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Brothers turn their passion into a business

By **Jimmy Potts**
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Troy (L) and David (R) Hoyt credit their father, Steve Hoyt, for inspiring their passion for the outdoors and through taxidermy preserving memories for years to come.

As part of TDs Taxidermy, now entering its 15th year of operation, the Hoyts take a prized kill, whether a fish, deer or bear, and turn it into a lasting trophy to be admired.

“We grew up coon hunting, fishing, everything and our dad passed it on to us. That’s actually my slogan ‘memories that last,’” Troy Hoyt said. “It’s something you can always look back on. I’ve had people bring in deer most people wouldn’t want to mount, but that’s not what it’s about. It’s about their kid being with them when they shot it. It’s special to them and something they can pass down to their children because they were with them and on the same hunt. It just sparks a memory.”

Hoyt describes taxidermy as easy, but hard to do well. Relating the cliché of an artist only being as good as his or her canvas, he makes the most of the animals he receives; but added, there are



a few things hunters can do to ensure the quality of their preserved kills. He recommends bringing the deer into a taxidermist as soon as possible, especially during warmer seasons, and to take care in the transportation of the animal in order to keep the hide in good condition. Another aspect hunters may want to consider is how they want the deer presented. Do they want a pristine mount or a mount depicting battle scars it suffered while in the wild?

“A lot of people want it to look natural, the way they shot it ... Youtube is one of the biggest helps,” Hoyt said. “You can go on there and watch videos on how to cape a deer or field dressing. I’ve had people field dress a deer and gut it between the legs but they usually stop between the front legs. One guy gutted it all the way to the chin. I could

have fixed it, but over time as things dry it could cause problems. It’s good to know when to stop when field dressing. Other people will cut it too short.”

Troy Hoyt said he mostly works with white tail deer, but hopes to one day have another opportunity to craft a black bear because of the challenging work and beauty of the animal. David Hoyt hopes to work with more fish because it allows him to show his artist side as he reproduced how the fish looks in the wild.

“They lose a lot of their color when they go through the drying process,” David Hoyt said. “You have to go back over it with paint so I have to take a million pictures so I can go back over it and air brush it back. That’s the biggest challenge, figuring it all out.”



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JEFFERSON CITY, MO., August 31, 2020 - With fall just around the corner, the outdoors are calling and, hopefully, the fish are biting. To encourage Missouri children to get outside and fish, FCS Financial is hosting a kids' fishing challenge from September 1-30. All participating fishermen will receive a t-shirt and be entered for a chance to win one of 15 fully loaded tackle boxes worth an estimated \$150 each.

"We know the pandemic has created stress for everyone - including kids. We also know that getting outside and unplugging can help people feel better," says Rob Guinn, FCS Financial Chief Marketplace Officer. "With that in mind, a fishing challenge seemed like a perfect way to encourage kids to spend time outside and enjoy the beauty of our state."

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Fisherman's handmade lures quickly gaining popularity

By Jimmy Potts
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Although his primary profession is working in the meat department at Cameron Market, Maysville resident David Blackburn's true passion is spending time on the lake with his handmade fishing lures.

Through his business, Dawn 2 Dusk Custom Tackle, Blackburn uses his love of fishing to handcraft lures and often draws the attention of fellow fishermen at tournaments and other competitions.

"I used to do taxidermy for years. I had an airbrush and compressor sitting out there, I thought I need to do something and I love fishing," Blackburn said. "I do fishing tournaments and things like that so I thought, hey it would be great if I could do something with this airbrush. I found blank lures that are clear when I get them. I started

painting them because I hated to waste the money I put into the airbrush."

Before long, Blackburn started to get requests lures and soon parlayed his passion into a business as demand persisted. While not ever showing an interest in art as a child, outside of a few drawings, Blackburn honed his craft while working as a taxidermist. Now, he blends colors for his lures in order to give the most realistic representation with many of his lures seeming indistinguishable from a small fish or frog in the wild.

"I started painting lures in colors I know that will work, then I start with things that are different from factory jobs," Blackburn said. "Then I go out on the lake and test every one of them to make sure they run straight. If they don't, I tune them ... When people got interested, I started doing keychains."

