

Wild Outdoors Festival 2008

**Featuring the
STIHL TIMBERSPORTS Series**

June 6-7

Presented by Thanksgiving Point



**Hosted By Brian Brinkerhoff
Of Backcountry Utah**

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Welcome to the Wild Outdoors Festival!

Your summer adventures begin here. We've invited clubs and organizations from all facets of outdoor recreation to share their passion about the outdoors with you. Find activities that will entice you and your family to get outside this summer and experience the opportunities that await you in Utah's Backcountry.

--Brian Brinkerhoff

Host of **Backcountry Utah**, Utah's longest running Outdoor Radio Program currently Broadcasting on four radio stations throughout Utah.



Competitions are scheduled Friday and Saturday

Don't miss the exciting events throughout the day including the STIHL Timbersports Series lumberjack competition as it is filmed for ESPN Television. Enjoy the aroma of Barbecue smoke as you visit with Barbecue gurus competing in the Wild West Barbecue Showdown. Watch heart stopping motocross racing. See Bowhunters compete on state of the art 3-D Archery Lanes. See the Ultimate Campfire Cooking Competitions as they prepare S'mores, Campfire Hot Dogs, and Cooking Iron Recipes.

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For Stations in Your Area visit www.Backcountry-Utah.com

Win Prizes!

Win a hand crafted spear point from local artist, Bo Earls, an Aviva Fishing Buddy remote controlled boat, Sleeping Bags from Ledge, a Spot Satellite Messenger, or a Free Ride on a Gyroplane. Keep your eyes open for other great prizes throughout the Festival.

Play in Utah's Biggest Outdoor Toy Box

Hands on activities can be found throughout the festival and with more than 30 acres of space to play, you'll want to stay all weekend.

Take a Hike along the Jordan River Parkway with a Birding expert. Fish with radio controlled Boats on our 0.4 Acre Fishing Pond. Test Drive off road vehicles on specialized courses or race Radio Controlled cars around their own track. Try your aim on a Gun Simulator or Archery Lane. Learn how to Pan for Gold or find hidden treasure on the property with a metal detector or GPS receiver. Learn about Wilderness Survival and build a fire with a bow drill.

A wide variety of youth activities can be found throughout the Festival, providing great educational hands-on experiences to connect them with the outdoors. They can build model rockets, learn about watershed, or fire safety. Watch for your favorite outdoor mascots including Smokey Bear and friends.

Enjoy musical entertainment throughout the Festival and show off your talent at the Campfire Karaoke or Guitar Hero activities. Reach new heights on a climbing wall or see tanks and helicopters up close with the Army National Guard. See the sun in a new light with specialized solar viewers or stay for a star party and explore the universe into the evening. Be prepared to get your hands dirty and take home an unforgettable outdoor experience that can take you on a new path for future outdoor adventures. Buy your tickets today at <http://www.wildoutdoorsfestival.com>



Escape to the Backcountry during Your Daily Commute!

**For Current Times and Radio Stations visit
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****Fishing Pond--** One of the highlights at the Wild Outdoors Festival to celebrate Free Fishing Day will be the 0.4 acre Fishing Pond. This pond will provide youth an opportunity to connect with wildlife and the excitement fishing can bring. We will stock the pond with 500 trout to provide great fishing action for young fishermen throughout the weekend. Rocky Mountain Anglers will be on hand to teach basic skills and ethics before they hit the water. Proper catch and release skills will also be taught.
<http://www.rockymountainanglers.com/>



****Aviva Fishing Buddy--** These Radio Controlled fishing boats have been making a splash across the country. Merging electronics with the outdoors, these boats bring the best of both worlds together mending the disconnect that kids of this

generation have with the outdoors.

These boats are equipped with fishing tackle, and fish that are caught are reeled in behind the boat by remote control. Guests will have a chance to try their hand with these boats on the fish pond. Hook into a “Big Bobber for potential mystery prizes.” <http://www.goaviva.com>
<http://www.creativesalescompany.com/>



***OHV Test Track--** One of the big highlights of the Wild Outdoors Festival will be the OHV Test Track. This test track will highlight off highway riding and give the public a chance to experience a variety of vehicles on varying terrains to compare different models and determine future purchases. An OHV safety class will also be available during the weekend.



