

My name is Cody Deal. I am 14 years old and live in Winfield, KS. I enjoy hunting, fishing, trapping, being outdoors and spending time with my family, friends and my dog Remi. I have shot 4 deer and 3 turkeys. I have trapped bobcats, raccoons, muskrats, beavers, badgers, coyotes, skunks and opossums. I am a member of the Cowley County Shooting Sports 4H program. I shoot traditional recurve and a longbow as well as a compound bow. I enjoy going to 3D archery shoots with family and friends.

Every year I look forward to hunting and trapping season. I like going out and walking the fields and scouting where the animals are traveling. I get to go out with my dad, both grandpas and friends setting up our tree stands and feeders. I like the anticipation of going out and checking my trail cams to see what is on there and then catching a massive buck on camera. I enjoy going out in the tree stand and waiting and watching for one deer to come in. The feeling I get when I see the big buck I dreamed about standing in front of me is something that can't be described.

The thrill of the hunt is what I love. Even if I don't get a shot, I have actually seen him. I get to make memories with my dad, grandpa's and friends. If I am lucky enough to shoot something, I feel good knowing that I helped put meat in the freezer for my family.

I would like to go to the Kansas Governor's Ringneck Classic because hunting pheasant is not something I have had the opportunity to hunt. I think that being able to learn how to hunt pheasant would be something that I would really enjoy. Being able to go on the pheasant hunt would be another memory for my dad and I.