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I recently attended the Governor's Celebrity Youth Turkey Hunt that was a 2 day event, held at Dillon State Park in Nashport, Ohio. In order to attend the hunt, young hunters that attended a hunter safety course could write an essay on "what makes a good hunter." I was among the 10 that were selected to participate in the hunt.

When I arrived at the park all of the winners were assigned a guide and a celebrity. My guide was Ryan Bates and my celebrity hunter was Cincinnati Bengal's quarter back, Jordan Palmer. The guides, celebrities, and hunters left for the hunt at 4:30a.m. My guide took us to a spot that he had chosen for us specifically and we waited to hopefully see some turkeys. We returned from hunting at 11:00a.m and were greeted with lunch and gifts; including everything from hunting apparel to turkey calls.

My favorite part about the hunt was meeting all of the famous turkey callers and football players. They were all very nice and I learned a lot from them. Most of all I was very honored to meet the governor, Ted Strickland and participate in the hunt he sponsored. This was an experience I will never forget because I was able to meet so many great people, learn so many new things, and most of all I got to go turkey hunting.

ALEX COPE'S Essay: What makes a good hunter?



A person must possess several characteristics in order to make a good hunter. It's almost like making a recipe. The recipe for a good hunter has to contain passion, safety, marksmanship, patience and determination. Equal parts of each of those characteristics with a pinch of being aware of your limitations and really having a love for nature and the outdoors are essential to making a good hunter. Making a good hunter may sound like an easy task, but it can take years for a person to become a truly good hunter. However, through experience, practice and perseverance one can become a really good hunter.