



ATTENTION ALL SPIKES!

WIN FREE NYB MERCHANDISE AND OTHER COOL STUFF!

This is **your** newsletter and as such should have photos, stories, drawings, and news from you in it! Send in your hunting memories, drawings, recipes, stories and photos for consideration for the next newsletter.

Photos should be in "Good Taste" with little or no blood showing, tongues tucked inside mouths, no tailgate shots, etc. Photos taken in a natural outdoor setting are best, otherwise try and position game so that homes, roads, etc. are not showing in the background. All submissions will be entered in our random drawing for the "Submission of the Month" prize.

Winners will be notified by mail and announced in the next newsletter.

Sincerely,

NY Bowhunters Spikes

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SEND IN A RECIPE YOU HAVE USED WHICH INCLUDED A WILD PLANT OR WILD GAME AS AN INGREDIENT AND WE WILL PRINT IT IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER. IT WILL BE ENTERED IN OUR RANDOM DRAWING FOR THE "SUBMISSION OF THE MONTH" PRIZE. REMEMBER: DON'T EAT A WILD PLANT UNTIL YOU HAVE RESEARCHED IT TO MAKE SURE IT IS SAFE!



Wild Turkey Parmigiano

Ingredients:

2 egg whites
1 tablespoon water
1/2 cup Italian-seasoned dry bread crumbs
2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese
1 pound boneless turkey breast fillets
1 cup tomato sauce
1 cup shredded Mozzarella cheese
Fresh basil



Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a shallow bowl, beat egg whites with water. In another shallow bowl, combine bread crumbs and Parmesan cheese. Dip turkey pieces into egg mixture, then dredge in bread crumb mixture. Arrange the meat on a greased 10-inch x 15-inch baking pan. Bake 5 minutes. Remove from oven and spoon tomato sauce evenly over the turkey and top with Mozzarella cheese. Bake until turkey is cooked through, sauce is heated and cheese is melted (about 5 minutes). Top with fresh basil.

Tips for Keeping Your Hunting Area Fresh

The first time you hunt a stand each season represents your best chance for success from that stand. First time stands are so good because the deer are moving naturally. Your job is to keep it that way, which unfortunately isn't always so simple. It is pretty obvious that if you alarm a mature buck around your stand you are not likely to see him there again. It is not so obvious that educating non-target deer can have just as much effect on your odds. This is because deer communicate in large part through body language. When a doe approaches your empty stand warily, maybe even stomping her feet, she sends the same message as if she were shouting, "Hey everyone, this spot is dangerous." Deer pay attention to these signals in the same way that we react to warning sirens and flashing lights.

If you want to hunt a stand more than once you need to keep the deer from realizing they are being hunted. This becomes more and more difficult each time you hunt an area. If you don't select your stands cautiously and then take measures to assure secrecy, your stands will become noticeably less effective each time you hunt them. Keeping every possible deer in the dark should be your number one priority this season. Letting this philosophy guide your every move will make you scout smarter, hunt more carefully and ultimately bag more deer.

Here are some helpful tips;

1. Start your hunting from the lowest impact stand site that also offers a decent chance of getting a shot.
2. Pick the path to your stand carefully. Never let your scent be blown toward areas you think deer might be using.
3. Only hunt spots that you can walk to easily without the risk of bumping into deer. Avoid crossing open fields in the dark, because that's where the deer are going to be. Take maximum advantage of cover and terrain to keep from being sky-lined.
4. Never give up the wind. On still days consider hunting far from your best areas. Don't take the chance that an unexpected breeze will carry your scent to the deer.
5. Study aerial photos of your hunting area. There is a lot you can learn from a couple of hours of studying an aerial photo. Google Earth or other online options are great tools. And the best part is, you don't have to leave any scent in your hunting area to learn it.
6. Avoid in-season scouting in the places where deer spend most of their time. When hunting without the benefit of post-season scouting from the previous winter, confine your scouting to downwind edges. Spring is one of the best time to scout!
7. Keep your binoculars handy. Often they'll tell you what to do next as you unravel deer movement patterns from a distance.

Conclusion

When you've got an area that you want to keep fresh for the whole season focus on picking stands that offer the following tactical advantage: an undetectable entry and exit route and a spot where the wind won't swirl. Stick to the fringes where your ground scent won't be detected readily. By keeping the deer you hunt from knowing they are being hunted, you greatly increase your chances for success this season.