Blackburn said it took him years to find a formula that work. Previous iterations would



prematurely yellow, but eventually found a clear coat able to weather lake water. All lures have their own unique design and he estimates they can take between 20 to 45 minutes to make.

"They could probably go to the bait store and pay a little bit less, but the coating – you can feel that," Blackburn said. "It's different than any coating you are going to find on the shelf. These will still scar up, but they won't scar up as fast as some of your other ones will."

Blackburn considers crafting lures a labor of love, but touts his lures often work better than those made in a factory. Some clients

often buy his lures for display because of Blackburn's unique designs. He said Christmas is often his busiest time of the year.

"I can do this, cut my costs on fishing tackle, and make some extra money on the side. I hope after I retire, I can do a little bit more," he said.



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Just one shot

Hunting with old fashioned rifles raises the stakes

By Jimmy Potts

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For antique gun collector Del Warren, hunting a Revolution or Civil War era rifle can be the closest experience to life in frontier Missouri some can get.

Although housing rifles dating back to the Civil War in his store, James Country Mercantile, Warren does not recommend using one of his antique weapons for hunting, but he has many era-accurate rifles for sale and some crafted by the area's predominant makers of Revolution and Civil War era weaponry.

"You have one shot. It's about a 10 to 15-second reload. You don't have a semi-automatic, where you can keep pulling the trigger," Warren said. "Once you pull this trigger, you're done. In 10 or 15 seconds Bambi is going to be in the next field over. It's no different than a cartage gun, a 20-06 or 243, you still have to be able to place the shot and be close enough for the shot to be effective."

Warren said the single shot is not the only factor raising the stakes. Hunters using Civil War era weapons also have to learn the art of using an iron site as well as learning how to shoot with a



round ball instead of a slug.

"You're going to be about 3 inches high for trajectory from 50 yards and on at about 100 yards," Warren said. "Out to 100 yards, you have a very good deer rifle. In Missouri, you're going to be anything from 20 to 50 yards. That's prime grounds. It's about how much of a handicap do you want to put on yourself because you have one shot and a slow reload."

Although enthusiastic about hunting with single shot rifles, Warren feels hunting is only a small part of owning a handcrafted rifle. The true beauty comes from its design, its story. Whether an

antique rifle or a reproduction, every rifle has a story so long as the owner

has an interest in reading it. After years of working in reproducing Civil War era uniforms, weapons and other accessories, including working closely in the production of the 1999 film 'Ride with the Devil', Warren developed a keen eye for reading such stories.

"The rifle will tell you the story. You look for how it was built," Warren said. "It will tell you who built it. The time period it was built. You just keep working back through. If you're really lucky the family can give you the history. It's no different than someone who sells cars for a living, horses for a living, what have you."



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METHODS

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Fully automatic weapons are prohibited for all hunting.

Firearm restrictions during deer firearms season

During the November and antlerless portions, other wildlife may be hunted only with a shotgun and shot not larger than No. 4 or a .22 or smaller caliber rimfire rifle. This does not apply to waterfowl hunters, trappers, or to landowners on their land.

If you are hunting furbearers during daylight hours during firearms deer season, only deer hunting methods may be used.

Firearm restrictions during elk firearms portion

During the firearms portion of the elk hunting season in open counties, other wildlife may be hunted only with a shotgun and shot not larger than No. 4 or a .22 or smaller caliber rimfire rifle. This does not apply to waterfowl hunters, trappers, or to landowners on their land.

Poisons, tranquilizing drugs, chemicals, and explosives

Poisons, tranquilizing drugs, chemicals, and explosives may not be used to take wildlife.

Motor driven transportation

Motor driven transportation may not be used to take, drive or molest wildlife.

A motorboat may be used to hunt wildlife, except deer and elk, if the motor is shut off and the boat's forward progress has stopped.

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs)

It is illegal for anyone (except landowners and lessees on land they own or lease and certain agricultural workers) to drive all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) in Missouri's streams and rivers unless the ATV is on a crossing that is part of the highway system. Violators could lose their fishing and hunting privileges.

