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Enter to Win our Televised our Televised Hog Hunt Contest

Beyond The Backyard has partnered with Whitetail Frenzy and Hog Haven Inc. to giveaway a free hog hunt to one lucky youth hunter. This hunt will be filmed, produced, and put on national TV. Only youth hunters in WV are eligible. To get entered, go to Facebook and like Beyond The Backyard and Whitetail Frenzy's pages. Then go to YouTube and subscribe to Whitetail Frenzy's YouTube Channel. Once you have subscribed, send a message to tbartlett@beyondthebackyard.org with your YouTube account name and the child's name that is entering the contest. The contest ends at the end of June.

Good Luck!





Throughout the ongoing coronavirus crisis, government and health officials have repeatedly urged us to enjoy the outdoors.

Specifically, they've urged us to engage in solo activities such as fishing, turkey hunting, hiking and mountain biking. Events that would draw large crowds, such as fishing tournaments, group hikes and bike races, have been put on hold.

The folks at the Bass Angler Sportsman Society have devised a way to have the best of both worlds — a fishing competition designed to get young people outdoors without having them gather in groups.

It's called the Big Bass Zone Junior Championship. Essentially, it's an online tournament sponsored by B.A.S.S. for young people age 13-19.

Here's how it works. Anglers pay a \$25 registration fee if they plan to fish only in their home state, or a \$50 fee if they plan to fish in other states as well.

Then they go out and fish. If they catch a big bass, they take a photo of the fish lying on an official ruler and upload the photo to the contest website. Anglers who catch the biggest fish in their respective states by

Aug. 1 earn an invitation to the national championship tournament, scheduled for Oct. 2-3 on the Pend Oreille River near Priest River, Idaho.

Last year, the inaugural year for the event, 46 anglers from 44 states qualified for the championship. They took home more than \$370,000 worth of prizes and scholarships.

This year's prize list, which includes scholarships, Anglers Inn International trips and a new Bass Cat fishing boat, also tops the \$300,000 mark.

According to B.A.S.S., anglers from 42 states have already signed up. Twenty-five of them have already caught and registered a bass they think could win their individual state competitions.

Anglers who still haven't registered may do so on the Big Bass Zone website, www.bbzworld.com.

It was a good idea when B.A.S.S. debuted the event last year, and with the current coronavirus situation it seems like an even better idea. Almost every young bass angler has a pond, lake or river nearby where he or she can go to fish.

And if kids are fishing, they're not inside their homes, breathing recirculated air and playing some video game. They're outside, breathing fresh air, engaged in the enjoyable challenge of getting a bass to bite.

Source: WV Gazette



Polaris Rolls Out the Newest ATV Designed for Youth Riders

Polaris Industries continues to add to their extensive line of youth ATVs with their recent announcement of the Polaris Outlaw 70 EFI.

As you've probably already guessed, the new Outlaw is an electronic fuel injection machine. It's powered by a 4-stroke, single cylinder, 70cc enclosed engine. This air-cooled machine has an automatic transmission and replaces Polaris off-road's Outlaw 50 machine with a slightly larger and more powerful ATV. The company says the larger engine is more versatile and will cover a wider youth rider skill set, effectively allowing the Outlaw to grow with the child.

An adjustable speed limiter will allow parents to increase the off-road vehicle's speed from 1-15 miles per hour as the child's skills grow. The machine is fitted with 18-inch tires and offers four inches of suspension travel and ground clearance through single A-Arms in the front and a mono shock swingarm suspension system in the rear. The brake system is a simple, single-lever disc system that should be easy for young riders to operate.



Polaris fitted this two-wheel drive machine with a 1.5-gallon fuel tank. The whole machine weighs just 278 pounds. For riding in dark conditions, Polaris added some led lights. They're offering the machine in two color schemes, white/red and white/pink.

As always, the company is stressing safety features first with this machine. Included with each machine is a full safety kit with a training DVD, safety tether and orange whip flag for optimal visibility. Polaris is even throwing in a helmet into the deal. Sounds like a good way to get younger riders hooked on ATV riding to us!

Word Find Can you find them all?

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

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