

The Bass Pro Shop's Fall Classic was everything I expected. Last week, I was knee-deep in camouflage clothes, decoys, guns, daggers, hunting blinds, crossbows, boots, deer scents, shells and every gadget a hunter could ever imagine. You would think I had enough. Sorry, I'm going back. While you're reading this, I will be walking the aisles in the Grapevine B.P.S. store. Here are some things that caught my eye. You can order from the fall REDHEAD catalog or visit the store.

- Camouflage clothing comes in all patterns. Realtree AP and Mossy Oak Break-Up are ideal patterns for southeastern Oklahoma's pine and hardwoods. You might check out the new quiet fleece camo.

- Back and waist packs always interest me. I like the RedHead Caliber waist pack, a bargain at \$49.99.

- There is plenty of duck hunting gear like waders, decoys and warm underwear and socks.

- RedHead hunting boots are priced reasonably. I wear the men's 8" Uplander II and men's Tracker boots.

- Tents, sleeping bags, new Coleman lanterns and cook stoves are useful and easy to use. Heaters and flashlights are always welcome.

- A G.P.S. is an outdoor luxury. For some, they are a necessity – like walkie-talkies. Times are definitely changing in the woods.

- Don't forget about a new hunting knife. BUCK knives will never let you down. The new GERBER BEAR GRYLIS is a bargain at \$60. It is a rugged multi-purpose knife and boasts a rubber grip, emergency whistle, diamond sharpener, fire starter and nylon sheath. This was my favorite show item.

- LEATHERMAN multi-tools are a must-have in the woods. Check out the new models.

- Crossbows are now legal for everyone here in Oklahoma. Check out the new models. Don't buy one if you can't cock it. Many have string and automatic pulls. This will be the number one bow sold to older archers this year.

- Tree stands, ladders, steps and hunter safety harnesses are a must if you tree hunt.
- Game calls will mimic any animal in the woods. Grunt calls are hot this year. Don't forget the Knight & Hale Rattling System.
- Last, but not least, are the new model game cameras. Binoculars and Range Finders are very popular this year. Check the Laser Range Finders with Angle Intelligence.

Last weekend, I did a little early morning scouting on a new place I wanted to hunt. Creeping through the woods, I spooked two nice deer. I think I found the spot for my grandson, John, and I to hunt during the youth season this fall. Save the date: Oct. 14-16, statewide.

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation will also be holding a Hunter Safety course at Hugo's Kiamichi Tech Center on Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

It's still too hot to be wandering around in the woods. Be careful and watch out for forest fires.

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