With limited exceptions, all-terrain vehicle use is prohibited on conservation areas. Other vehicles are restricted to graveled and paved roads and established parking areas, unless otherwise posted.

Artificial lights

Artificial lights may be used to hunt:

- bullfrogs
- green frogs
- raccoons and other furbearing animals when treed with the aid of dogs

Landowners and lessees may use artificial lights on their property, but while doing so may not be in possession of — or be in the company of someone who possesses — a firearm, bow, or other implement used to take wildlife.

Artificial lights may not be used to search for, spot, illuminate, harass, or disturb other wildlife than the above.

You may not possess night vision or thermal imagery equipment while carrying a firearm, bow, or other implement used to take wildlife.

Calls

Mouth and hand calls may be used any time.

Electronic calls or electronically activated calls may be used to pursue and take crows and

furbearers. They may also be used to take light geese during the Conservation Order. Electronic calls may not be used with artificial light or night-vision equipment.

Dogs

Dogs may be used in hunting wildlife -- except deer, elk, turkey, muskrat, mink, river otter, and beaver. Learn more about the rules for hunting with dogs.

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DURING A HUNT

Furbearer dens or nests

The dens or nests of furbearers shall not be molested or destroyed.

Hunter orange

For your safety, you are urged to wear hunter orange whenever you are hunting. You are required to wear hunter orange at certain times and locations. Learn more about the hunter orange rules.

Hunting near flood waters or fire

Wildlife, except waterfowl, may not be pursued or taken while trapped or surrounded by floodwaters or while fleeing from floodwaters or fire.

Hunting and trapping on public roadways

You may not take any wildlife from or across a public roadway with a firearm, bow or crossbow. A Conibear-type trap may be used adjacent to public roadways only if set underwater in permanent waters.

AFTER A SUCCESSFUL HUNT

Excessive waste

It is illegal to intentionally leave or abandon any portion of any wildlife that is commonly used as human food.

Possessing, transporting, and storing wildlife

You must keep any wildlife you take separate or identifiable from that of any other hunter.

You can possess and transport wildlife as part of your personal baggage. It may be stored at your home, camp, place of lodging or in a commercial establishment.

Special regulations apply to deer or elk harvested in CWD zones.

Proper labeling

When storing deer, elk, and turkey, it must have the hunter's:

- Full name
- Address
- Date taken
- Telecheck confirmation number

When storing wildlife other than deer, elk, or turkey, it must have the hunter's:

- Full name
- Address
- Permit number
- Species
- Date it was placed in storage

When transporting wildlife other than deer, elk, or turkey, it must have the hunter's:

- Full name
- Address
- Permit number
- Date it was taken
- Buying and selling pelts, feathers, and other parts

Unless federal regulations prohibit, you may buy, sell or barter:

- feathers
- squirrel pelts
- rabbit pelts
- groundhog pelts
- turkey bones
- turkey heads
- deer heads (except those acquired with a disposition form)
- elk heads (except those acquired with a disposition form)
- antlers
- hides
- feet

They must be accompanied by a bill of sale

showing:

- the seller's full name, address
- the number and species of the parts
- the full name and address of the buyer
- Wildlife and wildlife parts, after mounting or tanning, also may be bought and sold.

People who receive or purchase deer or elk heads or antlers attached to the skull plate must keep the bill of sale as long as the heads or antlers are in their possession. The bill of sale must include the transaction date and a signed statement from the sellers attesting that the deer or elk heads and antlers were, to their knowledge, taken legally.

Giving away wildlife

You may give wildlife to another person, but it will continue to be a part of your daily limit for the day when taken. Wildlife received as a gift will be included in the possession limit of the person you give it to.

Deer, elk, and turkey must be properly labeled as outlined above.

All other wildlife being given away must be labeled with:

- your full name
- address
- permit number
- species
- date taken

ALLOWED HUNTING METHODS VARY BY SEASON

Allowed hunting methods vary by season. Be sure to view season information and the General Hunting Regulations before you hunt.

HUNTER-ORANGE REQUIREMENT

Hunter orange is required during the firearms deer season. Read all the hunter-orange requirements before hunting.

BAITING REGULATIONS

Prohibited

Use of bait — which includes grain or other feed placed or scattered so as to attract deer or turkeys — while hunting is illegal.

