



For OHA junior members
& kids of family members

Yearlings

OHA Junior Newsletter
Spring 2024

FREE POSTER
AND TARGET
INSIDE!

It's Turkey Time!

Oregon kids can be first in the field again this year, when Oregon holds its youth turkey hunting weekend April 13-14, just before the regular turkey season opens on April 15. Youth weekend lets kids enjoy some uncrowded hunting in Oregon's great outdoors.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and local OHA chapters will offer youth turkey clinics on April 6 at the White River Wildlife Area near The Dalles and at Denman Wildlife Area near Medford, where kids and their families learn tips for successful turkey hunting.

At the clinic, kids get a chance to shoot a shotgun at a paper target that looks like a turkey. Lunch is included with the entry fee. To cap off the event, there is a prize drawing.

For more information, visit MyODFW.com

Theo Whang and his mom joined OHA member Jeff Heil on a turkey hunt he won at the Rogue Valley youth turkey clinic.



OHA offers kids a chance to learn new outdoor skills



Sharpen your outdoor skills and learn new ones at an OHA youth field day!

Oregon Hunters Association chapters all over Oregon will host field days for kids this spring and summer. Most of the events are free, while some may charge a small amount to cover the costs of putting on the event. OHA's youth field days give kids a chance to test their skills and get a taste of new outdoor activities. Many of OHA's youth days offer food kids love.

The ODFW and OHA yearly youth turkey clinics on April 6 lead off the

list of OHA youth days. The clinics will get kids ready for this year's youth turkey hunt weekend April 13-14.

More OHA youth field days will follow later in the spring and summer. OHA's Yamhill County Chapter will host a youth shotgun skills clinic on Aug. 17.

In September, OHA volunteers will be on hand to help out at youth upland bird hunts all around Oregon. Find out about youth events in your area by logging on to www.oregonhunters.org.

OHA Spring and Summer Youth Events

April 6

Youth Turkey Clinics:
White River 503-358-7821
Rogue Valley 541-857-2407

April 27

Pioneer Chapter Youth Day,
503-936-4718

May 4

Tioga Youth Day, 541-294-7912

June 1

OHA youth & family events:
Bend 541-480-7323
Tillamook 503-842-7153
Josephine County 541-218-2836

June 1-2

Tualatin Valley Youth Event,
503-290-6143

June 29

Umpqua Chapter Youth Day,
541-580-7056;
Lake County Youth Day,
541-417-2983

August 10

Malheur County Chapter
Youth Shotgun Skills Day,
208-573-5556

August 17

Yamhill County Chapter
Youth Shotgun Skills Day,
503-737-9483

Make your fall big game hunting plans now!

Now is the time to make plans for your big game hunts this fall. The 2024 Oregon Big Game Regulations offer youth hunts for kids only, as well as guaranteed first-time tags in the general big game tag drawing.

Also, Oregon's Mentored Youth Hunter Program allows kids who haven't yet passed Hunter Education to hunt under the close supervision of an adult.

Fall youth hunts are available for deer, elk, and antelope.

The deadline to apply is May 15, 2024, and drawing results will be out by June 12.

In Oregon's "first-time hunter" program, which OHA helped create, a hunter under age 18 who is unsuccessful in the controlled hunt drawing for deer or elk tags may reapply for a controlled hunt having a minimum number of tags and be guaranteed a first-time tag. For information about Oregon's "First-time hunter program," see the 2024 Oregon Big Game Regulations.

For information about Oregon's awesome Mentored Youth Hunter Program for kids ages 9-15, visit the ODFW web site at MyODFW.com.



