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ATV Safety

Practical, life-saving tips

Riding all-terrain vehicles is one of the most popular activities among our state's population. Each year, hundreds of West Virginia residents are injured while riding ATVs. Learning to drive an ATV can be challenging. Many deaths and injuries occur when an inexperienced driver loses control of an ATV and is thrown from it, or overturns the vehicle or collides with a fixed object or motor vehicle.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the ATV Safety Institute recommend that ATV riders use motorcycle or other motorized sports helmets that are certified by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). The USCPSC also stresses that ATVs should not be driven on paved roads.

Children make up one-third of all ATV related deaths and hospital emergency room injuries. Most of these deaths and injuries occur when a child is driving or riding on an adult ATV. Children under 16 on adult ATVs are twice as likely to be injured as those riding on youth ATVs.

Never ride an ATV while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Riding is fun, but it is important to be safe while riding with family and friends. We encourage you to take a hands-on safety training course before riding. For more information on a safety course near you, visit www.atvsafety.gov/state/westvirginia.html.



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Chief Logan Hunting and Fishing Expo

The Logan County Chamber of Commerce is hosting 2011 Chief Logan Hunting and Fishing Expo at the Chief Logan Conference Center. The event will be held on July 16 and 17. The world's most famous bowhunter, Chuck Adams, will be on hand to speak about archery and deer hunting. Other speakers such as Chris Walls, Tom Bechtel and Jeremy Starks will also take part in this two day event. There will be an archery tournament, youth challenge, bird dog demonstration and more! Beyond The Backyard will have a booth inside. Please stop and find out all that is going on! For more info, visit chiefloganexpo.com or call 304-752-1324.

Beyond the Backyard Ohio Youth Turkey Hunt

In April, Garrett Smith and his father Daniel went on the Beyond The Backyard Youth Spring Turkey Hunt in Ohio. It was a wash-out weekend but on the first morning of the hunt, Garrett harvested a beautiful longbeard. We were tucked away in our blind just off of a nice clover plot. We had a couple of decoys out, including a full-strut gobbler. In between storms, we could hear distant gobbles on the ridge in front of us. We continued to call and see if we could get the bird to close the distance.

Nearly one hour of silence went by. All of the sudden Daniel said, "turkeys, turkeys, turkeys!" We leaned over in the blind and looked out at the decoys and noticed that all of the turkeys were running past them and down the road. It appeared that the birds were spooked by the decoys, the blind, or our movement inside the blind. All of the sudden, a beautiful gobbler came running across the plot and stuck his head straight up to our full-strut decoy. Garrett made the shot and we went wild. His first longbeard! Daniel did a swan-dive out the front window of the blind and went to retrieve Garrett's turkey. We had to battle the weather, but what a remarkable trip it was.



Bobby Warner with Garrett and Daniel Smith and Garrett's first gobbler!

Fan us and stay up-to-date

Beyond 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 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. This is another way that we can stay connected and keep your family active in the outdoors!

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Fall DNR regulation changes for 2011

Several changes have been made to the WVDNR's regulations for the Fall of 2011. The new opening date of archery deer season is October 1, 2011. The October 1 date only applies to deer; bear archery season will open as usual on October 15, 2011. Squirrel season will open on September 10, 2011, nearly one month earlier than its usual opening date. These early season dates are targeting youth involvement. The WVDNR wants more young hunters in the field this fall. Be sure to take advantage of these new dates so that you and your family can get outside and enjoy the shooting sports together!



Life jacket safety



What comes to mind when you think of safety? A hard hat? Seat belt? Life jacket? A life jacket is valuable safety gear but the tough part is getting people to wear one. Nationwide, with close to 500 people drowning each year in recreational boating accidents, it is more important than ever for people on the water to "Wear It." Did you know that one out of three people who drown each year are hunters or fisherman? No matter what the reason that you are out on the water, be sure to wear your life jacket.

Over the past few months, several accidents on the water have happened in West Virginia. West Virginia is one of the leading states for boating accidents and deaths. It is always great to get your family outside but it never hurts to be safe. Some outdoor activities like kayaking require a specific type of life jacket. Those who like to water ski have to be sure that their jacket fits properly and is up to industry standards. Be sure to consult with an expert before you go boating.

For more information about life jackets and the importance of wearing them, visit safeboatingcouncil.org

Word Find

Can you find them all?

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

WATERSAFETY
LIFE
JACKET
BOATING
WATERSKI
KAYAKING

CANOE
MOTORBOAT
LAKE
RIVER
HUNTER
FISHERMAN

FAMILY
OUTSIDE
WEAR
GEAR
BELT

W A T E R S A F E T Y
M C A N O E K B E L T
J A C K E T Z L A K E
D F B O A T I N G O L
P O D W A T E R S K I
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N F I S H E R M A N G
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Check us out online at beyondthebackyard.org to volunteer, donate, join, or tell a friend!

Win a waterfowl hunt on the Ohio

We have partnered with the West Virginia chapter of Ducks Unlimited for our next contest. In September, we will take three children on a youth waterfowl hunt on the Ohio River. Last year, the three children selected had a great hunt. Volunteers from DU and BTB were on hand to show us how to hunt waterfowl. Please write a one page essay on how to improve waterfowl habitat in West Virginia. Please mail or email your entries to our base camp. We require that a parent or guardian attend the event with their child if selected as a winner.

**The deadline for this contest is August 31, 2011.
We look forward to getting all of your entries!**



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