

Spring 2012



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# Get Out: Spring Camping

## Tips for responsible camping

Camping during the spring can be a real treat due to the contrast of comfortable midday temperatures with brisk nighttime air. While planning your camping trip this year keep these important tips handy:

- Check the weather forecast for your destination.
- Plan your clothing, equipment and supplies accordingly.
- Prepare for the unexpected by packing emergency items.
- Make a realistic plan and stick to it.
- Always tell someone of your travel plans.
- Carry a compass or a GPS unit and know how to use it.
- Whenever possible, use existing campsites. Camp on durable surfaces and do not dig trenches around tents. Camp at least 200 feet from water, trails and other campsites.

- Be considerate of other campers' privacy, keep your distance and avoid traveling through their campsites.
- If you must build a fire, use existing fire rings, build a mound fire, or use a fire pan. Use only fallen timber for campfires; do not cut standing trees. Clear a 10-foot diameter area around the site by removing any grass, twigs, leaves and extra firewood. Allow the wood to burn down to a fine ash, if possible. Pour water on the fire and drown all embers until the hissing sound stops. Stir the campfire ashes and embers until everything is wet and cold to the touch. If you don't have water, use dirt.

There are plenty of reasons to enjoy spring outdoor activities. Don't let a little bit of cool air keep you indoors. Let nature's call of spring lead you out of the house and into the great outdoors.



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## Outdoor Events

If you are a member of a club or organization that has events that pertain to the outdoors, we want to know about it. We are an organization that helps inform all of our members about the fun things that they can do in the outdoors in West Virginia. Please contact Beyond the Backyard to get your event listed on our website and Facebook page. We will also send monthly emails to our members with details about your event. You may email the event information to: [cscott@beyondthebackyard.org](mailto:cscott@beyondthebackyard.org).

# Member Spotlight



Jared "Chance" Jones

**Name:** Jared "Chance" Jones  
**Born:** January 20, 2001, lives in Buffalo, WV  
Is in the 5th Grade at Buffalo Elementary  
**Siblings:** Gabrielle, Caleb, Dalton  
**Parents:** Dale & Debby Parsons  
**Activities:** Wrestling, baseball, basketball, football  
**Favorite Food:** Steak  
**Favorite Hobby:** Hunting, fishing and camping  
**Favorite TV Show:** Bone Collectors and Mud Cats

*Chance is very active in his community. He is a photographer for Firehouse Dogs 4-H Club, Member of Cross Creek Community Church and volunteers at Bakers Run Campground for the clean up crew.*



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Would you like to be the next kid featured in our member spotlight?

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## Fan Us and Stay Up-To-Date

**B**yond The Backyard is asking all of its members to become a fan of our organization on Facebook. This is a great way for us to share stories and photographs of our outdoor adventures. This also allows us to keep all of our members up-to-date on events around the mountain state. We also post all of our hunting and fishing adventures on YouTube. If you would like to check

out some of our videos, simply go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search 'Beyond The Backyard.' Once you are there, be sure to subscribe to our page. You can find quick-links to our Facebook and YouTube accounts at [beyondthebackyard.org](http://beyondthebackyard.org). This is another way that we can stay connected and keep your family active in the outdoors!

To receive this newsletter by email, call 866-WV-WOODS or email us at [cscott@beyondthebackyard.org](mailto:cscott@beyondthebackyard.org)

# 2012 Hunting & Fishing Show

Thank you to all who stopped by our booth at the Hunting & Fishing Show this year. We signed up over 1,000 new members! We are pleased to announce the winners of the free giveaway: **Illinois Hunting Trip:** Torrey Smallwood from Mt. Hope; **Youth shotgun:** Cody Mullins from Charleston; **Mathews Bow:** Tristen Scott from Nitro; **Diamond Bow:** Dalton Jones from Buffalo; **Fishing combos:** Kyle & Claire Oliver from Elkview; **Hunters safety harness:** Krista White; **BB gun:** Jaxson Fairchild from Clendenin; and **pink BB gun:** Martha Dolin from South Charleston. Congratulations to all!



## Catfishing at Night - Tips & Tricks

**Kid friendly lantern:** Take a sheet of aluminum foil and wrap it half way around the lantern glass. Make sure to do this when the lantern is off. This will make all the light go out the front and keeps the light out of your eyes. This will help keep the bugs away too.

**Lighted Bobbers:** When shopping for bobbers, look for the ones that have a light inside. This will help with the night fishing. When the bobber/light disappears, you have a bite!

**Headlamps:** Make sure to wear your headlamp. This will help you see to take fish off the hook, change bait and watch your line at night.

**Hot Dog Bait:** Cut up 5 packs of hot dogs into pieces. Put them in zip lock bags and pour some garlic salt, vanilla extract and anise extract all over them. Soak for about an hour. Put on a hook and fish!

**How to make your own propstick:** Pick a tree branch that has a "Y" and is about 20-24 inches of straight wood. Make sure you have your parents cut it from the tree. Then trim the branches into the "Y" shape. Place it in the ground and lean your pole up against it.



Brad Alexander- Huntington, WV

## Word Find

Can you find them all?

Using the list below, find the words that are hidden in the jumble.

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| animals  | camping  | fish    | poles  |
| backpack | dew      | lantern | quiet  |
| bait     | fire     | leaves  | stream |
| boat     | firewood | nature  | tent   |

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## Trail Cam Fun

**W**e recently had a trail cam contest and found this story quite interesting!

Two of our members, Matthew and Memphis, are brothers from Elkview who love playing pranks on each other. Matthew "Scooter" has a trail cam on the family property in Elkview. Each day he would go to the trail cam to see if he had captured any animals. Unfortunately there was never anything.

Memphis had been Bigfoot for Halloween, so he put the costume on and walked past the trail cam dancing and posing. When Scooter arrived home that evening, he went straight to his trail cam and came back excited



that he had finally captured something. The image came up on the computer and he saw something brown on the corner of the screen but he couldn't make out what it was. The next trail cam picture was more clear. It was Bigfoot, or a smaller version of him anyway.

Scooter thought this was a pretty good prank for an 8 year old to come up with, but was a little disappointed that it wasn't the monster buck he was hoping for.

Thanks to Matthew and Memphis for sharing their story.

**Have a funny story about the outdoors to share?**  
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