



ELK HUNT – BILL BASIN OUTFITTERS

Sunnyside Camp – Burns, CO

I bought the elk hunt auctioned off at the Sportsmen's Club Annual game dinner for my son, Jackson Kramer. The package was with Bull Basin Outfitters and I was told by several members of the Sportsmen's Club that the outfit is top-notch and the hunting is excellent. Jackson was obviously eager to go on this hunt.

After communicating with Dean Billington and his wife Susan, we had all the travel accommodations booked and was given a detailed list of items we would need to bring.

We decided to drive up to Colorado for this hunt, and when we arrived, we met the other hunters, the guides, and the camp cook.

We unpacked our gear, and Dean Billington gathered us together for a rules meeting and an opportunity to go over how the hunting would be coordinated with the guides.

Camp was great, was a collection of several old cabins for each group of hunters, along with a main cabin that serves as the dining hall and meeting area.

Sunnyside has access to over 30,000 acres of private land that abuts public lands in the area, and we could tell from the photo albums over the years at the main lodge that they had a well-managed elk herd and lots of prime areas to hunt. Multiple plaques were on the wall naming Dean Billington and Bull Basin Outfitters the award for top outfitter in Colorado over many years.

Unfortunately, Jackson came down with a fever the 1st night, and wasn't able to hunt that next morning. After sleeping in, the camp cook made sure Jackson

got a late breakfast and we decided to hunt that afternoon in an area that would be easier walking/hiking and would encompass a larger area to glass for elk that they had seen coming into that meadow in the evenings.

Knowing he wasn't feeling well, the guide (Jake) was determined to try to get him on a bull that afternoon evening in case he wasn't feeling better later.

As we hunted that afternoon, the weather was perfect, and it gave Jackson and I chance to sit for a few areas, talk and glass for elk...a great father/son experience. As shooting light dwindled, Jake spotted a small group of elk with a herd bull about a mile from where we were positioned that same meadow. The stalk was on, and Jackson followed Jake to a spot where they could get a better look. After finally getting in position, Jake determined that the bull wasn't mature enough and said we should pass on the shot. Around that same time, Jake glassed back up the meadow and another group of elk had come

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from cedar ridge across from where we were sitting before.

So, Jake and Jackson grabbed the sticks and started humping it back up to the original spot to try to get a shot. Shooting light was close to ending and Jake said we only had a few more minutes to legally shoot. They got on the sticks and as I watched the bull through my binos, Jackson pulled the trigger and the bull went down. Jackson was really excited, and when we got to the bull, could see he had taken a great 5 X 5 for his first elk. High fives all around.

Jake waited for a few more guides to arrive, and they field dressed the bull and got it loaded into the Polaris. As we were driving back to camp, I could tell Jackson's fever was back but he said he didn't care... he was too excited for what had happened.

We had a great dinner and got to bed early. That next morning, Jackson was really feeling bad so we cut our trip short. He really wanted to stay and fly-fish with Mike but was sick as a dog and needed to get home. Turns out he had come down with mono before that trip (senior year high school Homecoming the weekend before...go figure how he got it). It took him a few weeks to recover.

We plan to go back and hunt with Dean and Bull Basin Outfitters for elk and mule deer. All-in-all, this was a hunt of a lifetime for Jackson, as well as his dad.

We both want to thank the Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth for this opportunity and look forward to another great banquet in February.



OSPREY BASS ANGLERS

The Osprey Bass Anglers of South Fort Worth, TX was started back in 1991 and has been a Bass fishing club ever since. We have spent 32 years annually hosting our youth fishing tournament on the Saturday before Father's Day. The tournament is held in South Fort Worth at Greenbriar Community Center and Lake. This location was chosen many years ago because it was where our club started, and we realized the youths were less fortunate, very diversified and under privilege in this area. Therefore, we wanted the youth and parents to enjoy a day of fishing and food with us.

Over 25 years ago, the Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth came into our lives, and we have partnered with them ever since and they have boosted our event to the highest level. They have provided everything from Rods, Reels, ice machine & ice, tent & folding chairs, catering service for the food, all kinds of fishing tackle and stocking the lake with catfish. This helps make this event possible and very successful. Without the support of Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth this event would never be possible so we are very grateful and thankful for their support. We also thank the Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth membership for caring and for seeing the value of making this event possible and successful every year. God Bless you all!!





Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth Provides Generous Support for Men Living with Cancer

The Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth has provided two generous Grants to the Texas Chapter of Reel Recovery when COVID crippled our Retreat fundraising efforts in 2020 and again in 2022 to fund our Veterans with Cancer retreat held in Waring Texas.

Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization founded in 2003, providing one of the only extended support programs in the country for men with all types of cancer, a unique opportunity for support, joy, and transformation.

The Texas Chapter of Reel Recovery was formed in 2007 in Fort Worth. The first Texas retreat was held in 2008, serving eight men living with cancer. Texas has grown to the largest chapter in the United States with six annual retreats. Texas has held a total of fifty-five retreats, serving six hundred men living with cancer as of the end of the 2023 retreat season.

Covid was still affecting our participant recruiting efforts for the 2022 retreat as only 4 of the desired 12 participants attended. We decided to recognize Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth as the major supporter for our 2023 Veterans retreat as well.

This year's Veterans retreat had 13 men signed up. Unfortunately, we had 6 cancellations shortly before the retreat due to hospitalization, surgery and various other reasons and we were unable to fill those openings. None the less, we were honored to serve the 7 veterans who were able to attend in September at Camp Capers in Waring. The draught this fall left only small pools in the Guadalupe River, but our participants were still able to catch fish and enjoy the fun of fly-fishing and camaraderie with their volunteer fishing buddies.

Flyfishing is the "hook" for men to apply to one of our retreats, but the six courageous conversations

held during each retreat directed by a professional Facilitator are integral to a successful retreat. The Facilitator poses questions to help men open-up and talk about their cancer. The Participants bonded quickly with the Facilitator and they were open and candid. There were some tears but also lots of laughter. We had participants who are Veterans from the Army, Navy, and Air Force in attendance as well as several of the staff who are also Veterans.

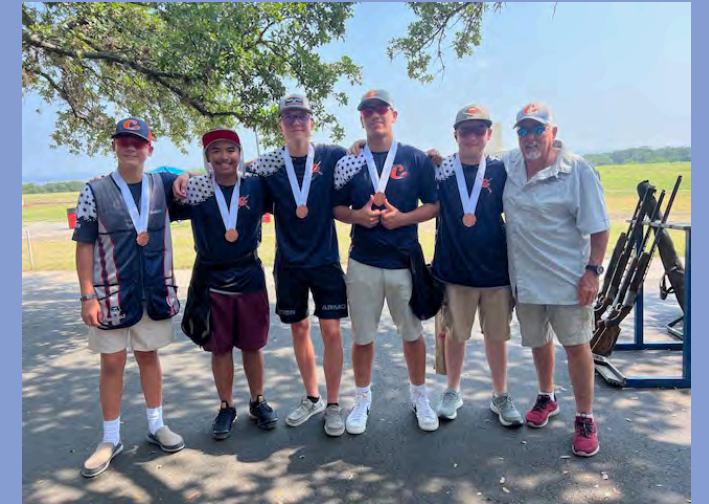
"In 2015, my father, Mike, came home from his Reel Recovery retreat a new man. Uplifted, excited and with new passion for fly fishing, my Dad was back and charging full steam ahead. Humor intact, he is alive and positive and active as ever. I know for a fact that had he not participated in Reel Recovery this would not be the case. I owe more that I could repay to the folks that make Reel Recovery a success. The volunteers, donors, facilitators and supporters are fantastic people who serve with a cheerful heart and open arms. This year I had the privilege to be a fishing buddy. Changed forever, I can confidently say that I got as much from the event as the participants, and for that I am truly grateful." Ben, Retreat Volunteer

"Over the course of 2.5 days, we became brothers ("reluctant brotherhood"), sharing our inner most thoughts. The emotions flowed, including many tears. I've never been so open with my feelings. I shared thoughts with this group of men that I had never shared before; it was empowering! I learned that regardless of the type of cancer, we all shared the same emotions, including fear and hope." Retreat Participant



THE FORT WORTH CLAYMORES

Fort Worth Claymores attended 10 competitions this year with the support of the Fort Worth Sportsmen's Club. FWSC donations helped the team with range fees and clay expenses. There are over 150 local area kids and 24 teams that attend these competitions that are put on by Texas Youth Education in Shooting Sports and co hosted by the Fort Worth Claymores. Sportsmen Club support also helps us cover cost of instruction and team gear to prepare these young shooters for these events.





