

## **THE 'OUTDOOR LORE' PROGRAM OF THE 2020 DIXIE DEER CLASSIC:**

There is something in the Dixie Deer Classic's 'Outdoor Lore' program for everyone. Individuals of all ages attending the DDC, either by themselves or with family, schools, or hunting partners, will find some element(s) of the Outdoor Lore program will be appealing. Parts of the Outdoor Lore program change from year to year to reflect attendees' interests, NC's wildlife concerns, history, and technological advances.

Below are descriptions of the 2020 Dixie Deer Classic Outdoor Lore program sessions. We hope you enjoy the sessions and leave the show with a better understanding of game and non-game species, importance of habitat and ways to interact with nature. Sessions last 45 minutes to an hour and are held during prescribed times. Live birds of prey, wolves display, and decoy carving are open throughout the show.

## **IN-PERSON SEMINARS AT THE 2020 DIXIE DEER CLASSIC:**

### **1. BLOOD TRACKING BASICS**

**About the Presentation:** Once an illegal practice in North Carolina, blood trailing dogs are now a terrific resource for tracking downed game. This informative seminar will discuss how hunters can use blood trackers if they have a lost, wounded animal, how to train and work with a dog, the do's and don'ts of tracking, the equipment needed, and what breed of dogs make the best trackers. For more information about blood tracking, visit the North Carolina Bowhunters Association blood tracking webpage at <http://www.ncbowhunter.com/btp.html> and [nchoundonaropecom.com](http://nchoundonaropecom.com).

**Presenter:** Sidney Vaughan, son of the late blood tracking expert, Kirk Vaughan (Chairman of the Blood Tracking Program of the North Carolina Bowhunters Association).

**About the Presenter:** A strong advocate for blood tracking dogs and their use in the field, Kirk Vaughan was an expert at handling and training dogs to become blood trackers. The blood trailing program was formally adopted by the North Carolina Bowhunters Association in 2011, thanks in part to the tired efforts of Mr. Vaughan. Mr. Vaughan spent much of his life deer hunting, as well as training and handling dogs to become blood trackers, and was a member of the United Blood Trackers nationwide program. His son, Sidney, will be presenting in his place at this year's show.

### **2. TALKIN' TURKEY**

**About the Presentation:** Ever wanted to learn and/or perfect your turkey calling abilities? Here's your chance with a test champion and professional! In this presentation, Marshall Collette will take you with him on a turkey hunt from daylight to dark (within the seminar room.) He will discuss turkey habits, tactics, and demonstrate successful calling techniques. For more information on Marshall Collette, and helpful tips about talkin' turkey, visit [www.quakerboy.com](http://www.quakerboy.com).

**Presenter:** Marshall Collette, Quaker Boy Game Calls Pro Staff.

**About the Presenter:** As a 2011 National Wild Turkey Federation Hall of Fame inductee, Marshall Collette established himself as a great supporter in the conversation of the wild turkey. He is an accomplished turkey hunter with over thirty years of experience, has appeared on several hunting shows and featured in many hunting magazine articles. Mr. Collette is a pro staffer for Quaker Boy as well as an elite pro staffer for Mossy Oak. He has served on the North

Carolina State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation Board of Directors for over fifteen years, is the past North Carolina State Turkey Calling Champion, Owl Calling Champion, and Gobbling Champion.

### **3. TRAPPING COYOTES**

**About the Presentation:** With the rise of coyote populations nationwide, much interest has developed in trapping the animals. Have you ever tried to trap a coyote? It's not easy. Come gain firsthand knowledge from professional trapper Mr. Jimmy Pierce about trapping coyotes. The program will focus on specific techniques, equipment, and methods to get started in trapping coyotes in North Carolina. Also an expert on trapping regulations, Mr. Pierce will discuss the trends in coyote management and provide his own first-hand knowledge of the animal. Further information for trapping coyotes can be found at websites for the North Carolina Trappers Association (<http://www.nctrapper.org/>) and North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commissions (<http://www.ncwildlife.org/Trapping.aspx>).

**Presenter:** Jimmy Pierce, professional trapper.

**About the Presenter:** Mr. Jimmy Pierce has been a lifelong hunter, fisherman and trapper in North Carolina. He retired as Captain, in 1997, from the Raleigh Police Department. He is a former president of the North Carolina Trappers Association and currently a professional trapper in central and eastern North Carolina, with a special focus on trapping coyotes. Widely known throughout the trapping and outdoors communities in North Carolina, he is a much respected and consulted expert on coyote trapping. Mr. Pierce is also a prominent member of the North Carolina Trappers Association.