An area is considered baited for 10 days after complete removal of the bait.

A hunter can be in violation if they take or attempt to take a deer or turkey by the aid of bait where the hunter knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited.

It is illegal to place bait in a way that causes others to be in violation of the baiting rule.

Mineral and salt blocks are not allowed on conservation areas.

Additional rules apply in the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Management Zones.

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Mineral blocks, including salt, are not considered bait. However, mineral blocks that contain grain or other food additives are prohibited. Mineral and salt blocks are not allowed on conservation areas.

It is legal to hunt over a harvested crop field, but it is not legal to add grain or other crops, such as apples, to the field after it has been harvested.

Manipulating crops, such as mowing or knocking them down, is not considered baiting for deer and turkeys.

LIMITS

Check your permit and hunting season for information about limits. Also check to determine if antler point restrictions apply to the area where you are hunting.

Antlered deer limits

You may take only two antlered deer

during the archery and firearms deer hunting seasons combined.

Archery hunters may take only one antlered deer before the November portion of firearms deer hunting season.

Only one antlered deer may be taken during firearms deer hunting season (all portions combined).

If you are drawn to participate in a managed hunt, you may take as many antlered deer as allowed at that specific hunt. Deer taken at a managed hunt do not count toward your firearms or archery season limits.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

If you hunt in Adair, Barry, Cedar, Chariton, Christian, Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Hickory, Howell, Jefferson, Knox, Linn, Macon, Mercer, Oregon, Ozark, Perry, Polk, Putnam, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Warren, and Washington, you are in the Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zones. Learn the best practices for harvesting deer in these counties.

ASSISTING OTHER DEER

HUNTERS

New! During the youth portions of firearms deer season, adults who accompany youth hunters do not need a deer hunting permit. The adult must be 18 or older and be hunter-education certified or born before January 1, 1967.

At all other times, mentors must possess a valid hunting permit for the appropriate season or be exempt. In the case of deer and turkey permits, the mentor's permit can be filled or unfilled.

TREE STANDS PLACED ON CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT AREAS

Portable tree stands may be placed or used only between September 1 and January 31 on Conservation Department areas. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on durable material with your full name and address, or Conservation number. You may not use nails, screw-in steps, or any material that would damage the tree. Tree stands must be removed from the area before February 1.

MISSOURI OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACCESS PROGRAM

Special rules apply on areas enrolled in the Missouri Outdoor Recreational Access Program (MRAP). For example, on MRAP areas you must remove your tree stand when you leave each day. When hunting on an MRAP area, it is your responsibility to read and follow the rules that are posted at the area.

RETRIEVAL OF GAME

If you kill or injure a deer, you must make a reasonable effort to retrieve and include the animal in your season limit. However, this does not authorize trespass. It is illegal to leave or abandon commonly edible portions of game.

Use of dogs to hunt and recover game

Dogs may not be used to hunt deer. However, you may use leashed dogs to track and recover mortally wounded deer, provided you:

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- Do not possess firearms or bows during dog-tracking activities, and
- Maintain control of the leashed dog at all times.
- Using dogs to recover game does not authorize trespass.

Read regulations on hunting with dogs.

KEEP DEER CARCASSES OUT OF STREAMS AND LAKES

It is illegal to place a deer carcass or any of its parts into any well, spring, brook, branch, creek, stream, pond, or lake.

POSSESSION AND SALE

Properly checked deer and turkeys may be possessed by anyone if labeled with the taker's full name, address, date taken, and Telecheck confirmation number. The Telecheck confirmation number must remain attached to the carcass until a meat processor begins working on the animal.

Deer left at commercial processing or cold storage plants must be

claimed by May 1 following the season taken.

Legally obtained deer heads, antlers, hides, and feet may be sold by the taker as long as the taker provides a bill of sale that shows:

- The taker's full name and address,
- The species and number of parts, and
- The full name and address of the buyer.
- For deer heads and/or antlers attached to skull plates, a dated bill of sale identifying the seller must be retained while the heads or antlers are in the buyer's possession.