****Digiscoping--** Digiscoping is a new opportunity where recreationists are able to take wildlife photos at extreme distances at a relatively small cost. Wildlife photographers can adapt simple point and shoot digital cameras to spotting scopes to take amazing photos, which are impossible with traditional SLR equipment. More information can be found at <http://digiscoping.swarovskioptik.com/content.php?l=en>



****Geocaching--** This activity has been popular in Utah for close to a decade where participants look for hidden treasures using GPS receivers. Several treasure caches will be hidden on site for folks to find with help of a volunteer or employee of Sportsman's Warehouse. <http://www.utahgeocachers.com>



**** Spot and the Hounds contest--** This is a spin off of geocaching, where one individual ("The Spot") will use a Spot Messenger to send his coordinates to cell phones of the "hounds" that are waiting to find him. "Spot" wanders around the property and sends a message to the hounds and their cell phones through the Satellite Phone Network. Participants place the coordinates in their GPS to begin the hunt. We will give away two Spot Messengers over the weekend for those who participate and win their round of this activity. All winners will be placed in a drawing at the end of the day for the Spot Messenger. <http://www.findmespot.com>



"The Biggest Bowhunting Event of Utah"-- Bowhunters of Utah will be hosting the biggest bowhunting event in Utah with three different ranges including the Youth Range, a 3-D shoot, and a State of the Art Range that will get any hunter's heart pumping. Two of the ranges are entirely free and the third range is significantly discounted below every other event in the state. Learn about ethical bowhunting and get involved in an organization that is working to preserve the bowhunting legacy in Utah. Visit <http://www.backcountry-magazine.com/WildWest/WOFFlyerBOU08faster.pdf> for more information.



**** Youth Range—**The Youth will have an opportunity to try their hand at the archery 3-D range and shoot at a variety of targets with help of qualified instruction.

**** Boat Dealers--** Several Boat Dealers will be showcasing their latest boats for consumers to purchase. A wide variety of boats will be on site to view and select from.

****RV Dealers--** Several RV Dealers will be showcasing their latest RVs for consumers to purchase. A wide variety of RVs will be on site to view.

**** Explore the Universe—**Utah is famous for having some of the darkest skies in the lower 48 states, which provides residents with some spectacular night viewing opportunities. Visit with folks from the Salt Lake Astronomical Society and learn how to get started in amateur astronomy. Club members will be on hand Friday for solar viewing and the Star Party begins at dusk where the public may see a variety of objects in the sky. Members will be available through 11 p.m.

Club members can help you avoid making common telescope buying mistakes. Today's technology helps make that first step easier and more affordable. With the push of a few buttons, you can see the rings of Saturn within minutes. Take a look through a solar

telescope that allows you to safely view activity on the sun or see other objects during the early evening hours. <http://slas.us>



The Meade ETX-70AT Astro Telescope, shown with standard-equipment #494 Autostar Computer Controller.

**** Metal Detecting Test Area--** Sweep the metal detector area for prizes as Minelab showcases their latest technology. A variety of metal objects will be buried including a few Festival Tokens that participants will be able to find and take home. The new technology available today is really exciting because it tells you what metal the object is before you start digging. <http://www.minelabusa.com>



**** Gold Panning Demonstrations--** The Northern Utah Gold Prospectors Association will demonstrate how to properly pan for gold throughout the day. Participants can practice for free, but are also welcome to purchase a bag of sand containing gold that they may take home with them. The gold found will be placed in a small vial to showcase your find at home.



Gold Panning is becoming more popular now that gold has significantly risen in value. Recreational panning is allowed in several areas throughout the state including nearby American Fork Canyon. <http://www.nupainc.net>



****Ultimate Campfire Cooking Contests**—Compete for prizes as you prepare the Ultimate Campfire Hot Dog, Ultimate Pie Iron Recipe and Ultimate S'mores over portable fire rings provided by Camp Chef.

Three divisions are available to compete in including Men's, Women's, and Youth. Contestants will be allowed to pre register by calling 801-360-3645. Spots will be filled on a first-come first served basis. Campfires, Pie Irons and Safe Roasting Sticks will be provided by Camp Chef. Portable Campfire rings are becoming more popular as fire

restrictions are becoming more common in Utah. These are approved alternatives, which allow you to enjoy the flame of a campfire without the risk of flying sparks.