Camp Fire
Camp El Tesoro

Let's Hang Out at the Dock! Generous Funding Enhances Lake Life at Camp Fire Camp El Tesoro All year long, adult visitors and young campers to Camp Fire Camp El Tesoro, a 223- acre multi-use camp located in Granbury, were impressed and delighted by the new construction on the camp's Lake Leo.

No, it wasn't a bridge or a cabin. Trust us, El Tesoro has plenty of those scattered around its grounds. The construction was a brand-new dock! Built with safety in mind, campers loved the addition made possible by generous funding from The Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth.

The ADA accessible dock provides a great space for fishing activities on the stocked lake. It is the perfect spot for campers to cast a line and reel in a bluegill or bass. With the water just a few feet below, it allows them to get up close, increasing the chances of a successful catch. And with the shade it provides, the dock is also a wonderful place to simply relax and enjoy nature's beauty with friends and family.

Program specialists use the space to teach campers about how rods and reels work, the various kinds of fishing bait and which lure is best for each fish species, while they learn patience and persistence eventually pays off with the tug of a line and many campers' first catch.

"The excited shouts of 'I caught one' and ear to ear smiles can't really be measured but we know it is the start of life-long fish stories and the knowledge that fishing is a sport that anyone can participate in," said Brian Miller, Interim President/CEO of Camp Fire First Texas. "We are so grateful for the continued support from The Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth whose funding made the dock, stocking the lake and purchasing equipment possible."

Visitors to camp appreciate how the dock blends into the natural surroundings. The materials used

in the construction make it look like it has always been a part of the lake's ecosystem. It's a beautiful addition to the already stunning scenery.

The dock has been a huge hit with campers, providing endless opportunities for fun and relaxation on Lake Leo.

By supporting Camp Fire Camp El Tesoro, The Sportsmen's Club not only helps provide North Texas youth with opportunities to explore the great outdoors. Such support also allows them to learn, thrive, and achieve whatever they set their minds to



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Fish the waters of the Lower Laguna Madre out of Port Mansfield Texas for a two night, two day all expenses paid fishing trip for four individuals for Speckled Trout, Redfish and Flounder. The trip can be taken in 2023. If you enjoy wading the historic and pristine waters that nestle up to King Ranch shoreline, this is the trip for you. The trip can be taken during the week (which is preferable due to the amount of fishing on the weekend) or a weekend. It includes lodging, food, drinks and guide/boat. What is not included is transportation to the Greensage Group Lodge, Licenses and Tips.

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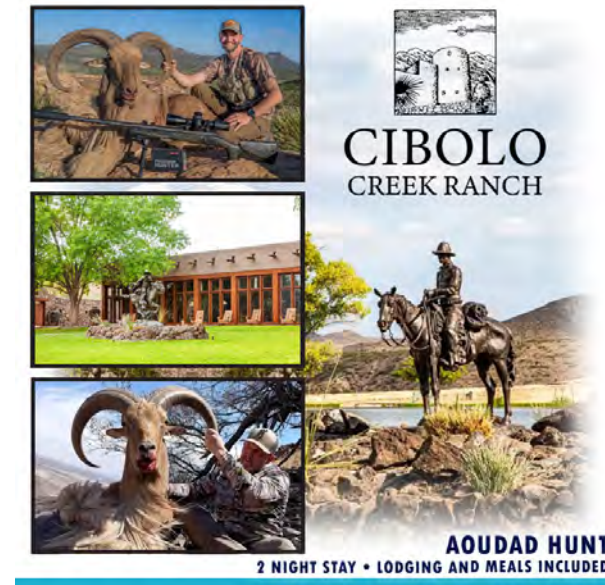


