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President's Message

Hello MBH members!

My how time flies! The orange invasion is over and we are into the last part of bow season. Best of luck to all of you who are still at it! If you haven't already, please make sure you get all your successes recorded with Jeff.

Indoor leagues are up and running in many locations so check out and support your local clubs for some weekly fun. Check out the calendar of events for upcoming tournaments.

I hope your Thanksgiving was as wonderful as ours was and as we enter the Christmas season my hope is that each and every one of you has the most blessed holiday of your lives. Enjoy your family and friends and let all of us remember what it's really all about.

From all of us at Missouri Bowhunters, MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

Jim Forbes
MBH President

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Advertising in the Release

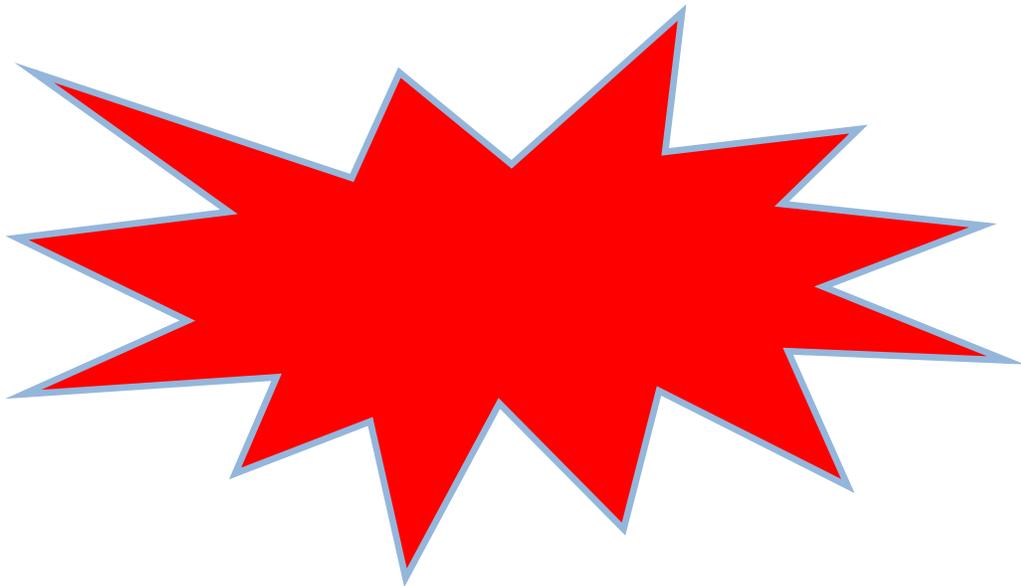
Full page ad: \$90 year/\$45 6 mos/\$15 a mo.

Half page ad: \$50 year/\$25 6 mos/\$10 a mo.

Quarter page ad: \$35 year/\$18 6 mos/\$5 a mo.

If clubs want to list their tournament dates on the Calendar of Events - \$20 a year

Contact Tobi Forbes at 816-645-2198 or email mbhsecretary@gmail.com

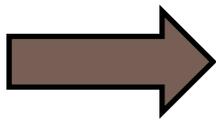
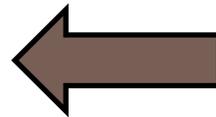


Member Success Pictures

Congratulations!



Jeff Reddy with his nice buck taken on 11-6-17.



Kathy Brinkmann with her beautiful bobcat taken 11-17-17.





LARGE & SMALL GAME COMMITTEE

More large game reports.

Jeff Reddy, Saint Charles, killed an 85 lb. Doe on 9/30/17 in St. Louis County. 15 yard shot. #11 all time.

Kathy Brinkmann, Labadie, killed her 60 lb. doe in Warren County at 4:55 pm from 10 yards on 10/25/17. #2 deer kill this year.

Jim Brinkmann, Labadie, arrowed his 112 lb. doe at 5:30 pm from 20 yards on 10/26/17 in Franklin County. #2 deer kill this season.

Jeff Reddy, Saint Charles, harvested a 90 lb. Doe on 10/28/17 in St. Louis County. 15 yard shot at 5:00 pm. #12 all time.

Terry Whitford, High Ridge, shot his second deer of the year on 10/30/17 at 9:05 am. 101 lb. Doe with a 28 yard shot in St. Louis County.

Kathy Brinkmann, Labadie, killed a 110 lb. Doe in Franklin County at 4:45 pm from 10 yards on Halloween. Kathy's 3rd deer kill this year.

Jeff Blystone, Independence, Shot a 149 lb. nine point Buck at 8:54 am on 11/1/17 in Jackson County. 12 yard shot, deer kill number 2 this season and #31 in 27 years bowhunting.

