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The New Face of Hunting AND WHY DIVERSITY MATTERS FOR CONSERVATION



September marks the start of hunting season in many states, often opening with deer. This timeless tradition fed our ancestors and continues to help many families stock the freezer with quality protein for the winter months. It's also a key strategy for wildlife management and conservation, not to mention that permitting is a source of revenue for many state and local governments.

That's why people in the outdoor industry are concerned about representation and barriers to entry for new hunters. It's also why we're seeing groups spring up across the U.S. that focus on teaching gun safety and hunting regulations for those who want to participate but don't see others like them out in the field.

WHO'S HUNTING NOW?

A recent U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service study showed that 90% of hunters in the U.S. are male and 97% are white. That reflects a frequent stereotype about hunters, but it doesn't reflect the current *interest* in the sport. A study of college students highlighted on OutdoorLife.com asked those who had never hunted if they might be willing to try. About

half were women and 38% were students of color. That's good news for conservationists and hunting enthusiasts who want to ensure they can keep the sport alive as older hunters age out. The issue is how to get more women and people of color into the field for the first time.

WHO'S WORKING TO DIVERSIFY THIS?

Hunting is like many other things: It can be hard to get started when you don't see people who look like you already participating. Since hunting is currently a predominantly white and male sport, many groups are popping up to train some of these other populations. The hashtag #SheHunts is an easy way for women to find inspiration, support, and training through social media. And groups like the aptly named Hunters of Color (HuntersOfColor.org) are working to increase awareness and education around the issue as well as increase connection and training through mentorships.

Hunting has a long history, and with efforts to bring more people into the field and foster a love of nature, conservation, and self-sufficiency, it'll have a bright future as well.



Enjoy Fall While It Lasts!

TENNESSEE FALLS ARE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL IN THE NATION

"A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's goodbye." –Unknown

When I think of fall, it always begins with the start of a new school year — but back when I was in school, it always started the day after Labor Day. As I'm writing this, I'm preparing for my kids' first day of school during the first week of August. I find myself thinking, "It's still summer. How are they starting school next week already?"

The spirit of fall is pretty special to me, though. Fall brings on new experiences, a new year of learning, and a chance to see school friends again. I didn't see them over the summer since I didn't live in a suburban neighborhood; we lived pretty deep in a rural area where we were surrounded by woods and next to a lake. My childhood summer memories are of playing by the pond with our dog or fishing. Only during the fall time did I get to reunite and rekindle friendships again.

Fall also brings one of my favorite times of year, in terms of climate. The drop in temperature, with all its crispness and coolness, is most welcome after the oppressive heat of summers — not to mention the gorgeous

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fall foliage that begins to set in this time of year. In any nationwide list, Tennessee is always in the top five for the most beautiful states to visit in the fall, right behind Vermont or Maine.

Fall is a very special part of our lives in the South, especially in Tennessee. I know we're all in a hurry to get our kids to school, or get more work done before 2022, but don't forget to stop once in a while and savor the fall season moment while it lasts. Fall brings more than great memories; it brings new experiences that might include old familiars, like football seasons, bales of hay, apples, harvest moon, pumpkin pies, and cranberries.

Recently, my family watched the Netflix TV show "Anne With an E," which was adapted from Lucy Maud Montgomery's 1908 novel, "Anne of Green Gables." In the show, one of the lines written by Montgomery is, "I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." I couldn't really agree more with this sentiment — I instantly appreciate fall's magic more when I try to imagine a year without it.

As we get into the fall season, don't forget to pick up some warm drinks over a fire, go apple picking, watch football, get lost in a corn maze, or jump in a big pile of leaves. As Nobel Prize winning author Albert Camus says, "Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower."

—John Colvin

2 Fun Family Card Games to Play With 1 Deck

Whether you're hanging out at home or camping with the family, card games are a great way to relax. A single deck is versatile and easy to pack, so if you have one on hand, try these two games that go beyond the classics like War and Go Fish.

1. SLAPJACK (2+ Players, No Jokers): The goal of this War-style game is to win all of the cards. To start, deal all of the cards face down, then have everyone form their cards into a pile without looking at them. Each player then flips a card face up into the center. Continue doing this until one of the cards played is a jack.

When that happens, the first person to slap the jack wins it and the cards beneath! They add them to their deck, and play continues until one player has all of the cards. To keep things interesting, if you accidentally slap a card that isn't a jack, you have to give up one of your cards to the player with that pile, and if you run out of cards, you can reenter the game by slapping the very next jack.

2. SPAR (2-4 Players, No Ace of Spades or Cards Below 6): This easy game is played with just 35 cards, and the object is to win the last round (aka trick). To start, deal five cards to each player. Then, have the person to the left of the dealer lay one of their cards face up. Each person in the circle then plays a card in the same suit if they can or another suit if they can't. Whoever has the highest card in the original suit wins the trick and starts the next one! The winner of the fifth trick wins the game. If you want to keep score, award three points if the winning card is a six, two points if it's a seven, and one point if it's an eight or higher. Then play again!

We found these games on BicycleCards.com, but you can learn about them and dozens of others by checking out "The Ultimate Book of Family Card Games" by Oliver Ho from your local library.



MEET CÉSAR CHÁVEZ CELEBRATING A LABOR MOVEMENT FOLK HERO



In life, it's easy to step away from a challenging ambition when you're told it's impossible. But for César Chávez, despite hearing this nearly every day, he never faltered in his advocacy for labor rights — and he succeeded beyond anyone's wildest imaginings.

