

Session Summaries - Thursday

10:35–11:00

EKG Patterns to Create Camouflage

Joel Williams- Fallon, NV

Learn what is involved in running a company that designs and sells camouflage clothing. Founder of Wonrate Gear, which is a local Nevada company, Joel got the idea for the ground-breaking pattern after watching his daughter's EKG machine in the hospital. Using his daughter's EKG line overlaid upon itself created an effective pattern that is unique and meaningful.

Transforming Antler into Home Furnishings

Bryan Mackie - Bozeman, MT

Using naturally-shed deer, elk and moose antlers, Bryan and Antler Creek Wildlife Creations creates custom furnishing for the home. These include: lamps, tables, chandeliers, and more. For those who enjoy tinkering and building things with your hands, this session will introduce you to one career option suitable for your interests.

The Workings Inside a Wildlife Refuge

Nicole Ballard- Corvallis, MT

Come listen to the Education Program Manager for the Teller Wildlife Refuge, as she discusses the jobs within her organization. A unique, non-profit organization, with the primary area of responsibility involving restoring, enhancing and managing Teller's diverse acreage, while at the same time developing and expanding their conservation education program.

11:05-11:30

Creating Alliances Between Businesses and Individuals for Conservation

Jared Frasier – Manhattan, MT

Executive Director of 2% for Conservation, Jared is with a nonprofit organization who certifies businesses and individuals who give at least 1% of their time and 1% of their money for wildlife conservation. Learn how anyone, including kids, can become "True Conservationists" by turning your passion for wildlife into action.

Inspiring Kids in Outdoor Education

Alyssa Wagner- Reno, NV

A former classroom science teacher, Alyssa loves sharing her passion for nature and conservation with students across northern Nevada. Come learn from the Nevada Program Director for the nonprofit Sierra Nevada Journeys about the many jobs within the outdoor education community. Visit this session to learn about the range of outdoor education career paths, both as summer / internship jobs or a life-time career.

Bear Dogs and their use in Bear Management

Carl Lackey- Carson City, NV

Learn about how Karelian bear dogs are being used to help manage bears through aversion techniques right outside of Reno. Carl, a bear biologist with the Nevada Department of Wildlife, will entertain with stories about his dogs who have well over 700 combined encounters with bear dogs. Come learn how fearless these dogs are and their roles in wildlife management.

11:35-12:00

Shooting Arrows as a Career

Lystra Pitts – Reno, NV

Join Lystra, the owner of the indoor archery range Wasting Arrows, as he discusses taking an outdoor passion, like archery, and developing a career out of it. This session will discuss how to create a family run business to bring the magic of your passion alive to the community you choose to live in.

Behind the Scenes of the Nevada Department of Wildlife






Jessica Wolff- Reno, NV

Learn about the many jobs and duties of the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), the state agency responsible for the restoration and management of fish and wildlife resources in our state. From helicopter surveys, habitat restoration, stream and reservoir electroshocking, and translocations of animals in the state, this seminar will cover the wide range of jobs within their agency.

Carson Creature Captures

Heather Lackey- Carson City, NV





It takes a specialist to deal with animal related issues involving bobcats, badgers, bats, snakes, fox and other animals. Learn what is involved with nuisance wildlife control as Heather talks about her unique career, as she is dedicated to solving issues associated with the problems that develop when humans coexist in the same habitat as wildlife.



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Schedule of Events

9:30 - 10:30	<p align="center">Welcoming and Official Kickoff Conservation Presentation on Wild Sheep Ryan Brock- Youth Education Coordinator for the Wild Sheep Foundation</p>		
	<p>Career Seminars 1 10:35-11:00</p>		
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12:00 - 12:30	<p align="center">Lunch and Keynote Speaker – Jake Hill</p>		
12:30 - 2:30	<p align="center">Afternoon Hands-On Learning Activities *Groups will meet back in main lobby to depart by bus at time specified by teacher</p>		

Keynote Speaker – Jake Hill

Jake Hill is this year's recipient of the Wild Sheep Foundation's Life Membership Scholarship. Residing in Texas, he is in his senior year at Stephen F. Austin State University working on a degree in Forest-Wildlife Management. Jake is an individual who has already given so much to wildlife conservation. In high school he founded his school's first 4-H program, was captain of the school's Forestry Team, and was Leader of the South Texas Buckskin Brigade, a 5-day wildlife leadership camp for youth. He currently sits as President of his college's Wildlife Society, is a committee member of the East Texas Forestry Camp for youth, and is Co-Chair of the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society's Conservation Affairs Subcommittee for Recovering America's Wildlife Act. Past roles include Founder and Co-Chair of the Student Advocates for Natural Resource Legislation, Banquet Chair and Project Chair for the college's Ducks Unlimited Chapter, and Vice-President of the Association of Southern Forestry Clubs.

His college internships have included two internships with Texas Parks and Wildlife, working with whitetail deer and turkeys. He also interned as a forestry and wildlife technician for Conservation Equity Partners, which involved prescribed burning, marking and harvesting timber, and native grass restoration. Last summer he was a wildlife management intern for the Buffalo Kloof Private Game Reserve in South Africa, where he worked with black rhino and elephant translocations.



Jake's future goals include pursuing a master's degree in Big Game Management and Restoration with the Borderlands Research Institute involving studying big-horn sheep. Additionally, he'd like to obtain a law degree in Natural Resource and Environmental Law.

Left: Jake helps move an elephant on the reserve.