



JUST A FEW DISABLED HUNTER SERVICES BENEFITS

■ **Chapter Support** — Buckmasters chapters across the country coordinate their resources and efforts with BADF Disabled Hunter Services to establish disabled hunter projects in their communities. Numerous hunts and opportunities are made possible by these dedicated volunteers. Additional chapters are still needed throughout the U.S. Contact us if you would like to start a chapter in your area.



■ **Crossbows for the Disabled** — With the help of Horton Manufacturing and other companies, numerous hunting crossbows are distributed each year. To be eligible to receive a crossbow, a person must be permanently disabled to a degree of having to use a crossbow; and a financial need must be demonstrated.

■ **Solutions to Adaptive Shooting Video Project** — Disabled Hunter Services' Solutions to Adaptive Shooting video introduces many severely disabled individuals from across North America who showcase and explain the adaptive devices they have designed and built. We highlight some very creative and simple solutions to what seem like monumental obstacles of being able to hunt and shoot.

■ **Adaptive Equipment Grants** — Individuals who suffer from severe impairments can apply for a grant for adaptive equipment. Grants include the purchase of mechanical gun rests that allow quadriplegics to shoot a firearm or crossbow, as well as many other aids.



Dissemination of Information

BADF Disabled Hunter Services has three primary channels for providing crucial information:

1. Our Disabled Hunter Services Website, www.badf.org/DisabledHunters.html, provides a host of information on our programs, opportunities, and other important resources.
2. By subscribing to our e-mail service, a disabled individual with Internet access can receive frequent updates and notices on hunts and events.
3. BADF Disabled Hunter Services has a page in each issue of Buckmasters magazine dedicated to hunters with disabilities.



Contributions to BADF Disabled Hunter Services are welcome, and are tax deductible.

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■ About BADF Disabled Hunter Services —

Buckmasters American Deer Foundation's (BADF) Disabled Hunter Services was established in 1993 after realizing the need for hunting opportunities among people with disabilities. An estimated 1.7 million people with severe physical handicaps enjoy hunting and shooting sports in the U.S. Some of the things that can be taken for granted by able-bodied sportsmen are life-changing events for this segment of the population. Learning to

shoot again, being in the wilderness, or just witnessing animals in the wild can actually impact these individual's lives. BADF Disabled Hunter Services knows the importance of outdoor recreation and how it can have a tremendous impact on the quality of life for people with disabilities. We have developed a wide range of programs and resources for helping challenged citizens in the U.S.



and Canada with their outdoor adventures.

BADF Disabled Hunter Services uses its combined resources to locate and organize opportunities for people with physical disabilities. Hunts are organized on private or exclusive lands with commercial outfitters.

Grants of equipment and hunting scholarships are also available to qualified persons with disabilities. Our average grant/scholarship applicant is unable to participate in gainful employment and receives less than \$10,000 a year in income and benefits. This is hardly enough money to live on, much less cover the extensive medical expenses most incur. We make dream hunts realities for many disabled hunters every year.

Our year-round program creates environments where

people with disabilities can offer peer support to one another. The camaraderie facilitates hope and fosters confidence, self esteem and independence among our participants. It gives them a chance to be involved again in something that once was a very important part of their lives. There are no membership fees or clubs to join.

BADF Disabled Services participants include individuals ages 8 to 80, with a variety of permanent physical disability impairments including:

- Spinal Cord Injury
- Amputation
- Complications from Cancer
- Neuromuscular Diseases
- Blindness
- Stroke

■ Disabled Hunts — People with severe physical disabilities throughout the U.S. may participate in disabled hunts for various species including: white-tailed deer, elk, turkey, exotics, antelope, wild boar, various types of fowl, and possibly others. Some hunts are conducted on private lands with no cost to the hunter. Other hunts are arranged with experienced outfitters who specialize in taking disabled clients, some-



times at discounted prices. Many BADF chapters offer support to disabled hunters in their communities by arranging hunts or sending individuals on special hunts in other parts of the country. Hunters are accepted through an application process. All events are conducted with safety being a foremost consideration.



■ Life Hunts — Life Hunts grants hunting wishes to critically ill and extremely disabled children, as well as some adults. Life Hunts was developed in 1998 after mainstream foundations stopped granting hunting wishes or requests that involved firearms or archery equipment. The Life Hunt program gives those with questionable futures a glimmer of hope, and something to look forward to through medical and physical trials. These hunts are also offered to severely disabled children who have diseases known to shorten their life span.

We are accepting applications for Life Hunts. If you know a child or a facility please help us distribute our information. We will be glad to provide information if needed.



Challenged Hunter Award

The Streamlight Challenged Hunter of the Year Award will be issued to an individual who has defeated many obstacles to be able to enjoy God's great outdoors after illness or disability, then given back in an effort to help others.