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TO ATTEND THE WASHINGTON SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

Going to the Washington Sportsmen's Show and wondering what may be waiting for you? Here are some highlights to get you started. There's a whole lot more but you'll need to come down to the show to find out. See you there!

- 1. GET GRILLING!** Some of the top grilling and barbecuing experts in the country will be at this show competing in the first-ever Washington Sportsmen's Show Outdoor Cooking Competition. This competition runs all days of the show and will be doing double duty as these grillers share their inside tips and tricks for better barbecuing through on-site cooking seminars they'll be giving every day of the show. Check out the seminar schedules at TheSportShows.com under "Outdoor Cooking" for who's coming to the show...it's pretty impressive!
- 2. START KAYAK FISHING.** New for 2019 is the Kayak Fishing Pavilion. This new feature hosts some of the top kayak anglers from around the region as well as the top kayak brands will be on display and for sale. You'll see these aren't your father's kayaks. Today's fishing kayaks are incredibly stable, seaworthy, affordable and purpose-built for fishing. Kayak fishing is the fastest growing category in fishing nationwide and Washington's no exception. Whether it's Puget Sound or a high mountain lake these fishing kayaks are a great fit for local anglers.
- 3. COMPETITIVE COOKING.** The Washington Sportsmen's Show Outdoor Cooking Competition will be making its debut this year, all days of the show. We couldn't be more excited! Expert grillers and barbecue specialists will be traveling from all around North America (we have at least one Canadian team) to participate. Winners advance to other national and world competitions. It's a big deal and we hope you take the time to savor the sweet smells and abundance of talent we've attracted to this world-class event.
- 4. WALLEYE ALLEY.** Walleye have become another serious option for anglers around the region. With more and more jumping on the 'Eye bandwagon we thought it was high-time to celebrate these wonderful and delicious fish that have taken the northwest by storm. Thanks to Bi-Mart and Pure Fishing, Walleye Alley is a new feature well worth exploring. It's not really an "alley" but it's a collection of features all geared to walleye like a huge live walleye tank with local walleye as residents. Seminars are planned along with lots of tackle, rods and more to buy to get equipped.
- 5. GARMIN TECH CENTER.** If you have a handheld GPS or fishfinder you'd like to get dialed in, this is the place to be. Of course, the emphasis will be on Garmin gear but the information applies to most, if not all other brands. These educational opportunities are rare and the sportsmen's show is where you'll find them. And like all Sportsmen's Show features it's free with your admission into the show.
- 6. AFTER 4PM SPECIAL.** We tried this special last year and it was a HUGE hit! Wednesday through Saturday, anyone attending the show after 4 PM gets into the show for half price! That's right \$7.50 for adults, \$2.50 for kids (6 to 16), 5 years and younger are free! Parking is ALWAYS FREE!
- 7. TAKE A BREAK FROM SEATTLE TRAFFIC.** Coming from the Seattle-area? There are lots of ways to beat the traffic and get to the show, get a map and dance around Seattle using any one of a dozen options to make Puyallup. Once you're there it's only a matter of enjoying yourself among the hundreds of exhibitors, dozens of world-class features and hours of fun you can have as the press of cars, traffic and back-ups are left for more enjoyable pursuits...like the Washington Sportsmen's Show.
- 8. TAKE A GUIDED TRIP.** Washington, Oregon, Canada, Alaska, Mexico, New Zealand, Africa and several other overseas destinations...fishing or hunting, big game or small, you name it and you'll find it at the Washington Sportsmen's Show.





