

HUNTING

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They jump out of bed (well, crawl out the first week) and run around with their tail feathers on fire scrambling to get out the door only to dart back in once or twice for some forgotten item.

So, what the heck does the above have to do with hunting? Ha, I'll tell you what! A bunch of us hunters are no different. We wake up a day or two before the season acting like we didn't have a year to get prepared.

We're running around searching for a list of items that seems to have disappeared. Well, actually they never got around to writing a list, so they're running around the garage like an ADHD kindergartner randomly remembering items needed to have a successful hunt. I just had a buddy call me the other day and ask me if I had his hunting knives.

"Where's my tent?" Then, "Oops, where's my HS Strut scent wafer?" Then, "Where's my ammo? Where could my new Sierra Designs sleeping bag possibly be?" Only to discover that the kids used it for a sleepover. After finding it, you discover they spilled a 2-liter bottle of Coke inside of it and the dog slept with them and chewed his way out of the bottom of it.

I guess humans are just humans. Whether they're school kids, teachers or hunters, they create the same disasters wherever they go, just different scenarios.



Hunting with old friends is almost as enjoyable as the hunt itself. From left to right, Ed Sweet, Joe White and Tom Claycomb.

Tom Claycomb/Contributed Photo

But despite the drama, hunting season is in full bloom right now. It's like watching a fireworks show. At the end of the show, they always send up multiple rockets in rapid succession. Well, that's exactly how fall is. We have grouse, dove, chukar hunting, deer, elk, bear, and if you drew tags (which I didn't) antelope, bighorn and goat hunting. And I probably missed

listing your favorite species, such as upcoming duck, goose and pheasant hunting. And what about the lowly rabbit and squirrel hunting? Or cougars?

So if you live in Oregon, you're totally blessed. How many other states offer all the hunting opportunities that you freely enjoy? And we have multiple options in which to hunt. We can hunt with pistols, bows,

crossbows, airguns, blackpowder and rifles.

If you're new to the state don't be bashful. Grab your bow/rifle and hit the mountains. No one is going to show you their secret spots, so you're going to have to learn on your own. Buy a Forest Service map and go out exploring. When you find a spot you like, buy a detailed map from MyTop-Maps.com.

It's going to take you a few years to find some good hunting spots, but that's true no matter where you live. Over time you'll meet new buddies at work or church, or neighbors who will take you. But don't go back to their spots later by yourself or you'll be tarred and feathered and run out of Oregon.

And if you handle and cook your game right, it'll be the best organic meat you've ever had. I'm excited. In January we filmed three shows on processing and cooking game. I think they'll be the best outdoor cooking shows ever produced. I met Charles and Jody Allen, the owners of Knives of Alaska, on their ranch to cut up a deer, wild hog and a Wagyu steer. They also had the High Road with Keith Warren crew there to film it all — Keith Warren, Matti Tackett and Johnny Piazza and one of the top 15 chefs in America, Michael Scott.

I learned a lot from them. You'll learn how to pull some unique cuts off your wild game and how to cook them. Here's a link to some of the footage. Click on the pic with Keith holding the hog then next on the tray of meat. Two more shows to come.

So don't sit out another season. Get out in the woods and if your kids are old enough, take them too. Dad started taking me deer hunting when I was 7 or 8 years old. If the guys in your camp are too rough to have your kids around then you need to make some new friends. Have fun.

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ACROSS

1 Puppy noise
4 Hold one's own
8 Declines, on Wall Street
12 Ms. Thurman
13 Sheikh colleague
14 Maui dance
15 Punt
17 Dangerous curve
18 Caesar's worst day
19 Naomi Osaka's org.
21 Trawler net
22 One-celled animal
25 Library abbr.
26 "Runaway Bride" groom
27 Wheel guard
30 Curve
31 Romantic poet
33 Attorney's forte
35 Unoccupied
37 Raspberry stem
38 Caustic substance

DOWN

1 Hearty laugh
2 Left Bank pal
3 Boot liner
4 After yr. 1
5 Rolex rival
6 Leaning tower town
7 Trauma ctrs.
8 Protect
9 Autobahn vehicle

39 Cadge
41 Port near Hong Kong
44 Sketch
45 Storage container
46 Prepare to fire
47 Answers
51 Give the appearance of
52 Big HS dance
54 Earth (pref.)
55 A piece of cake
56 Separate violently
57 Flit about

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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11 Business encl.
16 "Fish Magic" artist
20 Lead, in the lab

21 Daughters' brothers
22 Ottoman official
23 Griffin of game shows
24 Fierce whale
25 Ex-soldier
27 Diet no-no
28 Panache
29 Sounded the bell
31 Bout windup
32 Chemical suffix
34 Elf-sized
36 Damp
37 — out (go kaput)
39 Carly or Neil
40 After noon
41 Dept. store inventory
42 Linoleum measurement
43 Stage prompts
44 Trevi Fountain coins, once
46 Showery mo.
48 It may be hard-boiled
49 Stadium cry
50 Piece of turf
53 WV neighbor

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