Any person who finds a dead deer with antlers still attached to the skull plate may take the antlers, but must report the find to a conservation agent within 24 hours to receive authorization to possess the antlers.

No authorization is needed to possess, buy, or sell shed antlers not attached to the skull plate.

Read general regulations about giving away, possessing, storing and selling wildlife.

Landowner Permits

All deer and turkey hunters, including landowners, must have a valid hunting permit. Resident landowners who meet certain criteria may get no-cost resident landowner permits. New! Nonresident landowners who meet certain criteria may get reduced-cost nonresident landowner permits.

NO-COST RESIDENT LANDOWNER PERMITS

To qualify for no-cost resident landowner permits, you must be a Missouri resident. A Missouri resident is a person who does not claim any resident privileges (for example, hunting, fishing, trapping, driver's license, or registered voter) in another state or country and whose legal residence or domicile has been in the state of Missouri for at least 30 days prior to obtaining a landowner permit.

In addition to being a Missouri resident, you also must meet one of the following criteria:

- **New!** You must own at least 20 acres of land in one contiguous tract.
- You must be a member of the landowner's immediate

household and have the same legal residence as the landowner for at least the last 30 days.

- You must be a general partner of a resident limited liability partnership, limited partnership, or limited liability limited partnership, or a general partner of a general partnership formed by written agreement, and the partnership must own at least 20 contiguous acres of land.
- You must be an officer of a resident or foreign corporation, and the corporation must own at least 20 contiguous acres of land.
- You must be a managing member of a resident limited liability company, and the company must own at least 20 contiguous acres of land.
- You must be an officer of a benevolent association organized pursuant to Chapter 352 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and the association must own at least 20 contiguous acres of land.

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SUBMIT PROPERTY INFORMATION TO GET LANDOWNER PERMITS

New! To get no-cost resident landowner permits or reduced-cost nonresident landowner permits, you must submit information about your property to the Conservation Department by filling out a Landowner Permit Application at mdc.mo.gov/buypermits.

WHERE TO GET LANDOWNER PERMITS

Once your Landowner Permit Application has been accepted, you may get landowner permits using any of the following methods:

- Over the counter from any permit vendor. No surcharges will be assessed.
- Online at mdc.mo.gov/buypermits. Print your permit at home and have it in hand immediately.
- From your smartphone using the free MO Hunting app. Your permit will appear on the app immediately after purchase.
- By telephone at 800-392-4115. Use your credit card and pay a \$1 surcharge. Allow 10 days for delivery.

Whichever method you choose, please be ready to provide your Conservation Number, Social Security number, or driver's license number.

Qualifying resident landowners who have at least 20 acres, and all members of their immediate household age 6 or older, may each receive:

- One Resident Landowner Fall Firearms Turkey Hunting Permit
- One Resident Landowner Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit
- One Resident Landowner Archer's Hunting Permit
- Two Resident Landowner Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits depending upon county availability

Qualifying resident landowners who have 75 or more acres located in a single county or at least 75 continuous acres bisected by a county boundary, and all members of their immediate household age 6 or older, may each receive:

- All of the landowner permits listed above
- Resident Landowner Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits depending upon county availability

Resident Landowner Permits

All landowner permits are valid only on qualifying property. Hunters must be at least 6 years old to obtain landowner permits. Hunter-education certification is not required to obtain landowner permits.

Resident Landowner Fall Firearms Turkey Hunting Permit

For two turkeys during fall firearms turkey season in open counties. Age 6 and older No cost

Resident Landowner Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit

For one deer (of either sex) during firearms deer season. Age 6 and older No cost

Resident Landowner Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit

For one antlerless deer during firearms deer season. Age 6 and older No cost

Resident Landowner Archer's Hunting Permit

For two deer and two turkeys during archery deer and turkey season, for small game during prescribed seasons, and to sell furbearers taken by hunting. Age 6 and older No cost

Resident Landowner Archery Antlerless

Deer Hunting Permit

For one antlerless deer during archery deer season in open counties. Age 6 and older No cost

Nonresident Landowner Permits

New! Nonresident Landowner Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit