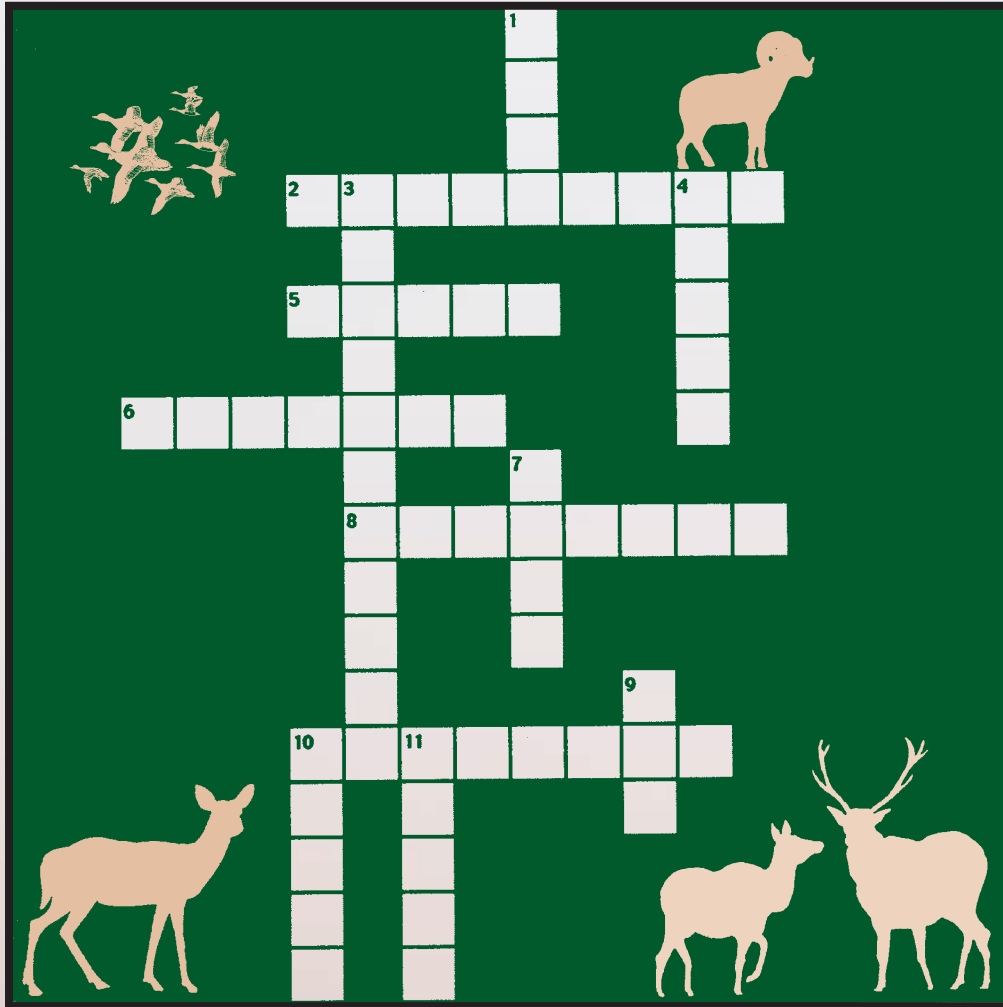
Savannah Smay glasses for deer last November in the Willamette Unit.



PUZZLE PAGE



When you finish the crossword puzzle, find your answers in the word hunt below.



Across

2. A person might be doing this if they have hypothermia.

5. Fawn coats have ____.

6. A place where an animal or plant lives is called its ____.

8. Another word for intestines or guts.

10. Legal number of animals you can take in a day or season is called the ____.

Down

1. When in a vehicle, your weapon should be in a ____.

3. The silent killer of the outdoors, when the body gets too cold.

4. Female mountain goat.

7. Animals a predator hunts for food are called its ____.

9. Baby mountain goat.

10. Color of a mountain goat's horns.

11. Most shotguns are measured by this, instead of caliber.

Do You Know?

1. What is Oregon's largest predator?
2. What Oregon goose is speckled?
3. What Oregon game bird nests in trees (other than wood ducks)?
4. The name for a baby bighorn sheep?
5. Oregon's longest river?
6. What corner of Oregon has the most wild turkeys?

Answers: 1-black bear; 2-white-fronted goose; 3-mourning doves; 4-lamb; 5-Columbia; 6-southwest.

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WILDLIFE CLOSE-UP

Mountain Goats

Mountain goats live high in Oregon's mountains. They are strong animals with hooves that work well for rock climbing.

Both nanny (female) and billy goats (male) have beards and slightly curved black horns. They do not shed their horns. Their coats are long and snowy white, and cover very thick skin. Nannies give birth in the spring, having one or two kids.

