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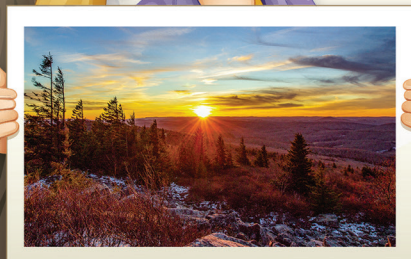
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CAPTURING THE MAGIC OF FALL & WINTER: ENTER OUR SPECTACULAR PHOTO CONTEST!

When you participate in outdoor activities like hunting, fishing, and exploring, you are inevitably surrounded by beautiful foliage, mountains, wildlife, and stunning landscapes. On your adventures, snap a picture of your stunning view and submit it for a chance to win our photo contest. **One lucky winner will get two incredible prizes: a \$200 gift card to Cabela's and a spacious, 4-person tent to elevate your camping experience.**

Participation is a breeze! You don't need a fancy camera or experience; you can easily submit a photo taken with a phone. Enter your photo by sending us a message on Facebook or Instagram at @BeyondTheBackyard or by emailing our Public Relations Director, Leanne, at Ishinkle@beyondthebackyard.org. **The deadline to submit is Sunday, November 20th.** The Beyond The Backyard Board members will vote, and the winner will be announced on our social media pages during the first week of December. Good luck, and we can't wait to see your beautiful photos!



Visit us at BeyondTheBackyard.org

MEET OUR Beyond The Backyard Ambassador, Tucker!

We are very excited to introduce our second Beyond The Backyard Ambassador, Tucker Davis.

You will be seeing and hearing from Tucker on our social media pages often with hunting and fishing tips, outdoor adventures, and so much more. Be sure to follow along on our social media pages at @BeyondTheBackyard



Tucker Davis

Here are a few facts to help you get to know him better:

Ambassador Name:
Tucker Davis

Age: 9

Favorite Outdoor Activities:
Turkey Hunting & Fishing

Favorite Seasons: Winter

Favorite Hobby:
He plays football, basketball, and soccer



Hunt to Table: PREPARING SQUIRREL

There are a few ways to prepare squirrel and turn it into a tasty meal. Check out a few ways to cook the meat:

Squirrel Stew

Cook squirrel meat in a flavorful stew with vegetables and broth. Sauté the meat until browned, then simmer it in a pot with onions, carrots, potatoes, and your choice of herbs and spices. Add broth and let it simmer until the meat is tender and the flavors meld together.

Fried Squirrel

Coat squirrel pieces in seasoned flour or breadcrumbs and fry them until golden brown. This method gives the meat a crispy and delicious texture. Serve with your favorite dipping sauces!

Squirrel BBQ

Marinate squirrel meat in your favorite barbecue sauce and grill or roast it until cooked through. Basting with additional sauce during cooking adds extra flavor and moisture.

Squirrel Tacos

Cook the squirrel meat fully in a crock pot and then shred the cooked squirrel meat, add taco seasoning, and use it as a filling for tacos. Top with your preferred taco toppings such as shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, cheese, and salsa.

Squirrel Jerky

If you are looking for a snack, try making squirrel jerky. Slice the meat thinly, marinate it in a mixture of soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, and your favorite seasonings, and then dehydrate or bake until dried and chewy.

NOTE: Before preparing squirrel, it is important to properly clean and dress the meat. Also, ensure that hunting and consuming squirrels is legal in your area and follow any regulations. Be sure to follow full guidance and instructions from a trusted, experienced adult.

Winter Hunting Guide for Kids

Winter can be an exciting time for outdoor adventures, and one of the most thrilling activities you can try is winter hunting. Whether you're interested in observing wildlife or learning about tracking, here's a kid-friendly winter hunting guide to help you get started on your expedition.

Choose Your Adventure: Before embarking on your winter hunting journey, decide whether you want to observe animals in their natural habitat or practice tracking skills. Observing can be done from a distance without disturbing the animals, while tracking involves following their footprints and other signs.

Dress for Success: Staying warm and comfortable is essential during winter hunting. Wear several layers of clothing, including a moisture-wicking base layer, an insulated middle layer, and a waterproof outer layer. Don't forget gloves, a hat, and warm socks to keep you cozy.

Pack Essential Gear: Bring along essentials such as binoculars, a camera, a notebook, and a pencil. Binoculars help you observe animals from a distance without disturbing them, while a camera allows you to capture memories of your adventure. Use the notebook to record your observations, track times, and make sketches of animal tracks. It may also be useful to pack gloves, a headlamp, a first aid kit, and extra water.

Learn about Local Wildlife: Research the animals that are active during the winter in your area. Common winter hunting includes deer, rabbits, squirrels, and foxes. Learning about their habits, habitats, and tracks helps you identify their presence and hunt more efficiently.

Be Patient: Hunting, whether for observation or tracking, requires patience. Animals might take time to appear, and tracking can lead you on a slow-paced adventure. Enjoy the process as you learn.

Share Your Experience: After your winter hunting adventure, share your stories with friends and family. You can create a scrapbook, a presentation, or simply post on social media... Don't forget to tag Beyond The Backyard!



DEER TRACKS



Remember, winter hunting is about learning, connecting with nature, and appreciating the beauty of the natural world. Have fun, stay safe, and embrace the wonders of winter as you embark on your hunting adventure!

STAYING IN THE LOOP: Important Dates and Events this Fall & Winter



BRIDGE DAY
Fayetteville, WV
October 21, 2023



WEST VIRGINIA STATE PARKS
Visit October - November for
fall activities and foliage



**WV HUNTING
& FISHING SHOW**
Charleston, WV
January 19th-21st

HUNTING DATES: With updated hunting regulations in effect, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources is reminding hunters to review several important changes to hunting seasons for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and black bear before their respective seasons open this fall. For a full list of 2023-2024 hunting seasons, dates, and limits, **visit wvdnr.org**. Be safe and have fun!

Check us out online at beyondthebackyard.org to volunteer, donate, join, or tell a friend!

WOODLAND animals



ANSWER: 1. boar 2. hare 3. squirrel 4. snake 5. mole 6. lizard 7. badger 8. beaver 9. hedgehog 10. otter 11. wolf 12. deer 13. fox 14. frog 15. owl

NUTTY FACTS:

Squirrels can find food buried beneath a foot of snow. A squirrel's front teeth never stop growing. Squirrels may pretend to bury a nut to throw off potential thieves. They get bulky to stay warm during the winter. Squirrels don't dig up all of their buried nuts, which results in more trees!



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