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### Hunting in Alberta (Bob Clancy - FL)

Mike and I had a great time. Todd and his son guided us each to a moose, a black bear, and a mule deer. Our primary goal was to bag a moose and we were certainly not disappointed. The rut was on and the bulls were more active than normal. On the evening of our first full day of hunting, Mike shot a nice bull. These moose are huge and I was shocked at how much he weighed. We were fortunate he dropped not far from a road so that we could haul him back to camp after getting help so that seven of us could get him into the truck. We continued to hunt for my moose and took the bear and mule deer while searching for a monster bull. We passed on several smaller bulls while awaiting for a chance at a 50 inch bull. We got responses from several rutting bulls but the days passed without a really large bull showing. We finally saw a real shooter but I was not able to get a clear shot. (Mike could have dropped him easily since he did have a clear look at less than 60 yards!) I was down to the last two days of the hunt when Mike suddenly shouted "Huge Bull"! I got a little excited and missed my first shot. Dropped him on my second shot. My 50 inch bull is at the taxidermy shop and I expect to get the shoulder mount next year. By the way, on the last day of our hunt, Mike and Todd saw an even larger bull that stood for pictures at 70 yards and kept milling around for 30 minutes. Of course, no one had an unfilled tag so he's still there for next year. Thanks for a great hunt.



*For more information on hunts in Alberta contact your local Outdoor Connection agent.*

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## Kansas Whitetail Hunting

This outfitter, located in southeast Kansas hunts whitetail deer on thousands of acres in Elk County and Chautauqua County. Hundreds of acres of spring and fall food plots are installed each year, all of which are strategically placed for bucks to feel comfortable during daylight hours and to provide the deer with added nutrition throughout the year. This hunting adventure includes transportation to and from the airport, warm, hearty meals cooked daily, non-alcoholic beverages, skilled hunting guides, and much more. Outdoor Connection sent a few hunters to hunt deer with them in the fall of 2011 and here is a short report and picture from one of those hunters and the outfitter:

*I had a great hunt in Kansas! I saw several deer and shot a nice 10 point on the first day at 225 yards. Thanks again for all your help. - Jesse Stout*

The outfitter had several other hunters in camp the same week and as you can tell from the picture on the first page....they were all very successful. He did mention that he would be picking up another 12,000 acres for this next season! Be sure to reserve your spots early as these hunts are sure to go quickly!

*For more information on hunts in Kansas (KSH5) contact your local Outdoor Connection agent.*



## My First Buck... (Eddie Ray - OK)

*The only thing I enjoy more than hunting, is hunting with my son! I have had some proud moments over the years but I believe this one tops them all... for now anyway. I am sure there will be plenty more along the way. My 12 year old son Eddie, just took his first buck and as you can see from his picture it's not a kids typical first buck. I don't want to steal any of his thunder, so I am turning the story over to Eddie in his own words...*

I started hunting with my dad when I was 5 years old. When I turned 8 I saved my money for my first gun; a Rossi with 243, .22, and 20 guage barrels. My dad took me on my first hunt when I was 8, a wild hog hunt in Texas. I killed 3 hogs on that hunt and each one only took one shot. (My dad says I have a good trigger squeeze). Since then I have hunted various types of animals, such as turkey, more wild hogs, ducks, and does.

My dad always told me when I turned 12 and if I was shooting good and being safe with my gun I could start hunting bucks. I started saving up for my second rifle a .308 bolt action, my dad helped me get it from our friends who own a sporting goods store in Minnesota.

This year I went on my first buck hunt here in Oklahoma with one of my dads outfitters. I shot the buck from the same stand I shot my first doe from "my lucky stand" when I was 9. It seemed like we sat in the stand for a really long time, but finally does, fawns and some small bucks started showing up, they were fun to watch. Then out of no where this giant buck showed up and I knew he was a shooter. We had to wait awhile for him to give me a good shot, but when he turned sideways I pulled the trigger, he only went about 25 yards before he fell over. The buck I shot scored 149 1/8" B&C!

I look forward to hunting more with my dad in the future; he say's if I keep my grades up I can go hunt black bear in Alberta or Idaho. My dream hunt is a safari in Africa when I am around 25 years old or if I have the opportunity sooner I would take it. I hope you enjoyed my story.



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## Brothers Each Take Their First Buck in Oklahoma (Greg Ray -OK)

*Being a dad and having the opportunity to hunt with my kids is one of the greatest experiences ever. Hearing from clients that have taken their kids hunting with one of my outfitters and bagging their first antlered animal has to run a very close second.*

*I had the opportunity to arrange a hunt for the Smith family this year and it turned out to be one of their best family experiences ever. The Smith's made this a complete family affair with Mom and Dad tagging along while the boys hunted whitetail bucks here in my home state of Oklahoma. I set them up with one of my outfitters that my 12 year old son and I have hunted with on several occasions so I knew they would not be disappointed. Troy, (my outfitter) is great with kids and very patient, he has a very comfortable lodge with all the amenities and fantastic home cooked meals. In four days of hunting both of the boys were able to harvest their first bucks.*



*Here is what Mrs. Smith had to say in a recent email...*

*Wasn't sure if you had talked to Troy or not about our trip; we wanted to personally say thanks because it was an amazing experience for our family.*

*Both boys got themselves an 8 point, and they couldn't have been more excited over the whole thing.*

*Thanks again,  
The Smith Family*



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## Saskatchewan Whitetail (Gerald Good - VA)

*Here is a picture of the whitetail I got in Saskatchewan last week with your outfitter. I got him on Tuesday morning. It was cold Monday (18 below) warmed up Tuesday to zero. It got in the 30's the rest of the week, but I was not hunting then. This buck a main frame 10 with split brows and G1. Probably 6.5 yrs old. Nice old buck with lot of character and mass. He gross scored 143 and change. Thanks for sending me there. The Beebe's are great people and it was an wonderful experience. Nice camp, good food, fun people.*



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### ALBERTA MOOSE (ABH7)

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## Florida Alligator (Diane Hassinger - PA)

We arrived in Florida to temperatures in the low 40's, not a great time to start a hunt for alligators in Florida. The first night was too cold to even consider going out, but Capt. Billy was able to help fill our time with bow fishing for mullet. The next evening was my chance to hunt. After a short boat ride and instruction on the crossbow and what was to come, Capt. Billy started calling and spot lighting, and immediately we were rewarded with big splashing not far from our location. This alligator was rushing to the boat very aggressively. When the gator was only a few feet from the boat Capt. Billy told me to shoot. I pulled the trigger and thought I had missed! There was no splashing, just quiet. Then Kenny started yelling "she spined it!". There laid my alligator right where I had shot it. I finished it off with a bang stick



and helped tape the mouth and rear legs. This portion of my hunt from the start of calling to pulling it into the boat was about 3 minutes, a very intense adrenaline packed 3 minutes! Dale's hunt happened the next evening, and was as different from mine as you could get. Capt. Billy called and called, moving frequently, but the water and air temperatures were very cool. Finally the calling brought movement in the weeds. Very slowly, cautiously this alligator crept into our sight, stopping often, always quietly. Finally when the gator was about 8 foot from the boat Dale shot and the splashing and thrashing was on! After the gator calmed down somewhat it was pulled up to the boat and shot with the bang stick. Dale taped the mouth and legs and we were off once again to butcher shop. As well as our hunts went with the weather being against us, I cannot wait to go again when the air and water are more comfortable.

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