



GREAT SHOT

GRANTING REAL EXPERIENCES AND TRAINING SAFE HUNTERS OF TOMORROW



FOUNDATION DETAILS 2007





MISSION:

Few experiences in the outdoors are as rewarding as introducing a newcomer to the sport, but it's important they receive the proper instruction. The mission of the **Great Shot** foundation is to **Grant Real Experiences And Train Safe Hunters Of Tomorrow**. It will accomplish this by offering instructional as well as hunting opportunities with a special emphasis given to children from single- and no-parent families and those with disabilities.

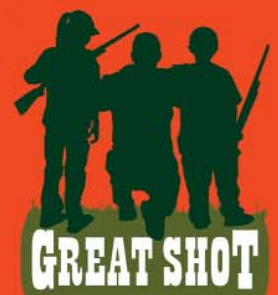
IMPORTANCE:

Many states have hunter safety programs that provide no hands-on experience or training, are offered at limited times, and have limited enrollment. Some children are fortunate enough to be able to attend a hunter safety course, but their hunting opportunities are limited if available at all. Often the only young people that actually get to hunt are those with parents or relatives that have the means to provide hunting opportunities. They may however, hunt too long, in cover they can barely walk through, possibly making the experience less enjoyable for the child.

More importantly, over 2/3 of our young never get the opportunity to hunt because their parent(s) do not have: **1)** any area to hunt, **2)** the financial means to afford to take their child to hunt, **3)** the expertise and knowledge themselves, or **4)** the time to get them to the safety classes necessary to begin hunting.

Great Shot was founded to remedy these problems. The goal of **Great Shot** is to produce individuals who know and practice safe hunting techniques and develop those individuals into responsible hunters for the future, who have a true passion about hunting.

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STUDENT SELECTION PROCESS:

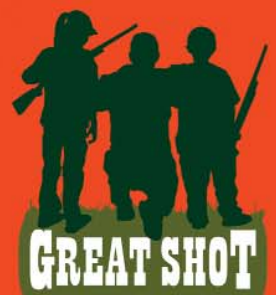
Great Shot programs are available to anyone, but special methods and consideration are given to disabled youth and youth from single- and no-parent families. If the parent of a child cannot or is not willing to be the youth's mentor, a mentor is provided by the **Great Shot Foundation**.

Because the demand for these classes has been overwhelming, student names are put in a lottery where names are drawn for each day of class. The names are obtained from individuals contacting **Great Shot** and from other organizations, such as Big Brother/Big Sister, Boys and Girls Clubs, Schools, etc. The first person drawn for a given class is contacted and if they can attend they are selected. If they have siblings in the lottery, their siblings are enrolled. The next name is contacted and added in a similar manner until students are enrolled. Each is assigned a volunteer mentor if they do not have one. A parent with 2 children enrolled can only mentor one of them, the other must have a different mentor such as another parent, relative, volunteer, or one assigned by the **Great Shot Foundation**. If a drawn student cannot come on that day, they are considered first choice for the next class day.

STUDENT BENEFITS:

When at an early age, our local youth discover the wonderful experiences of hunting, we all can benefit! Knowledgeable students of today become safe outdoorsman and good citizens of tomorrow. A little care and a lot of concern go a long way for our kids. And for those who may not have had this opportunity without a program such as **Great Shot**, they now can become motivated and empowered to do something they know and love.

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HUNTER SAFETY PROGRAM:

Great Shot is offering an alternative on-going hunter safety course for youth under the age of 18. The didactic instruction for this course is provided on-line with the student completing the course with the assistance of an adult (over age 21) mentor. After the on-line study has been completed, the student and mentor arrive in the morning at the Clary Creek Upland facilities and receive a “breakfast, after which, the student takes a pretest which tests their recall of the didactic instruction.

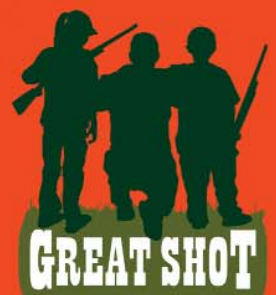
Following the pretest, the student and mentor complete 4 hours of hands-on instruction and evaluation. Real activities such as actual shooting of guns and arrows, climbing in and out of tree stands, loading and cleaning of guns, detaching and attaching arrow tips, and many others, are part of this instruction. At the end of the hands-on portion, those individuals that pass meet the requirements receive a hunter safety card and Illinois hunting license. Those individuals that do not pass the pretest may, with the consent of their mentor and if evaluated as “safe” by the hands-on instructors, enter the Illinois Apprentice Hunting Program.

Individuals that do not pass the hands-on portion are deemed “not safe” and must repeat the complete process before they are allowed to hunt. After satisfactorily completing of the hands-on portion and being deemed “safe”, the new youth hunters are taken on their first hunt that day. They hunt liberated pheasants with our approved guide, and their mentor. In addition, they are able to participate in the follow-up **Great Shot Foundation** programs.

FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM:

Every graduate of **Great Shot** can return to Clary Creek Upland three more times that year with their mentor to hunt more pheasants. Each time they return they receive additional wingshooting instruction prior to the hunt. Every year thereafter, they can hunt 3 times until they reach the age of 18. If the youth and/or their guardian cannot afford to pay for the hunts, **Great Shot** may pick up all the expense. After the first year of training and hunting, the youth have to provide evidence that they have participated in some community service in order to be eligible to hunt again. This includes all previous students, both those who can pay and those who cannot. **Great Shot** believes that responsible hunters help their communities and that such activity must be required and therefore rewarded.

