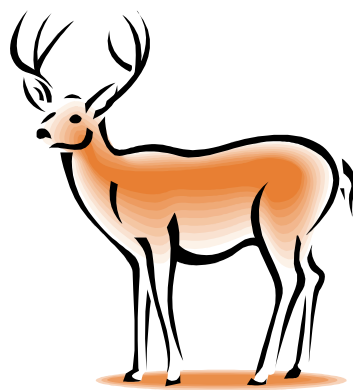


Deer Hunting

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This year, I got to go deer hunting with my grandpa. I was part of the deer mentor program. My grandpa could carry the gun, but hand it to me when it was time to shoot. I shot my first deer! I even named him George! Because this experience was so fun for me, I wanted to do my interest fair project on deer hunting.

I learned a lot about deer hunting. One thing I learned is that 226,260 deer were killed in the 2011 gun deer season. Wow! That's a lot of deer. Of these deer, 102,837 were bucks and 123,423 were antlerless deer. A buck is when there is an antler that is bigger than the other one or when both of them are the same size. An antlerless deer is a deer that doesn't have antlers or both of the antlers are less than 3 inches.

I also learned that the stores sold a lot of licenses in 2011. They sold 620,534 gun deer licenses in 2011. Did you know that last year was the second safest season for hunters? The season went from November 19th - November 27th.

Another thing I learned is that some hunters donate their deer meat to a foundation called Hunt for the Hungry. Hunt for the Hungry started in 1994 but became statewide in the year 2000. This program has been in Green Bay for 14 years. How many tons of deer meat was donated in 2011? Hunters donated 637 tons of meat. Wow! That's a lot of meat. Statewide, in eleven years, this program has gotten 77,200 deer and 3,472,000 pounds of ground meat.

When I went to get my license I needed some important things. I needed to tell the lady my name, my birth date and year, my social security number, my height & weight, my eye color, my address, and my hair color. Now you know what you need to be ready for when you get your license. Just like me!!

You're probably wondering what do I wear when I am hunting? You will need 50% of your clothing has to be blaze orange and your hat has to be the same too.

There are two ways to watch and wait for deer. One way is by using a ground blind. A ground blind is on the ground and hides you while you hunt. It must

have 144 square inches of orange and has to be removed at the end of your hunting day. The other way to watch and wait for deer is by making a tree stand. A tree stand is when you're in a tree.

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