time sensitive project but the end result is simply beautiful for you and your family to enjoy for generations!

More pictures and video will be on our <u>Facebook</u> pages and the competition to name our creation will begin. This project uses most of the craftsman skills we all have and a few detailed things too, which I have and am more than happy to share. Feel free to contact me and I will share my molds and jigs for you to make your own.

Network Larry - editor@oklahomastationsci.org



The Dirty Dozen

Courtesy of the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (www.ussportsmen.org)

There are groups that undermine and manipulate systems across America to end hunting, trapping and fishing. These same "less-than-honest" groups also often then exploit wildlife and conservation issues in the name of raising dollars for their devious causes. Here are a dozen organizations that have taken efforts in the past year to prevent you from hunting or trapping:

1. Humane Society of the United States (HSUS): After losing an effort to have the chairman of California's Game Commission removed because he went legally hunting for mountain lions in another state, HSUS then pushed legislation to end the hunting of bears and bobcats with hounds in California. HSUS has also threatened to sue to stop wolf hunting in the Western Great Lakes region. Shame on them.

2. Center for Biological Diversity: This group has repeatedly sued the federal government to end the use of traditional hunting ammunition through attempts to ban lead. This ban would also apply to fishing tackle and would affect all sportsmen and women. The group's information is based on flawed details about lead and bullets. The CBD is also working—and suing—to stop Western Great Lakes region wolf hunting seasons.

3. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA): This radical animal rights group issued a request for its minions across America to break established hunter harassment laws. PETA urged followers to interfere with hunts by protesting, spreading human hair, and other unlawful acts.

4. Defenders of Wildlife: This group has been working to end wolf management in Wyoming and misguiding the public on the truth about overpopulated Yellowstone wolves. Defenders of Wildlife has filed a number of anti-hunting lawsuits and often seeks to recoup its legal costs for the suits from taxpayers.

5. Sierra Club: This group's board of directors worked for—and implemented—a policy officially opposing all trapping. The Sierra Club also tried to end a decades old elk hunt on public land in Wyoming.

6. The Fund for Animals: They have threatened to sue to halt established Western Great Lakes region wolf hunts after hunters and state game management supporters were successful in removing the long recovered wolves from the Endangered Species List. The have also filed a suit that would stop wolf management in Wyoming.

7. Howling for Wolves: A Minnesota-based group suing to stop wolf hunting in that state. The group claims that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources didn't properly adopt the hunting season even though it went through the same process as other hunting seasons.

8. American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: Supports laws to prevent keeping dogs in outside kennels (a standard practice across America). They have also filed a brief supporting the lawsuit aimed at shutting down wolf hunting with dogs in Wisconsin.

9. Western Environmental Law Center: A ring leader in a group of eight anti-organizations that want to ban wolverine trapping in Montana until the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) determines if the wolverine will be placed on the federal threatened and endangered species lists. This is just another "backdoor" ploy to end all trapping.

10. In Defense of Animals: This anti-hunting group sued to stop bear hunting in Virginia, has called for a boycott of Alaska over its highly successful and sustainable wolf management program, strongly opposes wolf management in the Northern Rocky Mountains, and is pushing for a federal ban on animal testing for medical research.

11. Friends of Animals: This Connecticut-based group believes "hunting in all forms is unethical, socially unjustifiable and ecologically disruptive." The group worked against bear hunting in New Jersey, deer hunting in Connecticut, and against many science-based conservation programs. This group claims "hunting is an important cause of many deer/auto collisions... by inciting the deer to be incautious."

12. WildEarth Guardians: They earn a place on this shame list for working to ban trapping on public land in New Mexico. This group has also sued the federal Wildlife Services department over their wolf management program and has called on Congress to end funding for this important federal wildlife management entity.

Please spread the word on these anti groups. Your next hunting, fishing or trapping trip depends on it.

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A slate of candidates nominated by the current Board of Directors for open positions on the board will be presented at the meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Each Director and Officer elected at this member's meeting shall take office on 01 April 2013.

General qualifications of Directors and Officers: A chapter member in good standing shall be eligible for election if they shall have attained Twenty-One (21) years of age by the date of taking office and he has never been convicted of nor pled guilty to any felony violation of a U.S. jurisdiction.

Are you an Active Hunter? Interested in the future of hunting? Interested in the future of our SCI Chapter. Would be interested in serving with us our Board of Directors? Then contact me now!

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