Born on March 31, 1927, as the second of five children, Chávez's parents ran a farm, grocery store, garage, and a pool hall in Arizona's North Gila Valley (near the California-Mexico border). By 1938, their family was evicted from the land they'd lived and worked for nearly 50 years. "We left everything behind," Chávez recalled in an interview. "Left chickens and cows and horses and implements. Things belonging to my father's family and my mother's as well. Everything."

As a boy, Chávez had to join a migrant farm labor force — everyone in the family had to pitch in so they could put food on the table. Sometimes, they lived under a tree with just

a canvas as a roof, or in a car. Due to their lifestyle, Chávez attended nearly 36 schools before dropping out after eighth grade. The open prejudice didn't make it easier, either; segregation of Mexican Americans was an accepted practice in California at the time.

So, he lied about his age and joined the U.S. Navy in 1944, serving two years before he was honorably discharged. Then, he landed a job with a lumber company. It didn't take long, though, for Chávez's desire to create change to set in. Encouraged by Fred Ross, a well-known community organizer at the time, Chávez quit the lumber yard and became a full-time organizer for the Community Services Organization (CSO). By 1959, he moved to Los Angeles to become the organization's executive director.

Finally, in 1962, Chávez and a few others did the impossible: They successfully established a union of farm workers called National Farm

Workers Association (NFWA), which lobbied for minimum wage and unemployment insurance for farm workers, advocating farm workers' rights to collective bargaining, and established a life insurance plan, a credit union, and a hiring hall for members.

As an ardent advocate of nonviolence, Chávez's leadership influence stretched far beyond California fields. Many celebrities at the time, like Joan Baez, Maya Angelou, and Carlos Santana, supported Chávez by dedicating their time, creativity, and even reputations to his movement. In turn, Chávez became one of the most inspirational labor leaders of the 20th century. He passed away peacefully in April 1993 in Yuma, Arizona.

HOW TO GET AN ACCIDENT REPORT IN TENNESSEE

Police officers are considered neutral parties — their reports can carry a lot of weight in your case, which is exactly why you'll want to call the police after a crash to report the accident.

You'll want access to this report for more than one reason later on as well. Under Tennessee law, you are required to report certain motor vehicle collisions to the Tennessee Department of Safety (DOS). Specifically, you must file a written report within 20 days if the accident involved the death or injury of any person and/or property damage in excess of \$1,500 (yes, it was raised — for accidents prior to Jan. 1, 2019, you had to file a report for property damage in excess of \$400).

If you fail to file a report as required under Tennessee law, then you may face penalties, including a suspension of your driver's license and vehicle registration.

The requirement to report traffic accidents to the DOS is separate from calling the police to the scene. Law enforcement may arrive because you called 911 or if someone else called

(this could be a witness or another person involved in the crash). In this situation, the police will prepare a written report of the accident.

Unlike the report that you file with the DOS, this report may become a crucial piece of evidence if you pursue a claim for your damages. If you were involved in the accident in some way — whether as a driver or passenger — then you can request a copy of the accident report from the appropriate government agency.

If the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) took the accident report, then you can request a copy of the report from the DOS. You can get a THP report in one of three ways:

ONLINE

For a fee of \$10.00, you can obtain a copy of the report through the DOS website. To do so, you will need a credit card and information about the accident, including: the date of accident, your last name, the reporting agency, and your driver's license number, plus either the VIN, license plate, or case or tracking number.

IN PERSON

For a fee of \$4.00, you can get a copy of the accident report from a THP district office. These reports are available approximately seven days

And Why You Need One!

after the crash and can be obtained by any driver, owner or passenger, or their agent or legal representative. You will need the date of the crash, the county where the crash occurred, the names of the drivers involved, and the agency tracking number to get a report.

BY MAIL

For a fee of \$4, you can request a copy of the accident report by sending a cashier's check, money order, or personal or business check to the DOS. Be sure to include the pertinent information about the crash along with your mailing address. The request can be sent to:

Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security
Financial Responsibility Division
PO Box 945
Nashville, TN 37202-0945

If a local law enforcement agency responded to your accident, then you will need to get the report directly from that agency. Many police departments offer information about how to obtain an accident report directly on their website. Your attorney can also use the accident report to track down other evidence to support your claim. Choose Colvin Law, and we'll help you maximize your claim every step of the way!

ONE-PAN APPLE CIDER CHICKEN

Bring the taste of fall into your kitchen with this sizzling skillet meal.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lbs boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 1 tsp salt, divided
- 1/2 tsp black pepper, divided
- 1/2 cup apple cider
- 2 tsp Dijon mustard
- 4 tsp olive oil, divided
- 3 sweet apples, cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 2 tsp fresh rosemary, chopped, plus more for garnish

Directions

1. Sprinkle chicken with 1/2 tsp salt and 1/4 tsp pepper. Set aside.
2. In a small bowl, combine apple cider and mustard. Set aside.
3. In a large skillet over medium heat, warm 2 tsp olive oil. When shimmering, add chicken thighs top-side down. Cook for 4 minutes, then flip and cook for 4 more minutes. Transfer to a plate and cover with foil. Wipe the skillet clean.
4. Heat the remaining oil in the skillet, then add sliced apples, remaining salt and pepper, and rosemary. Cook for 5 minutes.
5. Return the chicken to the skillet and add apple cider-mustard mixture. Cook for 5 minutes, then serve sprinkled with rosemary!

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