

Hunting

Many people may think that hunting is just about killing an animal. There are many good things about hunting such as time spent preparing for the hunt, learning techniques and spending time in the woods with the wildlife.

My interest in hunting began when I was 5 years old. I watched a video with my step dad Lindal. It was neat to see the people dressed in camo watching the animals. I also like watching him clean his gun and watching and learning more about them.

When I turned seven he let me practice shooting. Then I got to go in the woods and sit and wait for deer. I developed a good eye and appreciation for the peacefulness of the outdoors. Although these times were special, it was really exciting the day I shot my first deer.

The night before I could barely sleep because I was so excited. I had my new hunting clothes out on my chair because we had to leave early. The reason we had to leave early was so we could get a good spot in the woods.

I eagerly got up the next morning and got dressed. After a big breakfast we put the guns in the truck. We got to the woods, found our spot and sat down as the sun was rising. It was a beautiful sunrise. We heard some noise, and looked up and saw two turkeys. It was very hard for me to keep quiet.

It seemed like a long time till a deer finally showed up. I had my chance and made a good shot. I shot my first deer!! It was an eight point buck. I could hardly wait to show my mom.

Ever since that day in the woods I still enjoy hunting. I mainly just watch hunting shows and like to sit in the woods and watch the animals. I spend many hours learning and hunting each year. You learn to appreciate how the animals live and enjoy the peace and quiet. I know I will continue to like to hunt as I grow older. More people should take time just to rest quietly with nature even if you don't always shoot when you hunt.