



"The number of hunters has steadily decreased over the past several years. If I was put in charge of recruiting more people to participate in hunting I would

Spread the word and tell all hunters ... not just deer hunters ... dove, hog, exotics ... whatever makes you a hunter. Tell your friends about it and get them interested and involved. When you tell your friends, explain everything about hunting and the hunter and answer any questions they may ask. Explain there is a lot more to hunting than meets the eye and that many people misunderstand.

We need to show others what they are MISSING out on! My Grandpa showed that to my dad, my two brothers, and me. I am now a hunter for life! He taught me more than I ever thought I could learn about hunting, even if he let me learn the hard way on my own. He told me many stories of his early days in hunting and how many things about hunting have changed. I take every word to heart. Good ol' grandpa is one great hunting buddy and he has been there when I missed three times in one day to the heart pounding experience when I killed the trophy.

Everyone has a favorite thing to do and for many like me it is hunting. For those that don't are the ones that need that friend to come along and show and tell them all the things that have to do with hunting. Sadly, there will always be people against hunting, big groups and organizations that try to take our rights to hunt and own guns away. That is probably one big reason a large majority does not hunt. As hunters, we need to put up a fight for that, even show and tell them what we as ethical hunters are for, against and the things that they shouldn't try to take away.

It would make a huge difference if we hunters could just give a friend a chance ... get them interested just like Grandpa did for me. I will never miss out on that amazing feeling ever again. After one trip to the blind and one shot, I had found a new love in life. Having a place to hunt, a lease or land of your own, is a real blessing that we should use to take our friends and let them feel that feeling that no one word can describe.

If I was in charge of recruiting hunters, my goals would be to spread the word to a friend and take them for a trip to the ranch one weekend. I am willing to bet they will beg to go back. I would educate the people that just really do not know and are against hunting. Hopefully, the numbers will double and triple and hunting will last forever.

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