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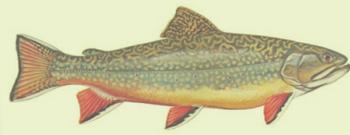
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2021 TROPHY ROOM SHOWCASE



Our members have sent us some really great pictures throughout the year. If you would like your picture to be showcased in our newsletter and on social media, email them to tbartlett@beyondthebackyard.org.



Braxton County Teacher Shares Love of Fishing with Students

Sixth-grade students at Braxton County Middle School got to learn something a little different in gym class this year. They learned about fishing.

“This lesson was called ‘Hooked on Fishing,’” said

Brittany Conley, the teacher who designed the multi-day series of classes.

Conley wanted her sixth grade students to get to experience an outdoor activity they could continue to do long after they’d finished school.

“Our seventh and eighth graders get to participate in the Archery in the Schools Program, but our sixth graders don’t,” she explained. “I wanted something equally outdoor related to teach the sixth graders, so I decided to go with fishing.”

The students began the lesson learning about the different types of fishes we have here in West Virginia. They spent the next two days outdoors on a softball field, getting hands-on casting practice. Each student got to cast to a series of three targets, each a different size and placed at a different distance. At the end of the lesson, Conley taught her students about conservation of the state’s fishing resources.

Next year, Conley is planning on extending the lesson to a two week period and cap it off with a field trip to let them do some actually fishing.



10 Great Ways to Prepare for Deer Season in the Summer

The warm summer months are a lazy time for deer. Food is usually plentiful, and the rut is far from any buck’s mind. Summer is a time to gain weight for the fall and avoid mosquitoes. Many deer hunters also enjoy an extended summer vacation, forgetting about chasing bucks until the weather begins to cool.

If you’re serious about tagging a big deer, though, the summer is a busy time. There’s much to do and you don’t want to be caught unaware when the season rolls around. Here’s a list of 10 important summer tasks that you need to complete well before opening day of hunting season.

1. Sight in you bow or rifle
2. Talk to farmers about what is going on in your hunting area
3. Set up train cameras
4. Check your gear
5. Clear travel paths
6. Pattern the does
7. Pay a visit to landowners who have given you permission to hunt
8. Get in shape
9. Plant and maintain food plots
10. Collect and organize your scouting data

Make Your Own Unique Birdhouse



SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- ½ Gallon cardboard juice carton
- Popsicle sticks
- Glue gun
- Acrylic paint in preferred colors
- Paint brush
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Glitter
- Circular handheld hole punch
- 6-7" Stick from outside
- Twine
- Goo Gone (optional)

STEP 1: Clean - The first thing you need to do is clean your carton and let it dry. If your carton has any stickers stuck to it, remove them with some Goo Gone.

STEP 2: Cut - Next, take off the lid and cut off the plastic part of the pour spout (if your carton has that).

STEP 3: Trace - Using a circular shaped bottle (like a glitter bottle) trace a circle on the front of your carton near the top and cut out with scissors. This will be the hole for your bird to enter your bird house.

STEP 4: Punch - Next, using a circular hole punch, punch a hole about ½" below the large circle you just cut out. This will be for a perch stick. Make sure your hole is in the middle so the perch stick will be centered.

STEP 5: Paint & Glitter - Now it's time to paint! Using whatever colors you want to paint your birdhouse.

STEP 6: Dry - After your birdhouse is all painted, let it dry.

STEP 7: Paint Again - Paint your popsicle sticks whatever colors you want. You will need about 20-24 for your roof.

STEP 8: String - Punch a hole in the top of the carton, right above the pour spout, in the middle. Insert a piece of twine, rope, yarn, fishing line, etc.

STEP 9: Roof - Once your birdhouse is dry, it's time to add the popsicle stick roof. Using the glue gun, glue the popsicle sticks right next to each other, on the top, making a roof.

STEP 10: Perch - Now, find a good straight stick that you can insert snugly into the small hole you punched in the front for the perch. Add some glue to the end and push the stick all the way back into your carton so it's gluing to the inside panel of the carton – so that the stick will stay in place securely. Once it's in place, add a little glue around the hole in front so the stick will securely stay in place.

STEP 11: Decorate - It's time to put your finishing touches on your homemade birdhouse.



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- GAMES
- HAMMOCK
- HIKING
- HOLIDAYS
- ICE CREAM
- JULY
- LAKE
- LEMONADE
- MEMORIES
- PICNICS
- POOL
- POPCICLES
- PUZZLES
- READING
- RELAX
- ROAD TRIPS
- SPORTS
- SPRINKLER
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- SWIMMING
- TRAVELING
- VACATION
- WATERMELON

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