

Generation Next: Youth Essay Drawing

Boone and Crockett Club is pleased to announce our first-ever youth essay contest open to all youth with accepted trophies in the Club's 28th Big Game Awards Program!

As a way to celebrate young hunters who have embraced the outdoor way of life and embody the spirit of fair chase hunting, the Club's **Fair Chase** magazine will be featuring select essays in this special section as we lead up to the Club's 28th Awards Program. Our editors will be selecting the top three stories, which will be awarded our grand prize, as well as second and third prizes shown below. Judging will be based on criteria such as involvement of youth hunter and mentor, story-telling ability, ethics demonstrated in the field, and understanding of our hunting heritage. Contributors of the remaining stories will be eligible to be drawn for one of seven CZ 455 American Rifles. Drawing to be held in Reno, Nevada, at the 28th Big Game Awards Program in the summer of 2013.

If you're interested in donating a rifle to the youth essay drawing, please contact the Club's Headquarters at 406/542-1888 and ask for the youth essay coordinator.



Donated by Kyle C. Krause

GRAND PRIZE

Remington Model 700 CDL in .30-06 rifle laser engraved with the Boone and Crockett Club logo, with a Minox scope (not shown).



SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES

CZ 452 American .22 rifle laser engraved with the Boone and Crockett Club logo, with a Minox scope (not shown).

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Generation Next Youth Program



SPORT OPTICS

28TH AWARDS PROGRAM DRAWING

The youth authors of the stories not selected for the other prizes are eligible to win one of seven CZ 455 American .22 rifles.



Donated by L. Victor Clark

Donated by Margie Clark

Donated by Wilson Stout

Donated by Richard T. Hale

Donated by Timothy Humes

Donated by David Rippetto

Garret W. Michaels was hunting in Vernon County, Wisconsin, in 2011 when he harvested this typical whitetail deer. This buck scores 172-6/8 points.



How to Enter!

Boone and Crockett Club's Generation Next Youth Essay Drawing

STEP ONE:

Write your hunting story. We'd prefer a Word document, but we can accept typed or handwritten stories as well.

STEP TWO:

Submit your story and photos online by going to the link below. You'll have to set up a new account to get started:

<http://tinyurl.com/youthessaycontest>

You can also mail a hard copy of your story and photos to:

Boone and Crockett Club
ATTN: Youth Essay Drawing
250 Station Drive
Missoula, MT 59801

STEP THREE:

That's it! Once we receive your story you will automatically be entered in the contest for the rifles.

DEADLINE: The deadline for us to receive stories is February 28, 2013. But don't delay. The sooner we receive the story, the better your odds are of having it published in Fair Chase magazine!

QUESTIONS: Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We can be reached by calling 406/542-1888 Monday through Friday, or email jt@boone-crockett.org with your questions.

THE FINE PRINT ELIGIBILITY & DETAILS

Contest is open to all youth hunters (16 years old or younger when they harvested their animal) who have a trophy accepted in the Club's 28th Awards Program (2010-2012). Simply submit your story on-line at <http://tinyurl.com/youthessaycontest> along with your photos, or mail your submission to: Boone and Crockett Club, ATTN: Youth Essay Contest, 250 Station Drive, Missoula, MT 59801. Deadline to submit stories and photos is February 28, 2013. Once we receive your story and photo you will be automatically entered into the essay contest and be eligible for one of the top three prizes. Authors of the stories that don't receive one of the prizes are eligible for the drawing to be held at 28th Big Game Awards Youth Event in Reno, Nevada, Summer 2013. By submitting your hunting story, you also grant the Boone and Crockett Club the right to edit and publish your materials, in Fair Chase magazine, future print publications, and on other digital platforms. Visit the Club's web site at www.boone-crockett.org for complete details.

NOTE: The 28th Awards Youth Essay drawing is only open to youth hunters who have a trophy accepted in the Club's Records Program.