### **4. TREE STAND AND CAMERA PLACEMENT**

**About the Presentation:** So you've landed the ultimate hunting spot but you have no idea how to find your deer – never fear! Take it from the pros at The Mason Dixon Experiment, Britton White and Ed Palmateer, who will provide advice on tree stand and game camera placement so you can optimize your chances at bagging a giant buck (and bringing him to get scored at the Dixie Deer Classic, of course.) With placement tips on locating game trails, food plots, bedding areas, and more, this session will benefit everyone from the novice hunter to the season veteran!

**Presenters:** Britton White, Host/Founder of The Mason Dixon Experiment and Ed Palmateer, The Mason Dixon Experiment Pro Staff.

**About the Presenters:** Britton White is the host and founder of The Mason Dixon Experiment and has over thirty years of hunting and outdoors experience. Ed Palmateer is a member of the Pro Staff team at The Mason Dixon Experiment and has over forty years of hunting and outdoors experience. The Mason Dixon Experiment is a faith-based outdoors team that measures success in terms of what they put on the table rather than in inches. Their television show is based on the Hunt Channel (on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. EST) and Gen7 Outdoors (on Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m. EST). You can learn more about Mr. White and Mr. Palmateer, as well as The Mason Dixon Experiment, at [www.teammdc.com](http://www.teammdc.com).

## **LIVE-ANIMAL AND DECOY DISPLAYS AT THE 2020 DIXIE DEER CLASSIC:**

### **1. BIRDS OF PREY**

**About the Display:** Come see the majestic beauty of some of Earth's greatest hunters: birds of prey! Mr. Steve Stone and other members of the American Wildlife Refuge have several birds on

display at this year's Dixie Deer Classic. Members of the American Wildlife Refuge will teach and answer questions about the birds of prey on display, as well as tell the amazing stories of their rescues and dispel common misconceptions about birds of prey. Close-up viewing of the animal is allowed when possible, and photos with the birds will be permitted as possible and for a fee. More information on the services of the American Wildlife Refuge can be found at <http://www.awrefuge.org>.

**Presenter:** Steve Stone, Director of the American Wildlife Refuge.

**About the Presenter:** Steve Stone has served as Director of the American Wildlife Refuge since 2001. He has Federal and State licenses to rescue hawks, eagles, owls, falcons, and many other types of birds. He is also licensed to keep birds of prey for educational shows. Through his care and work, many orphaned or injured raptors are returned to the wild, healthy and able. Mr. Stone has worked with many species of raptors that few in North Carolina have ever seen and has rehabilitated over 1,000 birds, which he shows to thousands of students each year through outdoor and educational venues. To date, his 1000+ educational shows have been seen by approximately 1.5 million people. Mr. Stone regularly instructs North Carolina Wildlife officers and State Park Rangers courses in raptor recognition and handling. He also regularly teaches a college course that is recognized by the NC Veterinary Board and the US Department of Interior for professional education credit.

## **2. DECOY CARVING/THE CORE SOUND DECOY CARVERS GUILD**

**About the Display:** Mr. Jerry Talton and other carvers of the Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild will be demonstrating traditional Core Sound carving techniques and answering any questions that you may have. They will have various decoys and information about the Guild including events planned for the Annual Core Sound Decoy Festival in Harkers Island, North Carolina. For additional information on the Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild, visit: [www.decoyguild.com](http://www.decoyguild.com).

**Presenter:** Jerry Talton, Vice President of the Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild.

**About the Presenter:** Jerry Talton is both an avid waterfowler and carver whose works are carved using traditional methods and materials of the Core Sound area. His decoy carving career evolved from a love for shaping surfboards, which began at an early age. His decoys are influenced greatly by the simplistic elegance of working decoys from coastal North Carolina to Long Island, New York. In addition to carving, Jerry paints all the decoys himself.

Jerry does not limit his carving to ducks alone, but also makes shorebirds and canvas-covered waterfowl. He will often incorporate salvaged materials from local marshes as well as historic structures and vessels into his decorative pieces which give them a bit of historical significance. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Core Sound Decoy Carver Guild. His pieces can be found in many collections and hunting rigs throughout the United States.