Jeff Reddy, Saint Charles, got his biggest buck to date on 11/6/17 in Warrenton County. 160 lb. eight pointer with a 32 yard shot at 3:00 pm. This is Jeff's third deer kill this season, and #13 all time.

Kathy Brinkmann, Labadie, Shot a 25 lb. Bobcat at 4:00 pm on 11/17/17 in Warren County. 20 yard shot for Kathy's first bobcat!



Remember if you want a chance at any of the annual large game awards and the **Double Bull Blind Giveaway** you must have your report turned in by February 15, 2017. All MBH members who submit a Large Game Report will get one entry into the Double Bull Blind drawing to be held at the 2018 State Indoor Tournament next March 3rd & 4th in Linn. MO. If you send me a picture of you and your kill you will receive a second "bonus" entry into the drawing. The is a maximum of two entries per member.

Winners of the individual categories will receive a certificate of achievement suitable for framing and recognition in the MBH Release Newsletter. The report can be found and filled out on our web site at www.mobowhunters.org under the Game Awards tab. All MBH members are eligible to earn the Missouri Bowhunters Large Game Award pin when they turn in their first ever Large Game Report. Deer, turkey, & predators qualify as large game in the program. Game killed with a crossbow is not eligible unless the MBH member has a handicap exemption.

Happy Bow Hunt'in,

Jeff Blystone

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Missouri Bow Hunters Association Paul Jeffries Scholarship Application

Please type or print and submit application to:
Missouri Bow Hunters Association, 16909 E 44th St S, Independence, MO 64055
Completed applications must be postmarked or submitted electronically by December 31, 2017

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____ Date of Birth _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____ Email _____

Name and address of the school you currently attend. Please include year you plan to graduate:

If you are in High School, please indicate the higher education (college, vo-tech, trade school, etc) you have tentatively selected and include the City and State of the campus you will be attending:

What is your intended major course of study _____

Are you a current MBH Member? _____ If yes, when did you first join MBH? _____

Please list any other organizations/memberships that you would like to share: _____

Applicants may attach one page if additional space is required to answer the following questions:

Describe any past/present archery related activities: _____

Describe hobbies/interests (excluding archery): _____

Provide other comments or information that you would like to share for consideration: _____

Please provide the names and contact information for 2 character references: (NO family members, please): _____

I confirm that all information submitted on this Scholarship Application form is correct to the best of my knowledge. Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian must sign for all applicants under the age of 18

Young Hunters: When and How to Get Children Started

By: [Erik Jutila](#)

Submitted by Jon Sutton of [OutdoorEmpire.com](#)

Passing the Torch

There are a lot of reasons to introduce kids to hunting. It is a wholesome hobby that teaches valuable life lessons, encourages exercise and promotes spending time outdoors. In addition to the reasons that hunting is a good activity for the individual, getting the next generation involved is good for the overall sport.

– As the world becomes increasingly modern and technology-flooded, and gun and hunting rights continue to be challenged, hunting is in danger of becoming a thing of the past.

– Today's youth will be responsible for keeping the sport alive by advocating for gun and hunting rights in the future. Hunters are also some of the primary activists that support habitat restoration and wildlife management.

– Hunting encourages quality time with family or mentors. Instead of playing games indoors on an iPad, it gets kids outside, spending valuable time interacting with people and nature. Many types of hunting are a good source of exercise and teach healthy lessons about the processes through which food makes it to your table.

Plenty of moms and dads look forward to a time when they have kids old enough to take along hunting. This article will explore how to know when the time is right for those first experiences, and how to make those experiences positive memories for your new hunter.

When to Get Them Started

Like is true when it comes to many youth activities, if you get a child started too young, you run the risk of them burning out at an early age.

It does not matter if it is soccer or piano, kids get are often driven away from activities by overbearing parents that force them into hobbies. Some kids burn out early; others make it into their teenage or young adult years before they reach the point of pulling away from the activity.

It is best to let the child dictate their readiness and interest in hunting. Keep in mind that as soon as a kid is old enough to talk they are likely to start asking about going along on hunting trips. So, a little scrutiny will be required to determine when the time is right.

Every child is different, so there is not one set standard that can be applied to all children. When you are considering bringing them along on a hunt (as opposed to allowing them to actively hunt) some factors to consider are:

- ***Interest in hunting***– Even if kids are not very interested in hunting from the onset, there is a chance they will come to like it if taken along. However, kids who are interested in going on their own may be ready to go at a younger age. If kids are a little hesitant, you will have better luck having a reasonable conversation with them about giving it a try when they are a little older.
- ***Attention span***- Lots of hunting is not necessarily action-packed, this article will identify the types of hunts that are best for getting a child hooked, but kids with very short attention spans might need to grow up a little before they are ready to come along on a hunt.
- ***Willingness to follow instructions***- Disobedient children are not ideal for a lot of activities, but when you add in guns, knives and

outdoor elements, a kid not following directions can become a safety issue. If a kid wants to go, a hunting trip could be used as a reward for following directions well.