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WHOSE BEHIND GREAT SHOT?

FOUNDING BOARD MEMBERS

■ Robert Kaufmann

Dr. Bob, as he is known, first had this idea while watching his own sons go through a hunter safety course, where there was no hands-on training and no one to mentor them through this necessary experience. Twenty years later, he is seeing his dream fulfilled with the **Great Shot Foundation**. He is the owner of Clary Creek Upland in Illinois, but even though it's his business, he has loved introducing the wonders of the outdoors to kids. He is a certified wingshooting instructor for the National Sporting Clays Association and a hunter safety instructor. Before his career took him to the outdoors, Robert had a long and beneficial career in medicine.

■ Cabot Benton

Cabot is an enthusiastic and experienced outdoorsman. Working in the outdoors business his entire life, he has been a guide, a hunting and fishing sales representative, a sporting goods store owner and buyer, and is now a TV personality and show producer. He is currently the host of Good Ole Boys Outdoors, a hunting and fishing program seen around the country, and he owns and operates Two Rivers Outfitters. Cabot lives in Rushville, Illinois and is enjoying introducing his three young girls to the outdoors.

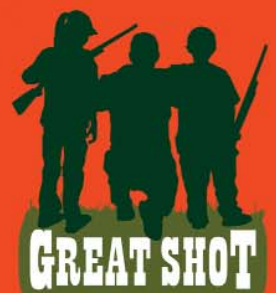
■ Michael Todd

Michael's greatest passion is with the outdoors. After 15 years of directing creative campaigns in the corporate world, the last five with *Ducks Unlimited* magazine, he decided to start his own branding design studio—Todd Creative Outdoors. It services the outdoor industry, both of sport and with conservation. He is active in conservation efforts in the U.S. and Central America and contributes to various youth and education projects. Michael most enjoys sharing the traditions of woods and waters with his children and others. Michael lives in Quincy, Illinois.

■ Mark Beck

Born and raised in Central Illinois, Mark has always had a love for nature. He enjoys hunting with his three young children and treasures this time spent in the great outdoors. Mark is a licensed real estate agent specializing in helping his clients buy and sell recreational land in Illinois. He has a successful career with Aspen Real Estate & Cabelas Trophy Properties and now also with LandGuys.net. Mark is also a co-host for Good Ole Boys Outdoors television in Illinois.

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PROGRAM FINANCING:

There is no cost for either the student or the mentor to participate in **Great Shot** courses or follow-up programs. However, donations are accepted from anyone. Businesses, corporations, foundations, and individuals are invited to participate in sponsorship. Our expenses per student are currently \$600 for the first year and \$450.00 each subsequent year.

Here's where your assistance is needed. The most rewarding thing about helping with **Great Shot** is that not only does your contribution help a child learn the proper, safe way to hunt and enjoy the outdoors, but it's a chance to actually make a personal difference in a child's life by assisting in this valuable learning experience as a mentor. This is encouraged and welcomed by **Great Shot**, but not required.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

DOVE SPONSOR

\$100 - \$499

(As a special gift, receive Great Shot cap and decal)

QUAIL SPONSOR

\$500 - \$999

(As a special gift, receive Great Shot cap, shirt, and decal)

CHUKAR SPONSOR

\$1,000 - \$4,999

(As a special gift, receive Great Shot cap, shirt, hunting vest, and decal)

GROUSE SPONSOR

\$5,000 - \$9,999

(As a special gift, receive Great Shot cap, shirt, hunting vest, and decal, plus a bow or gun)

(Bow and gun models available at Great Shots discretion)

PHEASANT SPONSOR

\$10,000 and above

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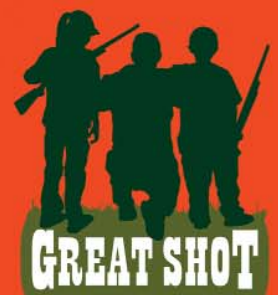
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FRIENDS OF GREAT SHOT

\$20.00 - \$99.00

(As a special gift, receive a Great Shot decal)

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SPONSOR COMMITMENT:

Sponsor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone# _____

E-mail: _____

The sponsor listed above agrees to sponsor **Great Shot Foundation**.
Please choose the (ONE) following level for which you plan to participate.

- _____ **Dove Sponsor** (\$100 - \$499)
- _____ **Quail Sponsor** (\$500 - \$999)
- _____ **Chukar Sponsor** (\$1,000 - \$4,999)
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- _____ **Friends of Great Shot - Other Amount \$** _____

Special terms of commitment, *if necessary*: _____

Date

Great Shot Foundation Representative

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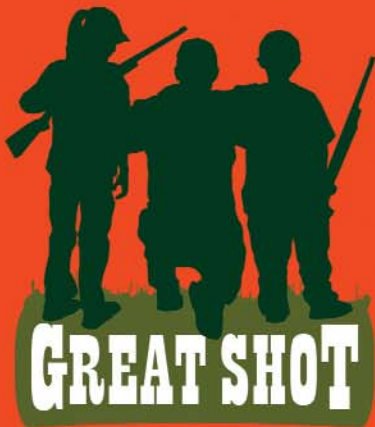
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