For one deer (of either sex) during firearms deer season \$195

New! Nonresident Landowner Archer's Hunting Permit

For two deer and two turkeys during archery deer and turkey season, and for small game, except furbearers, during prescribed seasons \$195

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Archery Deer and Turkey Season

DATES

- Sept. 15–Nov. 13, 2020
- Nov. 25, 2020–Jan. 15, 2021

Location - Statewide

Shooting Hours- One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset

LIMITS

- Two turkeys of either sex. Both may be taken on the same day.
- Using an archer's hunting permit, two deer, which may be of either sex, but only one antlered deer may be taken before Nov. 14.
- You may take only two antlered deer during the archery and firearms deer hunting seasons combined.
- An antler-point restriction applies in some counties.
- Using antlerless permits, any number of antlerless deer in open counties.

Hunters may fill any number of archery antlerless permits during the archery deer season in the counties [See 2020 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information on Missouri Department of Conservation Website]. Archery antlerless permits cannot be used in Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, and Pemiscot counties.

ALLOWED

- Longbows, compound bows, and recurve bows of any draw weight
- Crossbows
- Hand-held string-releasing devices
- Illuminated sights, scopes, and quickpoint sights
- Atlatls

PROHIBITED

- Any sighting device that casts a beam of light on the game
- Electronic calls, electronically activated calls, bait, dogs, night vision equipment, or thermal imagery equipment
- Live decoys may not be used to take turkeys.

- Archers hunting deer or turkeys during the archery season may not be in possession of a firearm. Some exceptions apply. See 3 CSR 10-7.432 and 3 CSR 10-7.455 of the Wildlife Code of Missouri.

VALID PERMITS

Resident Archer's Hunting Permit

For two deer and two turkeys during archery deer and turkey season, for small game during prescribed seasons, and to sell furbearers taken by hunting.

Age 16 and older \$19

Age 6–15 \$9.50

Resident Landowner No cost

Resident Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit

For one antlerless deer during archery deer season in open counties. These may be purchased in any number.

Age 16 and older \$7

Age 6–15 \$3.50

Resident Landowner No cost

Nonresident Archer's Hunting Permit

For two deer and two turkeys during archery deer and turkey season, and for small game, except furbearers, during prescribed seasons.

Age 16 and older \$265

Age 6–15 \$9.50

Nonresident Landowner \$195

Nonresident Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit

For one antlerless deer during archery deer season in open counties. These may be purchased in any number. You must buy a Nonresident Archer's Hunting Permit or Nonresident Landowner Archer's Hunting Permit to buy these permits.

Age 16 and older \$25

Age 6–15 \$3.50

National Hunting and Fishing Day

3 ways to celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day



This year, National Hunting and Fishing Day takes place on September 26, 2020. The occasion is an ideal opportunity to take stock of America's rich hunting tradition and make connections with other hunters. Here are three ways you can mark the occasion.

1. Donate to conservation efforts

Wildlife conservation efforts are crucial to the long-term sustainability of hunting. However, most initiatives need help to operate. Donating time or money to a local conservation effort is a great way to celebrate the tradition of hunting in America. For children, volunteering is a good option, as they'll learn about how important these efforts are for the environment.

2. Take the pledge

The National Hunting and Fishing Day pledge, which you can make

online at nhfday.org/pledge, consists of committing to taking someone shooting, hunting or fishing. By making the pledge, you'll be entered in a draw for a \$500 gift certificate.

3. Take the free NRA Hunter Education Course

The National Rifle Association (NRA) offers an online course specifically tailored to hunters, covering the basics of fire-arm safety. Handling firearms properly is something that every hunter should be familiar with, especially novices who may be nervous. Plus, the association has raised more than \$150,000 for wild-life conservation.

This year, take time to make a difference and help preserve America's hunting heritage by taking part in National Hunting and Fishing Day.

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Deep breathing: how to improve your aim



If you want to be a better shooter, the key is to pay close attention to your breath. In general, to prevent the movement of your chest from throwing off your aim, you should pull the trigger during the natural pause in your breathing cycle.

As you take aim, inhale deeply and exhale with force. Then, take a second deep breath and let it out normally. Once your lungs are almost empty, hold your breath. This will give you a five to eight second window to pull the trigger with precision.