- ***Sensitivity levels-*** If you have a child that you think would be very upset with the death of an animal, allow some time to pass before they witness it on a hunt. Let them tag along on a scouting day where you are spotting animals but not shooting them. Eventually, they may start to show more interest in your success stories and ask to be there for the hunt itself.
- ***Stamina-*** Outside of mental stamina (see patience), physical stamina may play a role in them being ready to come along on a hunt. For the most part, kids probably have more energy than adults, but they may also wear themselves out quickly. If they tire easily and are likely to get discouraged by the work, wait till their legs are a little longer.

Starting Slow

Once you have determined that your child is ready to get involved with hunting, it is time to consider what their first outing should be.

If everything goes well, your youth hunter will grow up to enter the woods before sunrise and come out after sunset. They will be willing to endure foul weather and cover many rugged miles in a day to pursue game. However, long and intense hunts with low chances of success are not the best options for early experiences.

Before a kid is ready to carry their own weapon and harvest their own animals, let them target practice with [air rifles](#) or bring them to tag along on a hunt . Here is some framework for what would make a good first hunt:

- ***A hunt that is about them:*** Even though the child will not be actively hunting, make sure it is a trip catered to them. Do not bring them on a hunt where you are focused on harvesting game. Their experience is the priority, and it is likely to play a big role in their interest in hunting moving forward.
- ***Go on a good weather day:*** Just like adults, kids are likely to find more enjoyment and be more patient on a day where the weather is good. A day where it is not bitter cold or pouring down rain would be the best start.
- ***Outfit them with good gear:*** Most grownups survive days in the woods by wearing hundreds of dollars in [high-quality gear](#). Spending a bunch of money for a kid's test-run might not be the best plan, but make sure they have good boots or shoes and enough clothes to stay warm and dry.
- ***Bring snacks:*** A snack break is a good way to add some entertainment while sitting in the blind or provide an intermission from walking through the woods or fields. Not to mention, a hungry kid is likely to lose interest much quicker than a well-fed one. Pack their favorite snacks and bring along a thermos of hot chocolate on those cooler mornings.
- ***Pick a hunt with some action:*** In a dream world, every hunt would involve encounters and successes, but much of hunting is not like that at all. Waterfowl, game birds, squirrels or other small game are good choices because you are likely to see some game and have some success. A big game hunt where you are likely to see lots of animals is not a bad bet either. Even a buck hunt where you see lots of does will probably keep a kid fairly entertained.

- ***Call it a day when they are ready:*** With any luck, patience will be something that your child learns organically through their experiences. It is **not** a lesson best forced upon them. If they ask to go home, you might encourage them to stay a little longer, but for the most part, heading home or back to camp when they are ready is best. If all the trips are very short, maybe postpone them going along for a couple. If they ask to go again, you can preface the trip by saying “you can go along, but we will be staying in the woods a little longer this time.”
- ***Let them choose their level of involvement:*** Kill shots, gutting and butchering animals are all a part of the sport- but just because a kid is ready to go for a hike in the woods, does not mean they are ready for the other parts of the hunt. You can establish that they will have to be willing to do those aspects before they can actually hunt, but do not force them to participate and observe if they do not want to. Likewise, if the kid wants to ease their way into it, find a safe way to get them involved like pulling on a leg while you do the cutting.

Shifting to Full Involvement

Those days when your youth hunter is just tagging along offer a great opportunity to further instill the responsibilities and skills involved in hunting. Make sure to maintain a focus on being a safe and ethical hunter, which will serve them well as an individual but also a steward of the sport and resource.

Once you are looking at making the jump to them actually hunting, consideration must be given in areas outside of the intrinsic factors discussed for early involvement.

For instance, beyond the kid's maturity level and interest, legal limitations must be considered.

States do not have restrictions for just bringing kids along on hunts, but the same cannot be said for them becoming actual hunters.

Many states do not have a minimum age requirement for hunting. The youth hunter needs only be able to complete the hunter education course and pass a test to be issued a license. Some states have limited deferral or mentor programs, where a young hunter can participate without having passed a hunter safety course.

In these scenarios, the state allows them to go out under the tutelage of a hunter who has been licensed for at least a certain number of years.