FISHING LOWER LAGUNA MADRE
TWO NIGHT • TWO DAY • ALL EXPENSE PAID TRIP FOR FOUR

TROPHY GUIDED Aoudad HUNT AT THE FAMOUS CIBOLO CREEK RANCH

Includes a fully guided Aoudad hunt for a trophy ram (30+ Inches) for one hunter. This ranch was established in the mid-1800s and spans over 30,000 acres. Cibolo Creek Ranch is located just south of Marfa, Texas, and adjoins the Big Bend Ranch State Park. For those who plan to arrive by personal aircraft, Cibolo Creek Ranch has its own private airport. Non hunting guests can be added at \$150/day. Additional hunters are at normal lodge rates. Excludes transportation to and from the ranch, licenses or taxidermy. Trophy will be field prepped per client request. 2 night stay, lodging & meals are included from our 5-star resort executive chef. cibolocreekranch.com

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AODAD HUNT
2 NIGHT STAY • LODGING AND MEALS INCLUDED

BULL BASIN COLORADO ELK HUNT

This two-person hunt takes place with Bull Basin Outfitters on approx. 30,000 acres of private property under Colorado's Ranching for Wildlife program. This gives the lucky winner a very unique opportunity to hunt bugling elk during the peak of the rut with a rifle! The ranch is located near Burns, CO and borders the White River National Forest which is home to one of the largest elk herds in the world! The ranch consists of hay and alfalfa meadows on the lower portions (approx. 7,000') surrounded by cedar edges, the center portions are made up of rolling sage ridges with stands of aspen with the upper portions extending to 10,000' of mostly aspen and dark timber.

Each day the guides and clients are transported by UTV or 4 wheel drive vehicles to their exclusive hunting area on the ranch, which allows them the opportunity to plan out their hunts knowing that the area is available for their use only. The hunt includes lodging, meals and 2 on 1 guide. Hunt does not include: Transportation to/from ranch, meat processing, taxidermy, hunting gear, hunting license and stamps or tips. 2025 Season
Donated by: Bull Basin Outfitters



COLORADO ELK HUNT
HUNT BUGLING ELK DURING THE PEAK OF THE RUT WITH A RIFLE

GREDOS IBEX HUNT IN SPAIN

4-Day Gredos Ibex Hunt for One Hunter and One Non-Hunter in Spain. Includes Trophy Fee. This 4-day 1x1 Gredos Ibex hunt for one hunter and one non-hunter in Spain includes trophy fee for Ibex scoring up to 205 CIC/70 SCI. Method of this hunt is rifle with 270,7mm RM, 30-06 or bow. Outfitter's rifle is available at no additional cost. This estate hunt is available October 2023 through April 2024 and may be upgraded to include additional Spanish species at current price list. Additional non-hunters are welcome at current rates. Transportation during the hunt is mostly by horseback and foot with hunting done by spot and stalk. This package includes field prep, dip and pack service, transportation to shipper, round trip transfers from Madrid International Airport, hunting license and permits, luxury bungalow / mountain shelter accommodations and meals. Not included are gratuities and 21% VAT on total value. The Gredos Ibex is the largest of the Spanish varieties of Ibex, in both body and horn size. It has beautiful horns, tightly curled in a lyra shape. If you're looking for an exciting classic mountain hunting adventure this is it.

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4 DAY GREDOS IBEX HUNT IN SPAIN
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BLAST AND CAST

New Location - This package is for 40 people and includes sporting clays shooting and all the catch and release fishing that your group can handle (some boats provided). You will be fishing a 15 acre private lake that is professionally managed that has bass up to 15 lbs. The day begins at noon with a snack lunch provided by Chicken Express, then fishing or shooting sporting clays. Your day includes all the soft beverages, beer and hard beverages (After the guns are put away). Finally, you will end your day with a fabulous dinner prepared by Jon Bonnell and his team served promptly at 5:30 pm. Trip must be taken on April 22nd or 23rd, 2023. The ranch is located 90 minutes south of Fort Worth. You are more than welcome to bring your own boats. Donated by Flying 5B Ranch, Jon Bonnell, Chicken Express



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