Keep in mind that you won't always have time to coordinate your breathing with your shot. In a fast-paced situation, you must be able to hold your breath at a moment's notice. However, you can learn to maintain control of your breathing by practicing techniques such as nasal and belly breathing at home.

5 tips for hunting coyotes

As deer season comes to an end, it's time to set your sights on a new challenge. In addition to keeping you active during the off-season, hunting coyotes can help protect the local deer population. If you want to test your skills against this wily predator, here are five tips for a successful hunt.

1. Confirm their presence

These adaptable creatures can live in various types of terrain including prairies, plains, deserts and other semi-wooded areas. However, be sure to scout the area to confirm their presence before you set up. Speak with livestock farmers in the region to determine if any coyotes have recently been spotted. Additionally, look for signs like fresh tracks, scat and kill sites.

2. Take steps to stay hidden

If you hunt coyotes in the winter, you'll likely need to take steps to blend in with the snow. Opt for well-insulated white apparel with a camouflage pattern that resembles bare branches. Position yourself among the trees at the edge of a clearing and avoid facing the sun. This makes your silhouette more visible and can impair your vision. Since coyotes have a strong sense of smell, take the wind's direction into consideration when you choose a lookout spot.

3. Bring the right equipment

Since successfully hunting coyotes often comes down to your long-range shooting skills, you'll need a reliable scope with a high magnification range and reticle. You'll also benefit from a bipod or tripod to



steady your aim. To limit your movements, consider using binoculars rather than the scope of your gun to scan the area for prey.

4. Use the right call

Calling is the preferred method for hunting coyotes. To lure them out, use an electric caller to mimic the cries of a distressed hare or fawn for about 20 to 40 seconds. During mating season, the telltale sound of a male or female looking for a companion can also prove effective. If you don't get results after about 30 minutes, don't hesitate to change sites.

5. Always be ready to shoot

Stay vigilant and train yourself to look for movement near the edges of clearings. These elusive creatures are quick, so make sure you always have your gun at the ready to avoid missing a fleeting opportunity to hit your target.

Before you head out, make sure you're up to date on the regional hunting regulations and limits.

How to safely share the forest with other hunters

Hunting is a popular activity that primarily takes place on public land. Since game within this territory is a collective resource that must be shared, there are certain rules you must respect.



First, it should be noted that your right to hunt doesn't give you priority access or exclusive use of public territory. It's also prohibited to infringe on the right of others to hunt legally. To ensure courteous collaboration and ethical conduct among hunters, you must:

- Respect the right of other hunters to access legal hunting sites
- Refrain from damaging a hunter's lookout or blind
- Never purposefully disrupt someone else's legal hunt
- Leave the bait, lures and traps set by other hunters intact
- Move around discreetly to avoid frightening nearby animals
- Wear a fluorescent orange garment that's visible at all times

If you wish to hunt on private property, you must first be granted access by the property owner. To ensure there isn't a miscommunication, it's advisable to request written authorization.

Finally, remember that you must also share public territory with other outdoor enthusiasts such as hikers and mountain bikers. It's essential that you remain vigilant at all times to ensure everyone can continue to safely enjoy these wild spaces.

Hunting waterfowl: a brief guide to decoys



When it comes to hunting waterfowl, setting up the right decoy spread is crucial to your success. Here's what you need to know about luring in snow geese, Canada geese and ducks.

Snow geese

Since these birds tend to move in flocks of hundreds, you'll need to set upward of 1,000 decoys to attract them. If you're relying solely on full body decoys, however, about 200 to 400 should suffice to create a realistic setup.

Canada geese

Early in the season, about 20 to 30 decoys dispersed in groups of five to seven is enough. Once these birds begin to migrate, however, their

flocks increase in size and you'll need closer to 120 decoys. Toward the end of the season, reduce the number of decoys and opt for lifelike, full body options.

Ducks

When you hunt ducks, the appropriate number of decoys depends on the body of water where you're set up. A more expansive area will require a larger decoy spread to look realistic. For example, a dozen decoys will suffice for a pond, but you'll need several dozen on a large lake.

Remember to check for changes to your regional hunting regulations before the start of each season.

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