Win some great prizes as you showcase your finest campfire cooking skills. Sign up at the Camping Department at Sportsman's Warehouse. More information is available at <http://www.backcountrynetwork.com/Download/UltimateCampfireCookingContests5-18-08.pdf>



*****Wild West Barbecue Showdown--** Barbecue is starting to see greater attention now that the Utah Barbecue Association has been developed and is running competitions throughout the year. Some events are Qualifiers to National Competitions including the Jack Daniels, American Royal, or Great American BBQ (GAB). Several outdoor chefs will showcase their skills in this competition as they prepare pork ribs, pork, chicken and beef brisket.

The Wild West Barbecue Showdown meats will be evaluated by certified judges with specific training regarding what makes world class barbecue. Information will be on hand to help you get started on “slow and low” competition cooking.

Visit with the chefs and watch the judging as some of the finest meats are brought to the table for evaluation. For more information, visit <http://www.wildwestbbqshowdown.com> or <http://www.utahbbq.org>



**** Model Rockets**— The Utah Rocket Club will have several rockets on display and youth will have an opportunity to build a few simple rockets on their own.

They are preparing for their big Hell-Fire event in the Bonneville Salt Flats later this summer, which will be the Utah Rocket Club's biggest launch of the year. The Flats are located approximately 88 miles west of Salt Lake City, UT right off Interstate 80. If you are familiar with the Bonneville Salt Flats, you know that it's flat, endless expanses are perfect for High Power Rocketry. The plumes of smoke will trail into the air on August 1st, 2nd, 3rd. <http://uroc.org>



**** Model Airplanes—** The Utah Flyers Organization will do demonstrations throughout the day to showcase model airplanes and may be doing some combat demonstrations to keep things interesting. Keep an eye to the skies for exciting action.

<http://www.utahflyers.org>



**** Radio Controlled Cars—** South Valley Hobby will allow the public to test drive a variety of radio controlled cars and will offer demonstrations both Friday and Saturday.

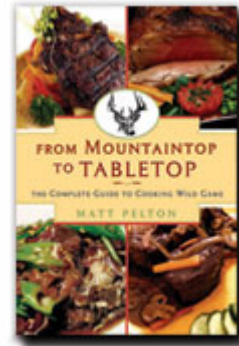
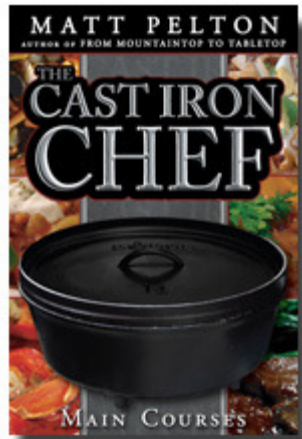


****Dutch Oven Demonstrations—** Learn how to season a Dutch oven, prepare fantastic main courses or desserts at a series of presentations provided by the International Dutch Oven Society. Chefs will be on hand to answer questions and help you on the path to some great cast iron cooking. <http://www.idos.com>

Poaching Trailer Hall of Shame—See mounts of animals that were confiscated by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources because of illegal poaching in the State. Learn why poaching hurts all sportsmen and sportswomen.

<http://wildlife.utah.gov/law/information.php>





**** Wild Game Preparation—** Matt Pelton will demonstrate how to prepare wild game meats and avoid the “gamey” off-flavors that is often, associated with meats that may have been mishandled. Author of *From Mountaintop to Tabletop* and *The Cast Iron Chef*, Pelton will showcase recipes that are healthy, easy and delicious.
<http://www.cedarfort.com/author/Pelton.html>



**** Flint Knapping—** Learn how to make arrowheads and spear points from Bo Earls and the Utah Valley Knapping Association. With a little practice and advice from association members, you could be creating your own arrowheads from obsidian (volcanic glass) or pop bottles. More than a survival skill, these creations are an art.
<http://www.utahknapping.com>

**** Army National Guard—** See the big boy toys at the Army National Guard area including tanks and helicopters. Visit with the servicemen and show your support to those who put their lives on the line to protect our opportunities to discover the vast outdoor treasures we enjoy in America. <http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/recruit>





**** Fire Building Competitions/ Survival Shelters—** Stay warm and protected from the elements with basic preparation skills in building fire and shelter in the Backcountry. Zak Baker from R3 Survival and Self Reliance will demonstrate building a shelter and include hands on fire-starting demonstrations, making fire-starters, natural and improvised shelters as well as gear give-aways. The public will be invited to compete in fire building contests throughout the weekend.

