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5th Annual

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP

JUNE 3, 2017



Charleston, WV

10am - 2pm

Cabela's Southridge

Lots of prizes and FREE lunch, fishing,
archery, air rifles, and more.



The first 500 kids will receive BTB water bottles!

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Turkey Hunting Safety Tips

The recipe for a spring turkey hunting accident is simple. Take overeager hunters, dress them in camouflage and equip them with realistic sounding turkey calls and loaded guns. Scatter them liberally through the spring woods; then season with a highly competitive spirit. Add a dash of predawn light and a sprinkle of "turkey fever" jitters and the stage is set for misadventure.

Such is not an unreasonably overdramatized scenario of the opening day of spring turkey season on many public and some private hunting lands. Basic safety principles and some special turkey hunting safety techniques can make the rites of spring much safer.

BASIC FIREARMS SAFETY

A simple document called the "Ten Commandments of Firearms Safety" is packaged in with new guns and distributed in hunter safety courses. It is the "Bible" of good gun handling and safety practices. Turkey hunters should pay particular attention to Commandment No. 4: Be sure of your target and what is beyond it before you pull the trigger.

It seems ridiculous to think that a human being could be mistaken for a turkey. However, that is the leading cause of turkey hunting accidents. Don't make a target of yourself.

NEVER TRY TO STALK A TURKEY

Given a gobbler's keen eyesight and wary disposition, stalking offers low odds for success and exposes the stalker to considerable danger. If it becomes necessary to change calling position, do so with caution. If possible, use established trails or wood roads and move briskly in an upright human posture. Don't sneak through shrubbery tempting other hunters to think you are a turkey rather than a hunter.

AVOID THE COLORS OF RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

Not only are these the colors of a gobbler's head, the gobbler's head is also the preferred target for an effective shot. Uncovered skin and white tee shirts are prime offenders, but exposed sock tops or long underwear, if your pants ride up, and red or blue handkerchiefs are also potential problems.



SIT AGAINST A TREE OR ROCK

This provides a shot-proof barrier covering your entire back, and a 180 degree view to your front. While this is not always possible, in most circumstances you can find a set-up spot that provides you with protection.

ASSUME EVERY SOUND IS A HUNTER

Turkeys and humans sound quite similar walking in the leaves, and thanks to modern turkey call technology, the average hunter does not have to be a contest champion to call like a turkey. If you see someone approaching, sit still and speak loudly. If you are set up and calling and see someone approaching your position, do not assume that he sees you as another turkey hunter. Modern camouflage is incredibly good.

DO NOT SIGNAL WITH YOUR TURKEY CALL

Such sound or movement could cause you to be mistaken for a turkey. If you elect to gobble, be extremely cautious. Calling like a gobbler is sometimes an effective hunting tactic, but using a gobbler call can also attract other hunters. In a sense, you are making yourself the target of other hunters' attention.

NEVER SHOOT AT SOUND OR MOVEMENT

Be 100 percent certain of your target before you pull the trigger. Remember Commandment No. 4. You can never call your shot back.

DECOY SAFETY

Like the use of a gobbler call, decoys are effective...but can put the user at potential risk. Obviously, if a decoy can fool a sharp-eyed gobbler, it can fool another hunter. More than one decoy has drawn fire from another hunter into the decoy user's hunting area.

Hunters should observe rigorous safety practices when using decoys. Always carry a decoy covered in the cargo bag of your vest. Never give in to the temptation to carry an exposed turkey decoy "just a few yards" while hunting. Don't place the decoy too close to your position. Always place the decoy so that you have a good view past the decoy in a direct line from your position.

2017 WV Hunting and Fishing Show

This year's event was a great success. We had so much fun all weekend! We welcomed 545 new members to Beyond The Backyard. Many familiar faces stopped by to see us, including one of our very first members who came by to sign up her son.

Members loved receiving their Beyond The Backyard toboggans. Five lucky members won Yeti and Cabela's coolers and mugs.

If you weren't able to join us this year, be sure to mark your calendars for January 19, 20, and 21, 2018 and come see us!



Become a Fan To Stay Up-To-Date

Beyond The Backyard is asking all of its members to become a fan of our organization at www.facebook.com/beyondthebackyard. 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 Twitter and Instagram. Find us at twitter.com/beyond_backyard and instagram.com/beyondthebackyard

Member Spotlight

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

Sign up at: beyondthebackyard.org



Ezra Clagg

Name: Ezra Clagg
Age: 2
Lives in: Barboursville, WV
Siblings: Kenzie
Parents: Brian and Brittany
Activities: Looking for animals and bugs
Favorite Food: Chicken
Favorite Hobby: Watching the squirrels eat out of the feeder
Favorite TV Show: Andy Griffith and Paw Patrol



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