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A BOBBY WARNER CHARITABLE YOUTH FOUNDATION

## Father & Son overcome obstacles and create memories

David Barrows loved to get outdoors. Hunting, fishing and other outdoor pursuits was time well spent. Six years ago, David suffered a brain injury when he was involved in an ATV accident. David's slow return to health was a challenge and made it difficult to start taking his son Hunter into the woods of Hampshire County that he loved so much.

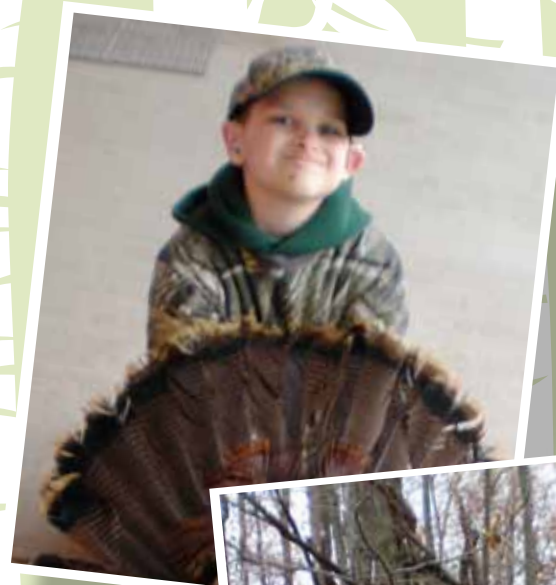
Hunter is now 10 years old and a fifth grade student at the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Romney. He is hearing impaired. Using sign language, his dad taught him how to use a mouth call to call turkeys. "Little louder, little softer", he would sign to him. Hunter eventually got to the point where he could make a great sounding yelp with his mouth call.

After his injury, David had lost all hope of getting Hunter involved in hunting and fishing until he joined Beyond the Backyard last year. After receiving our newsletters and email blasts, he decided that Hunter was old enough to go hunting.

They went out a week before the youth season in the area they had spotted a few strutters in the early spring months and built a make-shift blind out of logs and sticks. On the opening morning of West Virginia's youth turkey season they went to their blind well before dawn. As daylight cracked, birds started gobbling all around them. Using sign language, David would tell Hunter each time that the birds gobbled and when to start and stop calling. All of the sudden, David heard wing-beats. A gobbler landed right beside their blind. In a few minutes,

the gobbler walked in front of Hunter and he harvested it.

We wanted to share this story because it is what Beyond The Backyard is all about. It is a touching tale of a father and son spending time together outside, overcoming obstacles and enjoying the great outdoors. "The memory of that gobbler walking out in front of Hunter will be with us forever," said David. "Beyond The Backyard inspired us to get outside and we were truly blessed on that day!"



*Hunter  
proudly  
poses with  
his gobbler.*



*David Barrows  
and the  
make-shift  
blind he built  
for him and  
his son.*



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# Trout time!

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources does an exceptional job stocking trout in our lakes, rivers and streams. Our state has one of the best trout stocking programs in the nation. The WVDNR stocks 750,000 pounds of trout per year in over 180 bodies of water across the state. Over 125,000 licensed anglers fish for West Virginia trout. Some like to fish with night crawlers or mealworms, while others like to “match the hatch” and go fly fishing. Others enjoy fishing with light tackle and using spinners and jigs.



Many West Virginia streams are home to wild rainbow, brook and brown trout populations. Find a stream near you that is home to native and wild trout populations. Find a stream near that is home to native or wild trout populations.

Please visit the **“Outdoor Calendar”** section of our website for a complete listing of the WVDNR’s trout stocking schedule. For more information on fishing in West Virginia, visit [www.wvdnr.gov](http://www.wvdnr.gov).





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## West Virginia Youth Turkey Season

A special one-day youth spring gobbler season will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2011. The bag limit is one bearded turkey and the harvested bird will count toward the hunter's annual bag limit. Only shotguns using shot size of 4, 5 or 6 are legal. There has been a change to the age restriction for youth hunters in West Virginia during the youth turkey season. A child must be at least eight and less than 18 years old, and youth hunters ages 15-17 must comply with all licensing requirements. All youth hunters age 8-14 must be accompanied by a licensed adult, at least 21 years of age, who cannot carry a gun or a bow and must remain close enough to render advice and assistance.