At *r3 Survival* you will find a practical hands-on approach to skills for short-term Wilderness Survival/Primitive Living and Self Reliance as well as a hand picked selection of dependable back-country tested gear.

R3's philosophy is best summed up as, "Know more, Carry Less". They believe in filling your mental backpack with the knowledge and skills to do more with the resources at hand, whether in the urban or natural wilderness. For more information, visit www.befoundalive.com





**** Ogden Nature Center**—Raptors will be on display from the Ogden Nature Center where visitors will be able to learn more about Utah's birds of prey. The Ogden Nature Center is a 152-acre nature preserve and education center with a mission to unite people with nature and nurture appreciation and stewardship of the environment. The preserve is a foundation, but education is their focus. Each year the Ogden Nature

Center brings more than 27,000 children, teachers, and adults together with nature through hands-on field classes. Participants in their education programs, both for school groups and for the community, observe and learn about plants and animals up-close, discovering the pleasure of being in nature and realizing their own connection to the environment.



Every year the Ogden Nature Center cares for hundreds of injured or orphaned wild birds through our bird rehabilitation program. Care is given until they are healthy enough to be released back into the wild. Annually they care for approximately 700 birds, successfully releasing many of them back to nature.

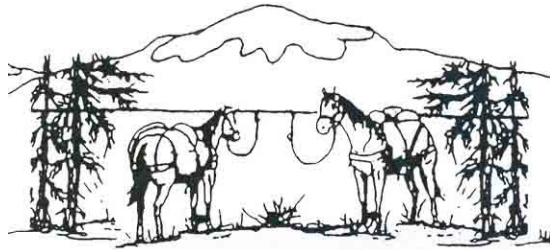
<http://www.ogdennaturecenter.org>



**** US Forest Service--** See Smokey Bear, learn about watershed, and try on gear from firefighters, who work throughout the summer season for the Forest Service. The US Forest Service will bring in one of their Fire Trucks to see, help identify problem plants with an invasive species table, in addition to kids coloring activities and a passport in time display. <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4>

**** Hutchings Museum—** Hand's On Kids activities will be ongoing throughout the weekend including fossil picking, a rock and mineral display, and more. Wild bird demonstrations will be presented by Skymasters throughout the weekend. Learn about the great summer programs available for youth. <http://www.hutchingsmuseum.org>

Hi-Line & Hobbles



****Backcountry Horsemen of Utah Base Camp—** The Hi-Line and Hobbles Chapter will host ongoing demonstrations throughout the day, include proper packing techniques, key knots, and proper horse etiquette in the Backcountry. Backcountry Horsemen of Utah is more than a riding club, it is service organization that helps maintain and improve trails for all users. Pack clinics will be conducted at 4:30 on Friday and 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Saturday. <http://www.bchu.com>



****Backyard Bird Watching—** Visit with one of Utah's most famous birders, Bill Fennimore with his newest book, ***Backyard Birds of Utah***. He will discuss simple items that will improve your backyard birding experience and help you identify some of Utah's most common backyard birds. Join Bill Saturday Morning at 8:30 a.m. for a bird walk along the Jordan River to see a variety of birds along the Jordan River Parkway. Meet at the front gate of Electric Park to participate.
<http://www.wildbirdcenter.com/stores/lay/home>

**** Meet the Outdoor Authors--** A variety of local outdoor authors will be on hand throughout the weekend to discuss great camping, hiking and destinations in Utah. Authors will include Greg Witt, Tom Wharton, Clint Thomsen and more. Stop by the

booth to for some great family vacation ideas this summer.

<http://www.menasharidge.com/product.php?productid=16399>

<http://www.sltrib.com/outdoors> <http://bonnevillemariner.wordpress.com>

**** Friends of the NRA—** A BB Gun trailer will be available for the kids to develop their shooting skills. Eddie the Eagle will be making a few appearances throughout the festival as well. <http://www.nrafoundation.org/friends/states/?state=Utah>



**** Gyroplanes—** Take a look at a gyroplane and learn what is involved to obtain the new sport pilot licenses. Gyroplanes are a safe and cost effective way to fly and explore from the air.

A Sportcopter gyroplane is the quickest, easiest and safest way to start flying. It can be flown with one hand, has very forgiving controls and landing gear, will fly slower so that your reaction times can be slower, and does not require that you practice recovering from nauseating stalls, because this aircraft won't stall. It's SafetyRotor™ acts like a parachute and will let you land, even if you develop engine problems. The Sportcopter 2 is also a more fun way to fly.