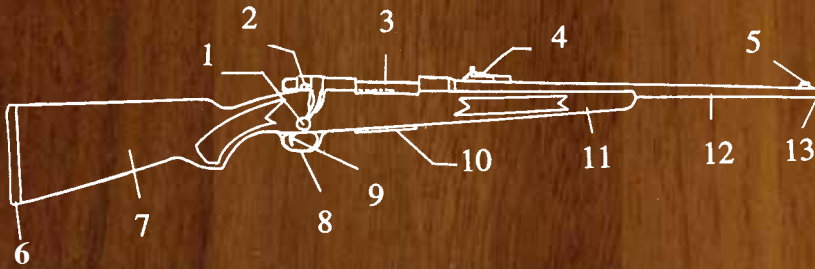
Mountain goats live in such a harsh habitat that predators do not usually pursue them. Falling down steep mountainsides is the most common cause of death for young goats.

Mountain goats are native to Oregon, but people and diseases spread by farm animals killed them all in the 1920s. In the 1980s, a transplant program brought goats to the Elkhorn and Wallowa mountain ranges in northeastern Oregon, where they live today. There are now enough goats that a few controlled hunt tags are awarded each year to very lucky hunters.

How well do you know your firearms?

Find the following parts on this bolt-action rifle, and write the names in the right blanks. Check your answers below.

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|---------------|---------|-------------|
| barrel | bolt | bolt handle |
| butt pad | forearm | front sight |
| magazine | muzzle | rear sight |
| safety | stock | trigger |
| trigger guard | | |



ANSWERS: 1-bolt handle; 2-safety; 3-bolt; 4-rear sight; 5-front sight; 6-butt pad; 7-trigger guard; 8-stock; 9-trigger; 10-magazine; 11-forearm; 12-barrel; 13-muzzle.

BOLT-ACTION RIFLE PARTS

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SIGN UP NOW FOR HUNTER EDUCATION!



The time to sign up for Hunter Education courses is not when you want to hunt. Classes fill up fast, and it's very hard to find a class by summer, so get in now. Oregon's Hunter Education course is required for first-time hunters under the age of 18. For information about enrolling in a Hunter Education program, visit MyODFW.com



10 COMMANDMENTS OF SHOOTING SAFETY

- 1.** Control the direction of your firearm's muzzle. Carry your firearm safely, keeping the safety on until ready to shoot. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- 2.** Identify your target and what is beyond it. Know the identifying features of the game you hunt.
- 3.** Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
- 4.** Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions and that you have only ammunition of the proper size for the firearm you are carrying.
- 5.** Unload firearms when not in use. Leave actions open. Firearms should be cased and unloaded while in a vehicle traveling to and from shooting areas.
- 6.** Never point a firearm at anything you do not want to shoot. Avoid all horseplay with a firearm.
- 7.** Never climb or jump with a loaded firearm. Never pull a firearm toward you by the muzzle.
- 8.** Never fire a bullet at a flat, hard surface or water. With targets, be sure your backstop is adequate.
- 9.** Store guns and ammunition separately in locked spaces out of reach of children and careless adults.
- 10.** Avoid alcoholic beverages and drugs before or during shooting.

O.H.A. MEMBER PLEDGE

As an OHA member, I pledge to:

- Respect the environment and wildlife;
- Respect property and landowners;
- Improve my outdoor skills and understanding of wildlife;
- Support wildlife and habitat conservation;
- Know and obey the law;
- Hunt safely;
- Show consideration of nonhunters;
- Abide by the rules of fair chase;
- Hunt only with ethical hunters; and
- Pass on an ethical hunting tradition.

