



Yearlings

OHA Junior Newsletter

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For OHA junior members and children of family members

FREE POSTER
AND TARGET
INSIDE!

KIDS GET DIRTY TO HELP WILDLIFE

Oregon kids can get as dirty as they like when they and their families go with the Oregon Hunters Association to do wildlife habitat projects around the state. These projects help make food, water and shelter for wildlife – the three things wild animals need most.

Many of these are projects that kids and their families can do together with the OHA chapter in their area. Some of the projects are weekend campouts in Oregon's great outdoors, where the families who help out get to camp together and enjoy some good food and good times.

Watch your OHA chapter's newsletter for projects near you!



A young man piles rocks on a rock jack that helps hold up the corners of a fence.



A youngster helps work on a guzzler that collects rain water and stores it for wildlife to drink. The reflector on the wire is to keep sage grouse from flying into the fence.



Kids carry wood rails to build a fence that will protect a big meadow where wildlife browse.

OHA HELPS KIDS BE OUTSTANDING IN THE FIELD



Kids all over Oregon got a chance to try outdoor skills when chapters of the Oregon Hunters Association hosted youth field days for kids this spring and summer. Most of the events were free, while some charged a small amount to cover the costs of putting on the event. Most events provided food kids love to eat.

OHA kicked off the schedule of events with its yearly youth turkey clinics at the White River and Denman Wildlife Areas. The clinics taught turkey hunting knowledge and skills, and got kids ready for youth turkey hunting weekend.

Youth field days were hosted by OHA chapters later in the spring and summer. The OHA Yamhill County Chapter held a youth shotgun skills clinic in August, as it does every year.

In September, OHA will help out at youth bird hunts around the state.

You can stay up to date on youth events in your area by logging on to www.oregonhunters.org



ABOVE: Kids learn archery skills at an OHA youth event.

LEFT: A young girl tries to hit the right kind of nail at an OHA youth day.

BELOW: A kid gets ready to shoot a clay target at an OHA youth shotgun skills day.





PUZZLE PAGE

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



Across

4. Ducks make this sound

8. American "antelope" are correctly called _____.

9. A male bighorn sheep.

11. This puddle duck has green on its head and wing.

12. The western gray _____ is the smallest Oregon game mammal.

Down

1. A type of rabbit with long ears and legs.

2. The only legal firearm for hunting spring turkey.

3. A decorative feather found atop a quail's head, or a hat.

5. A word for an area of land, such as steep _____.

6. A mid-elevation forest grouse with a topknot.

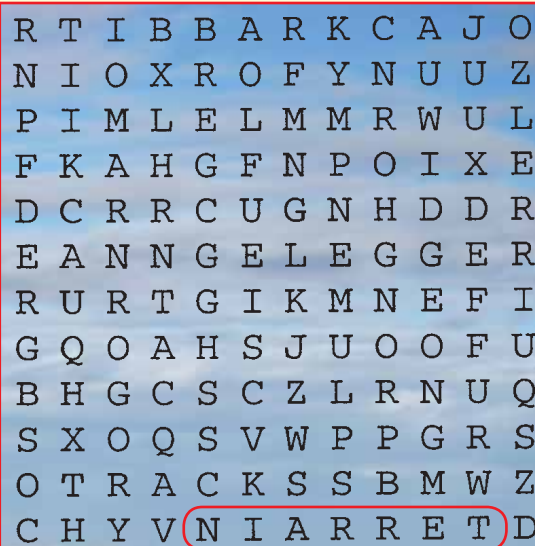
7. The seed of cereal grass such as wheat, barley, rice, or oats.

10. Hunters follow these to find animals making them.

Do You Know?

1. What large predator in Oregon lives up to 30 years?
2. What grouse lives in the desert?
3. What a group of elk is called?
4. Name for a baby mountain goat?
5. What a male turkey is called?
6. Where wood ducks nest?
7. Oregon's highest mountain?
8. What Oregon goose is speckled?

Answers: 1-cougar; 2-sage grouse; 3-herd; 4-kid; 5-tom; 6-in trees; 7-Mt. Hood; 8-white-fronted goose.



WILDLIFE CLOSE-UP

PRONGHORN ANTELOPE

The pronghorn, sometimes called antelope, is not really an antelope at all, but more closely resembles that family of animals than any other.

Pronghorns are native to Oregon, but they live only east of the Cascade mountains in Oregon's high desert.

The pronghorn is famous for two things that help it survive: its amazing eyesight that allows it to spot danger from a great distance in the open country where it dwells, and its incredible speed, which can reach 60 miles per hour.

Like deer, male pronghorns are called bucks, females are called does, and young ones are called fawns.

Pronghorns grow true horns – not antlers like deer and elk – but they shed the outer black sheath every year like deer and elk do. Both males and females grow horns, but female horns usually are very short.

Pronghorns have grown in number under controlled hunting, but the herds have been hurt by coyotes, which take many of the newborn pronghorns when coyote numbers are high. It is believed that the pronghorn populations have natural cycles of highs and lows that are affected by predator numbers, as well as the availability of populations of other prey coyotes eat, such as rodents.



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LET'S MAKE TRACKS! Match the tracks to the animal that made them. Then check your answers.



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1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____



9. _____



10. _____

ANSWERS: 1-Raccoon; 2-Antelope; 3-Turkey; 4-Bobcat; 5-Coyote; 6-Bear; 7-Elk; 8-Goose; 9-Deer; 10-Bighorn.

HUNTING SEASON IS FIRE SEASON: DON'T GET BURNED

There's nothing like sitting around a campfire with friends and family, but that cozy campfire can become a force of destruction if it gets out of control. Each year more than 100,000 wildfires are started on our nation's wildlands, burning millions of acres, and destroying wildlife as well as forests, brush and grasslands. Over 90 percent of these fires are caused by careless people.

When building a fire, use common sense. First, build a fire only when and where it is permitted. Open fires are often prohibited in certain areas, especially during dry seasons.

Second, learn how to pick a safe place to build a campfire. Be sure there is nothing above, below, or near your fire site that might catch fire. Avoid steep slopes and gullies where a fire could escape the planned fire area and run uphill. Check wind direction and force, and be sure your fire will not be blown out of control.

Third, build a fire that you can control. Make a fire circle at least 10 feet wide around



Know what the current fire danger level is and what restrictions are in place.

the fire. Remove grass, leaves, needles, sticks, and any other kind of fuel from the circle area. Keep all flames and coals within the fire circle. Do not use flammable liquids like gasoline or white gas to start a fire. Feed the fire with one stick of fuel at a time to control how big the fire gets. Watch your fire closely; don't go off and leave it unattended. If the wind picks up or the fire grows too large, sprinkle the flames with water or soil

to make them smaller.

Fourth, remember to put out the fire completely when you are done. If water is available, use it to put out the fire; otherwise, smother the fire with dirt. Then mix the unburned fuel, dirt and ashes until all steaming and sizzling stops. Carefully feel with your hand for embers among the ashes. If you feel heat, add more water or dirt and stir again until all heat is gone.

TOP: Big fires like this one kill wildlife and destroy habitat. BELOW: A doe looks for food after the fire.



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Life-Size Varmint Target



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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*!

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Good shots from Oregon's Young Guns



Thomas Wright of Bend took this gobbler in the Heppner Unit on youth turkey hunt weekend.



Jacob Andrews of Canby tagged this blacktail in the North Bank Habitat Area youth hunt.



Juliet Conley bagged this western gray squirrel – her first game animal – in Josephine County.