If your kid shows all the signs of being ready to hunt but lacks the reading and writing skills to pass the hunter safety course, they might be a good candidate for the deferral or mentor program. If they have the reading and writing skills, the course is a practical and useful step in earning the privilege to hunt.

In most states, those programs afford them one year before they have to pass the course, so it only makes sense in a few cases.

The age at which they are able to complete a hunter safety course and test usually corresponds well with the other indicators they are ready to hunt. The attention, understanding of rules and interest level required for the course are probably roughly equivalent to what they would need to actively hunt.

In addition to meeting the legal requirements, here are some other attributes to look for:

- ***Willingness to fully participate in the process:*** While forcing a kid to gut an animal their first time going along on a hunt is not recommended, they should understand it is a part of being a hunter.

Before they harvest an animal of their own they should be ready to do be involved from the first shot, to the last shot, and on through the field dressing and butchering process.

- ***Skills with the required weapon:*** Certain hunting methods have greater barriers to youth involvement. Archery can be difficult for the youngest of hunters because of the strength required to draw a bow although there are many [youth bows](#) and [crossbows](#) on the market, big game hunting with a rifle requires the shooter to deal with the recoil and weight of bigger caliber firearms. Pick a weapon that is geared towards youth hunter strength and stature, and make sure they are competent and safe with it.
- ***Ethics and decision- making:*** It can probably be assumed that an adult will be by the side of the young hunter as they make their early hunting choices. However, the old adage about not being able to un-pull the trigger is as true for kids as it is adults. Making sure that your child is old enough to understand the rationale behind decisions made in the field is crucial.

The First Real Hunt

Most states offer opportunities that are unique to youth hunters. Often these are hunts where success is likely. These hunts can be for the female big game, offer a few days head start on game birds or waterfowl, or focus on areas where access to the territory is easy. These youth-catered hunts are excellent opportunities for first outings.

A hunt where the young hunter is the only tag-holder comes with the advantage of the adult mentor not being concerned with their own harvest. Most parents or mentors would take as much or more joy out of a young

hunter harvesting their first animal, but some might still let their focus wander to their own successes.

Whether it is a youth hunt or a general opportunity, pick a hunt that coincides with the considerations we have already discussed. Early season hunts are likely to have better weather.

Game birds, waterfowl, varmints and deer can all be reasonably hunted with youth firearms and calibers. They also all typically provide a fair amount of encounters and a decent chance at success.

Keep in mind the outline of the first hunt as discussed above. You can gradually remove the "training wheels" by making the hunts a little longer, and encouraging your child to be more involved with the whole process. It is still best to start with a hunt that offers the following:

- Good weather
- High success rates
- Reasonable duration
- Adequate gear
- Youth-appropriate weapon

Talk (quietly) them through the stages of the hunt. As an experienced hunter, you have probably forgotten that you once had to learn many of the things you now know. As an example, to a young hunter, a finishing shot to the head of an animal may seem brutal. Offering a little explanation can help them understand that it a kill shot is the humane thing to do, and respectful to the animal.

Conclusion

Ultimately, hitting the timing just right and then planning and executing a perfect first experience should produce positive results. However, be prepared that even if everything goes well, hunting is not for everyone.

For some, it might be an acquired taste, and they may come around to liking it on their own at an older age. Similarly, know that everything is likely not to go quite as planned, and the kid will probably have a great time, anyway.

If you are successful in introducing them to hunting, be ready to experience great joy as you share in their successes. You will also feel good about introducing them to a healthy and wholesome activity that comes with a bonus of quality table fare.

And finally, by passing along the hunting tradition to the next generation, you will have done your part to keep the sport alive.

Calendar of Events

2017

Sept 10 – Nodaho Bow Hunters – Appreciation 3D (Marked yd) – Graham

Oct 21 – **MBH YOUTH JAMBOREE – multiple locations**

Dec 9-10 – Nodaho Bow Hunters – NFAA 300/Vegas 360 – Mailand

Dec 12 – St. Louis Bow Hunters – 300 – St. Louis

2018

Jan 6-7 – Iowa Pro Am – Des Moines, IA – 2nd leg of Midwest Triple Crown

Jan 20-21 – Kansas City ShootOut – IBH – Raytown, MO – 3rd leg of Midwest Triple Crown

Feb 9-11 – Vegas Shoot – World Archery – Las Vegas, NV

Feb 24-25 – NFAA Midwest Sectionals – IBH – Raytown, MO

Mar 3-4 – **MBH State Indoor – Linn, MO**

Mar 10-11 – NFAA Indoor Nationals – Columbus, OH

Jun 23-24 – NFAA Midwest Sectionals – IBH – Blue Springs, MO

Jul 14-15 – **MBH State Outdoor – Blue Springs, MO**

Club Directory

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EAST FORK ARCHERY (NFAA/MBH 8-31-17) BofR: Kathy Potter, efa@cvalley.net. Range location: 1401 County Road 1255, Huntsville, MO 65259; JOAD program available, call range for more information: 660-651-3175