The gyroplane is a great answer for Ranchers and farmers who need to fly low and slow to check on livestock and fences. Commercial real estate agents need to focus on the features of a property, not just zoom quickly over them. Sportsmen need to spot game, or fly into remote areas where normal runways don't exist. Some businessmen need to commute to their different places of work. Law enforcement professionals need an affordable, easy to fly alternative to super-expensive helicopters. A Sportcopter gives you "special wings" for such special needs. <http://www.lettherebeflight.com>

Enter to win a free test flight through Air Gyro Aviation at the booth.



**** Solar Demonstrations--** Learn how to add solar power to your home, RV or cabin. The Utah Solar Association will be on hand to demonstrate what is required to take advantage this free source of energy and government programs that can save you money as you install solar equipment. <http://utsolar.org>



**** Red Cross**— First Aid support will be provided throughout the weekend and demonstrations will be offered to spectators. Ambulance tours will also be available. <http://www.redcross.org>

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Delta Waterfowl— See an airboat up close and toss some decoys. Delta waterfowl will get kids excited about waterfowl hunting and help them discover the options awaiting this fall. <http://www.utahdeltawaterfowl.org>



**** Virtual Shooting Range--** Free shooting practice is waiting for you on the virtual shooting range, sponsored by FBMG. Show off your shooting skills and score bragging rights for the weekend.

****Fly Tying Demonstrations—** Work with Sportsman's Warehouse representatives at the fly tying bench to tie a fly that will actually catch fish in Utah's waters.



****Speed Fly Tying Competition—** Select Fly tyers will tie a series of four flies as fast as possible and as well as possible. Scoring is based upon accuracy, quality, and speed. Stop by the fly tying area for details.

****Tread Lightly--** Come spin the wheel and test your knowledge of outdoor ethics. Or see if you how well you know your trash. Visit the Tread Lightly booth to learn what you can do to protect the great outdoors. Tread Lightly!, Inc. is a national nonprofit organization with a mission to proactively protect recreation access and opportunities in the outdoors through education and stewardship initiatives. Tread Lightly! is the nation's signature ethics message for outdoor enthusiasts that use motorized vehicles. The organization also offers unique training and restoration programs strategically designed to instill an ethic of responsibility in a wide variety of outdoor enthusiasts and the industries that serve them. <http://www.treadlightly.org>

**** Fly Casting Demonstrations—** Try your hand at casting a fly rod with free instruction provided by casting professionals. Learn the basics of a roll cast, or battle a fish caught on a fly at the fishing pond. Distance casting instruction will be available depending on weather conditions. Two competitions, hosted by the Stonefly Society and Fly Drifters of Utah, will include precision and distance casting. Sportsman's Warehouse will award a \$300 gift certificate to the winners in each category. Sign up at the Wild Outdoors Festival to compete. <http://stoneflysociety.org>



****BLM Wild Horse Adoption Program—** Learn about adopting wild horses and burros in Utah and how these animals can become long term loyal companions to those that work with them. These horses have a rich history and owners are very proud of where these animals come from.



http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/prog/wild_horse_and_burro/utah_wild_horse_.html



****BLM Recreation Opportunities—** Learn about recreational opportunities on Utah's BLM Lands. Discover new OHV trails or camping destinations.

<http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/prog/recreation.1.html>



****Utah Water Conservation--** Kids will have several fun Hand's-On Educational activities to help them learn more about water conservation and responsible water usage. <http://www.water.utah.gov>

****Wildland Urban Interface--** Learn about protecting your home or cabin from potential wildfires by planning and preparing the area around your investment. The Utah Fire, Forestry and State Lands will help landowners learn what they can do to limit risk.