* Adapted from the Hunter's Pledge of the Izaak Walton League of America





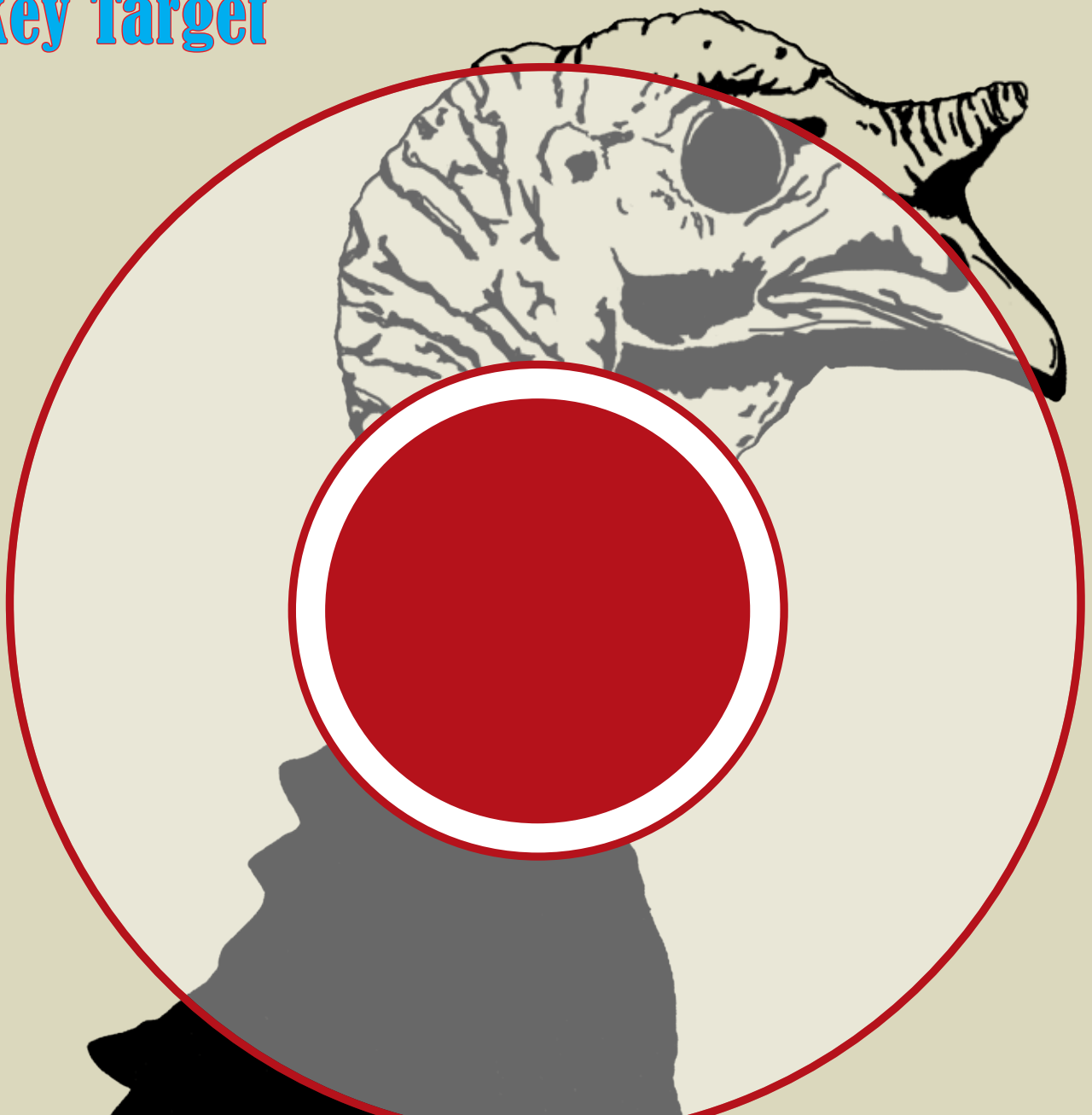
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* You get 6 issues of OREGON HUNTER magazine.

Just \$10 for kids!

* You get an Oregon Hunters Calendar, with 12 colorful game animal pictures, and all the hunting season dates and deadlines!



* You get 4 issues of OHA's junior newsletter *Yearlings*.

* You'll be invited to OHA events where there may even be prizes for kids!

* You'll get your own OHA decal!



OHA Jr. Membership Application

I want to be an Oregon Hunters Association Junior Member! Please sign me up, send my Oregon Hunters Calendar and OHA decal, and start my subscriptions to OREGON HUNTER magazine and the OHA junior newsletter *Yearlings*!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (____) _____

Please enclose one-year dues of \$10

Payment enclosed (check or money order)

Bill my parent's: Visa / MC / Discover / AmEx

Card #: _____

Expiration date: _____ CVV2# on back: ____

Parent Signature: _____

Return to:

OHA, P.O. Box 1706, Medford, OR 97501

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GOOD SHOTS FROM OREGON'S YOUNG GUNS



Jacob Klepp on Oregon's north coast tagged this blacktail buck last fall on Oregon's south coast.



Harley Dornin of Astoria took this elk in the Wilson Unit on Oregon's north coast.



Baylee Perdue of Central Point got this spike blacktail buck in the last days of the season.