INDEPENDENCE BOWHUNTERS (NFAA/MBH 2-28-18) Indoor range location: 6423 Railroad St., Raytown, MO; leagues and practice at 20 yards. Outdoor range location: William Landahl Park, Argo Rd. & 7 Hwy., Blue Springs, MO. President: Tom Hood, Secretary: Tobi Rogers, 816-645-2198, 16909 E. 44th St. S, Independence, MO 64055; BofR: Jim Forbes, 816-863-7128. www.independencebowhunters.org

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NODAHO BOW HUNTERS CLUB (NFAA/MBH 8-31-18) Outdoor range location: ¼ mi. east of Graham on Hwy. A, 1¼ mile north on gravel road 16 Lane. Indoor range location: South end of Maple Ave., Maitland, MO. President: Cody Sisk, Secretary: Jeanette Brookshier, 660-939-4177; BofR: Bill Brookshier. www.nodahobowhunters.com.

NOMO BOWHUNTERS ARCHERY ASSN. (MBH 01-31-18) Moberly, MO. Outdoor range location: 1.8 miles east of Junction 24 and 63 on Hwy. 24 on south side of highway. Contact & BofR: Charlie Langreder, 1508 Secretariat Dr., Columbia, MO 65202, 573-864-7590; President: Larry Jackson, 660-998-1545; Secretary: Alan Eckhardt, 573-881-4199

NORTHSIDE ARCHERS (MBH 3-31-18) St. Louis, MO. Meets 1st Monday of every other month. Field range location: Creve Coeur Park, take

Dorsett Rd., west from I-270 to Creve Coeur Park. Contact & BofR: Bob Brumback, 3260 Carlow Place, St. Ann, MO 63074, 314-427-2953; President Rich Noble; Secretary: Bob Brumback, rbrumback6167@sbcglobal.net

NORTHWEST MISSOURI ARCHERY CLUB (MBH/NFAA 4-30-18) 3D range location: from Bethany, Mo. Take Hwy. 136 west 9 miles to Rt. EE, New Hampton, north 12 miles to Rt. M, west 3 miles to Emmett & Leah Seat Conservation Area. Watch for signs to archery range. President: Ed Criger, 205 S 23rd St, Bethany, MO 64424, 660-868-0475 or 660-425-3784; Secretary: Teri Fosdick, 660-425-6155; BofR: Ed Criger.

SMOKEY HOLLOW ARCHERS (MBH 3-31-18) 4798 Hwy. C, Palmyra, MO 63461; President & BofR: Butch Herold; Secretary: Anna Herold, 707 Marion City Rd., Palmyra, MO 63561, 573-406-4192, butchs@centurytel.net

SPRINGFIELD ARCHERY COMPLEX (NFAA/MBH 10/31/18) 5780 S Farm Rd 141; Springfield, MO 65810; 417-874-2910; President/BofR: Amy Francka afrancka@springfieldmo.gov; Indoor and outdoor field range.

ST LOUIS BOWHUNTERS (MBH 01-31-18) St. Charles, MO; Indoor range located at 301 Tecumseh (Hwy. 94 North), St. Charles, MO 63301; 636-723-9338; Outdoor range located at Benchrest Rifle Club; www.stlbowhunters.com for directions and info. President: Derek Schaub; Secretary: Mike Niehoff 636-949-9570; BofR: Jeff Reddy 636-300-8008 jeffreddy@live.com.

SUMMIT ARCHERY TEAM SHOOTERS (NFAA/MBH 2-28-18) 1164 Decker Rd., Labadie, MO 63055; 636-742-2531. President: Chris Schmidt, Secretary: Kathy Russell; BofR: Dan Jasa, 1613 Whispering Creek Dr., Ballwin, MO 63021, 314-779-7329, danjasa@yahoo.com.

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- Single \$25
- Family \$30
- Youth \$12.50 (under 18)

Name: _____ DOB: (if under 18) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Affiliated Club _____

Referred by _____

Family Members:

Name 1: _____ DOB: (if under 18) _____

Name 2: _____ DOB: (if under 18) _____

Name 3: _____ DOB: (if under 18) _____

Name 4: _____ DOB: (if under 18) _____

Name 5: _____ DOB: (if under 18) _____

Name 6: _____ DOB: (if under 18) _____

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