Wildfire has been a continuing challenge throughout Utah's history. There are several areas in Utah where there is an extreme danger of wildland-urban interface fire. In fact, any fire over 100 acres threatens some structure due to the increase in development into wildland areas. Over 400 of Utah's communities have been classified "at risk" of wildfire. The safety of the citizens of any community is a shared responsibility between the citizens; the owner, developer or association; and the local, county, state and federal governments. The primary responsibility, however, remains at the citizen/owner and association level. <http://www.ffsl.utah.gov/firemgt/wui/wui.php>



****Utah Waterfowl Association—** Get excited about waterfowl hunting and their efforts in protecting and developing waterfowl hunting in the State. Various activities at the festival promise to educate and entertain. Activities include Duck Calling Demonstrations and contests. <http://www.utahwaterfowl.org>



****Timpanogos Cave—** Cave rocks and minerals will be on display to give you a preview of your hike to Timpanogos Cave this summer. Cave season is already underway and schedules are filling quickly. The *"Introduction to Caving Tours,"* are becoming extremely popular. Now is the time to sign up with your family. Learn about volunteer opportunities or campfire programs throughout the summer. <http://www.nps.gov/tica/>



**** Home Town Heroes**— Visit with local Fire, Police and Emergency Service Men and Women and thank them for their efforts to protect us in our homes.

Rock Wall Climbing— If your kids are climbing the walls this summer, they may as well be climbing on one of ours. Climb to new heights on our rock walls at the Wild Outdoors Festival. This is always a favorite for youth and adults.



Utah Division of Wildlife Resources-- Visit with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and share your ideas for the future of Hunting and Fishing in Utah. Learn about the Walk-In Access Program and how landowners can improve habitat for wildlife. <http://wildlife.utah.gov>



**** Rock Crawlers**—Meet the pros, including local celebrity and professional rock crawler, Clay Egan. He is a published author, professional speaker, wheel chair athlete, and nationally recognized outdoorsman.

Watch these vehicles climb unbelievable rock faces at the Off Road Tracks to see what can be accomplished on four wheels. See one activity that is very popular in the Moab Area. If this does not get your heart pumping, you may not be alive.

<http://www.clayeganracing.com>



**** Purchase Commemorative Coins**—Take the official Wild Outdoors Festival Coin home with you to remember the fun activities you enjoyed at this ground breaking outdoor event. A limited run of 2000 coins will be manufactured and will go very fast.

Coins can be purchased at the Festival at the Backcountry Utah Booth in Electric Park. Call 801-360-3645 to pre order your piece of history before they are all gone. The front coin design is found on the introduction page of this document.

**** Scats and Tracks**—Identify animals that recently crossed your path with an exhibit that displays a variety of animal signs and you can try to identify them. Stop by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources booth to test your knowledge. <http://www.wildlife.utah.gov>

**** Dog Training Presentations**—Sit Means Sit will demonstrate a variety of dog training demonstrations and discuss search and rescue using dogs. <http://www.sitmeanssit.com/dog-training-locations/dog-training-salt-lake-city-utah>



**** Learn to play the Harmonica**— Phil Douglass with Campfire Companion Harmonicas will provide ongoing instruction to folks wanting to learn how to play the harmonica around the campfire at their upcoming summer campouts. He has developed a DVD training system, where people of all ages can learn how to play this instrument during their summer vacation trips. For More information, visit <http://www.campfirecompanion.com>



****Big Game and Predator Calling—** Learn the basics of Big Game and Predator Calling from Hunter Specialties, expert, Big Allen Morris all day Saturday. Morris became an elk-calling fanatic and those elk hunts with his father are his most treasured memories. In 1993 he began guiding hunts in northern Colorado. For eight hunting seasons he ran the Slater Creek Ranch for Snake River Outfitters in Wyoming. Morris had an opportunity to work full-time, year-round so he went to work as a guide and manager for Three Forks Ranch in Savery, Wyoming.



Morris has also had success in elk calling contests. He won the 1999 and 2003 Utah State Bugling Championship and was the 2002, 2003 and 2004 Northeast Elk Calling Champion. Morris has several second and third-place finishes at the World Elk Calling Championship. He also is skilled in calling other game, winning the 2-Man World Coyote Calling Championship in 1997 and 2007. He and his calling partner, Garvin Young, are the only 2-time champions as a team in modern times. <http://www.hunterspecialties.com>

Utah State Parks and Recreation— Spend some time with Utah State Parks and Recreation to learn about the opportunities this summer. They have recently developed a new Rockin' (Reaching Out Connecting Kids in Nature) program to help families Play, discover and explore the great outdoors, as part of the Utah State Parks initiative. Join park staff throughout the summer to learn new activities, get active and enjoy Utah's state parks. Ann Evans will be covering OHV safety on Saturday. <http://stateparks.utah.gov>



**** STIHL® TIMBERSPORTS®--** Thanksgiving Point was selected to host the STIHL Timbersports® Series in 2008 and 2009. This competition will be broadcast on ESPN Television. <http://sports.espn.go.com/outdoors/timbersports/index>

STIHL hosts some of the finest athletes in the world as they display their skills in chopping and sawing to a 4,000 seat venue. Only the best are invited to compete in the Series. Each year, the competition gets stiffer and times get faster. Contestants from around the world compete in various lumber sport events and build a resume that is reviewed by the Timbersports® officials.