SPIKES SHOOTING PROFICIENCY

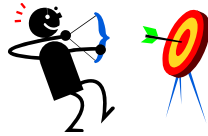
Step 1. Draw an 8" circle and from a distance of 10 yards, shoot 4 of 6 consecutive arrows within the circle. Mail in target and you will receive a Certificate.

Step 2. Draw a 6" circle and from the same 10 yards, shoot 4 of 6 consecutive arrows within the circle. Mail in this target and you will receive another Certificate.

Step 3. Draw an 8" circle and from the distance of 15 yards, shoot 4 of 6 consecutive arrows within the circle. Mail in the target and you will be mailed free NYB merchandise.

Step 4. Draw a 6" circle and from the 15 yard distance, shoot 4 of 6 consecutive arrows within the circle. Mail in the target and you will receive additional NYB merchandise in the mail.

Step 5. Draw a 3" circle and from a distance of 15 yards, shoot 2 of 3 consecutive arrows within the circle. Mail in this target and you will earn an Eagle Eye Award patch which you can proudly wear!



← Good luck and may your arrow find its target! →

Are you planning on bowhunting a spring turkey this year?

Remember *“Hit him high and watch him die, hit him low and watch him go.”*

Turkey vitals are farther back and higher on a turkey than most people realize. The best place to aim on a broadside bird is where the butt of the wing connects to the turkey’s body.

This almost guarantees an ethical kill. Your broadhead will likely break both wings and pierce the heart and/or lungs while it passes through.

Good luck!





Youth Hunt For Wild Turkey

The Youth Wild Turkey Hunt weekend will be held April 23-24, 2022.

The Youth Wild Turkey Hunt is an excellent opportunity for junior hunters (ages 12-15) to spend time afield with experienced adult hunters gaining the necessary knowledge and skills to become safe and responsible members of the hunting community. We look forward to the great stories and pictures we receive from young hunters and their adult companions and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable hunt.

Other details of the youth turkey hunting weekend are as follows:

- Eligible hunters are youth 12, 13, 14, or 15 years of age, holding a hunting license and a turkey permit.
- All youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult, as required by law for a junior hunter.
 - *Youth 12 or 13 years of age* must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or person over 21 years of age, with written permission from their parent or legal guardian.
 - *Youth 14 or 15 years of age* must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or person over 18 years of age, with written permission from their parent or legal guardian.
- The accompanying adult must have a current hunting license and turkey permit. S/he may assist the youth hunter (including calling), but may not carry a firearm, bow or crossbow, or kill or attempt to kill a wild turkey during the youth hunt. Crossbows may not be used by licensees who are under 14 years of age.
- The youth hunt is for spring turkey hunting only and is a two-day weekend hunt. The youth hunt will always precede the start of the regular season by at least 3 days.
- The youth turkey hunt is open in all of upstate New York (north of the Bronx-Westchester County boundary) and Suffolk County. Shooting hours are from 1/2-hour before sunrise to noon.
- **The bag limit for the youth hunt is one bearded bird.** This bird becomes part of the youth's regular season bag limit of two bearded birds. A second bird **may be taken in upstate New York** (north of the Bronx-Westchester County boundary) beginning May 1st.
- All other wild turkey hunting regulations remain in effect.





New York Bowhunters
Youth Membership

" Spikes "

NYB's "Youth Membership" includes all youth ages 17 and under. Those between the ages of 12 to 17 will be considered "Senior Spikes." Those under 12 join as "Junior Spikes". All will receive our "Spikes" newsletter, which is geared towards hunting and contains items for the "Juniors" as well.

Membership Includes:

NYB Membership Sticker, Spikes sticker and our Quarterly Newsletter.

Prizes:

Members who send in pictures, drawings, stories, etc. will be eligible for prizes.

As the driving force behind preserving bowhunting in New York, it's our responsibility as NYB members to get our children and all young hunters involved in preserving and protecting our hunting heritage for future generations.

Spikes membership is only \$10 per year.



Mail Application to;
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SPIKES NAME: _____ PARENT/SPONSOR NAME _____

DOB: _____ COUNTY/REGION: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

SPONSOR ADDRESS (if different): _____

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Did you know?

Egg dyes are made from onion skins.

Baby bunnies are called kittens.

March was named after Mars, the Roman god of war.

The average spring temperature in Greenland is -10 Celsius (14 degrees Fahrenheit).

A polar bear's skin is black even though its fur is white.

Hummingbirds are the only group of birds that can fly backwards.

There are 40,000 muscles (give or take) in an elephant's trunk.

A sea turtle can lay 240 eggs at a time.

The horns of a rhinoceros are made of hair.

It takes about a month for a sloth to digest a meal.