## TURKEY HUNTING SAFETY TIPS

- **Identify your target.**
- **Do NOT wear the colors red, white or blue.**
- **Completely camouflage yourself.**
- **Always sit up against a tree that is wider than your shoulders while calling to a turkey.**
- **Do NOT stalk any turkey or turkey sound.**
- **If another hunter approaches your set-up, speak in a loud, clear voice and say, "I am a hunter over here," and remain motionless.**
- **Do NOT wave, whistle or turkey call to a hunter that is "sneaking" in on your set-up.**
- **Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction.**
- **Use a shotgun sling to ensure firearm is pointed in a safe direction while walking.**
- **Make sure your safety is on when handling a loaded firearm.**
- **Unload your firearm when crossing fences, creeks or fallen trees.**
- **Unload your firearm before riding on an ATV or in an automobile.**
- **Join the National Wild Turkey Federation. Contact the NWTF at 1-800-THE-NWTF or visit their website at [www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org).**

## Bringing in the Game

### CREATING A FOOD PLOT

**A**s West Virginians, rarely do we get to hunt over beautifully groomed, weedless food plots. However, there are many ways to plant a small food plot on your property to attract wildlife. A small, hidden food plot is just that, it's hidden. These small openings should be created in the middle of heavily traveled woodlots on your property.

The most difficult decision is where to plant the food plot and is the most important aspect of the planting process. Next, decide which seed blend to use. If you are growing a plot in the hardwoods, be sure to use a blend like Biologic 'Hot Spot.' This blend grows well in shady areas. It is very important that the area you decide to plant your plot gets at least six hours of sunlight per day. You should plant a five pound bag in a 20 yard by 20 yard section of ground. Remove all leaves, sticks, stones and spread the fertilizer (10-10-10 is recommended). It is best to plant a day or so before a rain. Growth should begin a week after the planting and fertilizing process is complete.



# Fishing derby!

The Wallback Lake Youth Fishing Derby will be held on April 16, 2011 in Wallback, West Virginia. The 2010 fishing derby had over 170 children from nine different West Virginia counties and two states. There will be free fishing and refreshments available for all the young sportsmen who attend. For more information, please contact Connie Sizemore at 304-587-4492 or at goldgirl@citlink.net.



# BIKE SAFETY

Bicycle riding is fun, healthy and a great way to be independent. It is important to remember that a bicycle is not a toy, it is a vehicle. Below is a list of riding tips that can keep you safe the next time you go for a ride. For more information about bicycle safety, visit [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

- **Adjust your bicycle to fit you.**
- **Wear a helmet.**
- **Check your equipment.**
- **See and be seen. Use proper reflectors and wear bright reflective clothing.**
- **Control your bicycle.**
- **Watch for and avoid road hazards.**
- **Avoid riding at night.**
- **Go with the traffic flow.**
- **Obey all traffic laws.**
- **Yield to traffic when appropriate.**
- **Be predictable (ride in a straight line).**
- **Stay alert at all times.**
- **Look before turning.**
- **Watch for parked cars.**



# PROJECT: 20K

After the 2011 West Virginia Hunting and Fishing Show, Beyond the Backyard grew to over 8,000 members! We hope to reach our goal of 10,000 members by year's end and launching project 20,000! It is great to see us gaining popularity not only in West Virginia but also in other states. We currently have members in over 30 states across the U.S.

We are planning for a great spring and summer. We will be taking part in the Mason County Youth Outdoor Expo on April 13 and 14. We will also be hosting a seminar at Wyoming East and Westside High Schools on April 14 in Wyoming County. The Chief Logan Hunting and Fishing Expo is scheduled for July 16 and 17 at the Chief Logan Conference Center. We will have a booth at the show, and look forward to seeing you there. We will keep you informed of all that is being planned for this summer, including the announcement of the date for our Coonskin Park event in our summer newsletter.

# Word Find

## Can you find them all?

Using the list below, find the words about [beyondthebackyard.org](http://beyondthebackyard.org) that are hidden in the jumble.

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