Electric Park at Thanksgiving Point

The Stihl Timbersports portion of the event encompasses the following six sports:



Springboard

The competitor uses two spring boards to ascend to the top of a nine foot pole and chop a firmly attached 12" diameter block from the top of the pole. The block must be chopped from both sides.



STIHL Stock Saw

Competitors begin with both hands on the log. When the signal is given, the sawyers, using identical Stihl professional

066M chain saws, make two cuts through identical logs. No more than 4" of wood, which is marked by a black line, can be cut.



Underhand Chop

The competitor stands, feet apart, on a 12"-14" log. At the signal, he begins chopping through the log. Before chopping all the way through he must turn and complete the cut from the other side. Time ends when the log is severed completely.



Single Buck

Competitors make one cut through 18"-20" of white pine using a single man cross cut saw. The competitor may have a helper to wedge the log and keep the saw lubricated. Time ends when the block is clearly severed.



Standing Block Chop

Competitors race to chop through 12"-14" of white pine. The competitor must chop from both sides of the log and the time ends when the block is severed.



Hot Saw

In this event the competitor uses a customized chain saw with a modified engine. At the signal, the competitor starts the saw and makes three cuts. The competitor must cut no more than 6" from the log which is marked with a black line.

**** Mini Event at Sportsman's Warehouse—** Get a sneak Peek of STIHL Timbersports Tuesday Evening at the 165 West 7200 South Location of Sportsman's Warehouse in Midvale. Call 801-567-1000 for more information.

<http://www.sportsmanswarehouse.com/store.cfm?storeNum=114>



**** VIP Night at Thanksgiving Point—** Meet the Athletes, enjoy great food and get a weekend pass to the Wild Outdoors Festival. A Limited number of VIP packages are available for \$50. It Includes:



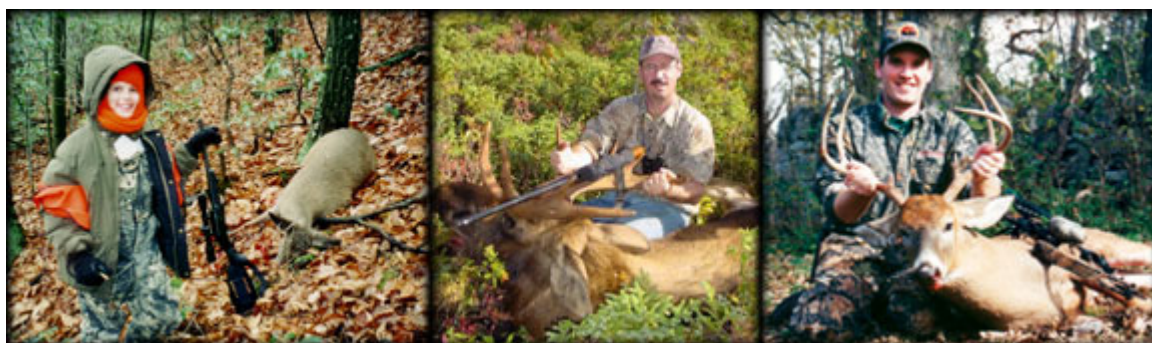
*Admission to an exclusive "Meet the Athletes" Member & VIP Event held the evening of June 5. Includes dinner, a meet-and-greet, and a chance to try select Stihl Timbersports events.

*Admission to the 2008 Wild Outdoors Festival and Stihl Timbersports Series for both June 6 and June 7.

*Special accessible parking lot for event VIPs.

*Thanksgiving Point members who purchase a ticket to the 2008 Wild Outdoors Festival and Stihl Timbersports Series receive free admission to the "Meet the Athletes" Member & VIP Event.

<http://boxoffice.printtixusa.com/thanksgivingpoint/advance?v=3266&i=4233>



****Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry—** Learn how you can help others as you share the harvests this fall. This national program has been in Utah for several years and is developing a big following. <http://www.fhfh.org>