28th Awards Program Youth Hunters

Accepted trophies from November 25, 2012, through February 17, 2013

HUNTER	CATEGORY	LOCATION OF KILL	DATE	FINAL SCORE
Spencer D. Madsen	pronghorn	Uinta Co., WY	2012	86 2/8
Brandon Babin	Rocky Mountain goat	Mt. Tomlinson, BC	2012	48 6/8
Hunter C. Glasrud	non-typical whitetail deer	Rusk Co., WI	2012	225 3/8
Gunnar G. Murray	non-typical whitetail deer	Shawnee Co., KS	2012	204 1/8
Matthew C. Allen	non-typical whitetail deer	Dimmit Co., TX	2012	202 1/8
Madison J. Nimmo	black bear	Hawk Hills, AB	2012	20
Brendan L. Baier	typical mule deer	Major, SK	2010	193
Erika R. Lankford	bighorn sheep	Fergus Co., MT	2012	188 3/8
James F. DeBlasio	desert sheep	Tiburon Island, MX	2011	175
Garrett W. Michaels	typical whitetail deer	Vernon Co., WI	2011	173 6/8
Rylee C. Thompson	typical whitetail deer	Gibson Co., IN	2011	173 2/8
Marcus Deuling	Dall's sheep	Jo-Jo Lake, YT	2012	171 5/8
Kelly A. Christianson	typical whitetail deer	Ponass Lake, SK	2011	171 1/8
Stephen C. Yontz	typical whitetail deer	Warren Co., OH	2011	170 4/8
Tyler J. Burgeson	typical whitetail deer	Marathon Co., WI	2010	166
Katie Waletzko	cougar	Missoula Co., MT	2012	14 8/16
Kyle C. Strange	typical Columbia blacktail	Wahkiakum Co., WA	2011	126 7/8
Bret A. Martinsen	typical Sitka blacktail deer	Dall Island, AK	2012	105 2/8
Colt H. Lyman	typical Coues' whitetail	Santa Cruz Co., AZ	2011	104 7/8

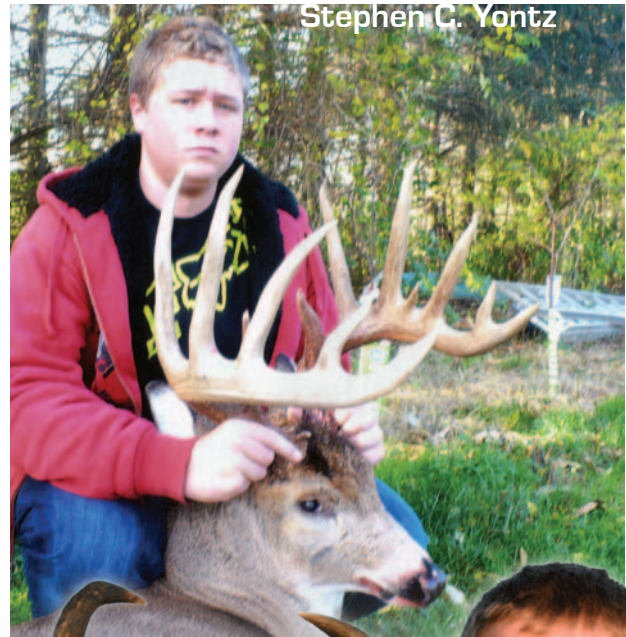
NOTE: Trophies listed in orange include field photos.



Tyler J. Burgeson



Kyle C. Strange



Stephen C. Yontz



Madison J. Nimmo



Spencer D. Madsen

dollars to the state wildlife agencies for monitoring and testing programs.

MDF also believes that promoting our hunting heritage is a key ingredient to furthering our conservation objectives. Thanks to a continuing grant from the Brenda and Larry Potterfield Foundation, MDF has been able to expand its youth education programs, such as the MULEY (Mindful, Understanding, Legal, Ethical, Youth) Program, which is aimed at educating youth and their parents about hunting, wildlife management, and overall respect and enjoyment of our natural resources. In 2012, MDF was able to reach more than 14,000 youth through this program.

MDF is one of the highest-ranked nonprofit organizations for efficiency, which ensures the largest percentage of net revenue goes toward on-the-ground mission accomplishment. In 2012, MDF chartered its 120th

local chapter. The backbone of MDF is its local chapter network of volunteer members. The local chapters organize fundraising events and volunteer on local projects which benefit mule deer and other wildlife.

MDF has developed a unique partnership with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in support of its Sage Grouse Initiative. Sage grouse have been petitioned for listing under the Endangered Species Act. MDF has developed a partnership with NRCS, private landowners, and other governmental agencies to leverage the strength of both organizations because mule deer habitat, especially winter range, overlaps with sage grouse habitat. Working with NRCS and its partners, MDF is contributing to improving mule deer habitat and helping to keep the sage grouse off the ESA list.

In addition to being a proud partner with the Boone and Crockett Club, MDF is an active member of the American Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP), with MDF President/CEO Miles Moretti serving as the current AWCP chairman. AWCP works on national and regional policy issues of concern to its membership.

To support the Mule Deer Foundation's efforts to restore mule deer populations, visit its Web site at muledeer.org. ■



MDF helps boost self-sustaining, healthy, free-ranging and huntable deer populations by working with government agencies, private organizations and landowners to encourage and support responsible wildlife management.