- 9. GLASS A TROPHY.** Check out any one of several optics companies at the show. You'll find the latest in what's new as well as experts to assist you.
- 10. HEAD-N-HORNS ABOVE THE REST.** If 2018 was the year you bagged a trophy deer, elk, moose, goat or other game, then bring the head-n-horns to the show, have them scored and see if you're in line for a record or one of the great prizes that have been donated by such notable companies as Bushnell, Danner, Gerber, Fort Knox, Federal Premium, Honda, Primos, Ruger and others. We're already hearing about some incredible trophies taken this past year that are headed our way. There are lots of categories and more to this competition than space permits but it's safe to say if there's an impressive set of horns in your attic, bring them to the show --- they may be a winner! For complete details check under "Attractions" on The Sport Shows website (TheSportShows.com) and check out the Head-N-Horns write-up.
- 11. BUY SOME ART.** Nothing says, "I love the outdoors" quite like a painting, photograph, jewelry, carving or metal art from one of our artistically inclined exhibitors. There's plenty here to look at, admire and buy.
- 12. SHOP THE SALES.** There are literally thousands of items on sale at the Washington Sportsmen's Show. . . deeply discounted sale items. Boats, clothes, tackle, camping and cooking equipment, knives, rods and reels, RV's, ATV's, food items, jewelry, art, ammo and much, much more!
- 13. ATTEND SOME SEMINARS.** There are hundreds of hours of trip-enhancing, technique oriented, how-to, where-to, what-to-do seminars planned for this year's show. In fact, there's more than 50 seminars a day! Every seminar is presented by a leading expert and covers a broad array of topics in northwest hunting and fishing. For complete details on speakers, topics and times visit otshows.com. All seminars are free with your admission into the show.
- 14. CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGY.** Knives. . . lots of them. What self-respecting outdoorsperson would go into the backcountry without a knife or three? It's essential equipment and we have you covered. Some top knife manufacturers are at this year's Washington Sportsmen's Show like: Cutco Cutlery, Mode One Kinves, Roe & Morris Knifemaking and Texan Knives.
- 15. SEE WHAT'S NEW.** Hundreds of new items will be featured at this year's show. Fishing tackle, apparel, optics, hunting gear, knives, vehicles, boats and more will be making their debut at the Washington Sportsmen's Show.
- 16. LEARN FROM THE PRO'S.** Hundreds of fulltime outdoor professionals will be at this year's Washington Sportsmen's Show manning booths, giving seminars and making appearances at sponsor booths throughout the show. You can learn volumes talking to these pros. Take advantage of their time at the show and come armed with your questions and learn.
- 17. DREAM BIG...PLAN YOUR DREAM VACATION.** There's no better place to plan your next big adventure. Whether you're looking to stay in-state or travel, the Washington Sportsmen's Show has the answers you're looking for. Big game hunts, marlin fishing, DIY Alaska trips, Idaho DIY trips (check out the Idaho Fish and Game Seminar), Christmas Island fly fishing, premium salmon and steelhead adventures, guided bass trips, bird hunting and much, much more.
- 18. BUY A BOAT...OR TWO.** Most northwest anglers agree, one boat just doesn't cover everything you'd like to do. Having a small boat for those out-of-the-way places and a bigger boat for those other getaways you spend most of your time is par-for-the-course if you live here. Fortunately, you'll find both at the Washington Sportsmen's Show with a number of the area's top boat dealers showing off the best and brightest brands in northwest fishing, hunting and outdoor adventure boats. And this year, we've added the Kayak Fishing Pavilion for even more options to enjoy life from the water.
- 19. TIE A FLY.** The Washington Sportsmen's Show is a great place to get started fly tying or to polish your already honed skills. With fly shops and fly tying seminars at the show you can connect with expert tyers who are happy to help and share their expertise.
- 20. THE PERFECT STEAK.** Few things are better than enjoying an exceptional steak. World steak champion and co-founder of the Steak Cook-Off Association, Ken Phillips will show you how in his seminar, "Essential Knowledge for Cooking the Perfect Steak". And Ken's not the only one, check out the other Outdoor Cooking Seminars, several gifted grillers will be sharing their inside tips and tricks for cooking the perfect steak!
- 21. SUPPORT A CAUSE.** You can be part of the solution with wonderful organizations like CCA, Safari Club International, Trout Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, The Fallen Outdoors, Pheasants Forever, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Heroes on the Water NW, National Wild Turkey Federation, Washington Waterfowl Association, Puget Sound Anglers, Mule Deer Foundation and several others.
- 22. FISTFUL OF CORKIES IS BACK!** It's free! Visit the Toyota booth, grab a handful of Corkies and if one (or more) of them has a Toyota logo on it you'll leave with more than the Corkies in your hand. There are LOTS of great prizes that will be given away daily --- don't miss this!
- 23. SHARE A SNACK.** There's no shortage of food at the Washington Sportsmen's Show. From the show-fare, including the show's world-class scones to goodies you'll find at various booths in the show, there's no need to leave the show hungry. . . especially if you stop by the outdoor cooking demonstrations where samples are always shared with the audience!
- 24. THE BEAUTY OF SAUSAGE MAKING.** When folks talk about sausage making they often associate it with things that aren't too pretty. Well, those folks have never had the pleasure of attending one of Jason Bauer's sausage making seminars. Jason's a bona fide pro and he'll show you everything you need to know to get started and more. Check out the Outdoor Cooking seminar schedule for times at TheSportShows.com.



- 25. TAKE A KID FISHING.** The kid's trout pond sponsored by Baxter Auto Parts is an iconic favorite of this show. For kids 12 and under it's certainly memorable. Free with admission into the show, kids 12 and under can try their luck at the trout pond. These burgeoning anglers get to keep what they catch. The gear is provided, so are the plastic bags but you're well-advised to have a small, trout-sized cooler in the car for the drive home.
- 26. JOIN A CLUB.** Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, CCA Washington, Ducks Unlimited, Friends of the NRA, Got Your 6 Fishing, Mule Deer Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation, Outdoor for our Heroes, Pacific Northwest Gordon Setter Club, Pheasants Forever, Puget Sound Anglers, Puget Sound Springer Club, Puget Sound Retriever Club, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ruffed Grouse Society, Safari Club International, Seattle-Tacoma German Wirehair Pointer Club, Skookum Archery Club, The Fallen Outdoors, Traditional Bowhunters of Washington, Trout Unlimited, Upper Nisqually Sportsman Club, VFW, Washington Council Flyfishers International, Washington Outfitters and Guides Association, Washington Brittany Club, Washington State Muzzleloaders Association, Washington Waterfowl Association, Western Washington Walleye Club and others.
- 27. BUILD A SPINNER.** They'll show you how at the Poulsen Cascade Booth. In fact, you can learn a lot about spinner fishing at the Poulsen Cascade booth like how to rig a drift spinner or how a spinner behaves behind a 360 flasher. Talk to the spinner pros in their booth and see what's new...it's well worth the stop.
- 28. BEER-N-BRATS.** What's a sportsmen's show without a beer and a brat? The Washington Sportsmen's Show is proud to serve 10 Barrel and Bud Lite for its beer choices and Johnsonville Brats for the dog du jour.
- 29. EMBRACE TECHNOLOGY.** Whether it's for hunting or fishing, from a boat or from the bank, you'll find the latest and greatest in outdoor technology at the Washington Sportsmen's Show. Fish finders you can cast and GPS that will get you back to where you started, to the very latest in boating sonar, radar and navigation technology along with experts to answer your questions are looking forward to sharing what they know on what's new.
- 30. GO TO AFRICA.** There's a healthy list of top Africa safari operators to talk to at the show including: Brian Suddaby Safaris, Dinkwe Safaris, East Cape Safaris, Hunt The Sun Safaris, Iliwa Safaris, Rhino Land Safaris, Roseland Safaris and Jimmy Van Zyl Hunting Safaris. Make this the year you take that first step and open some doors to another continent!
- 31. GO DUTCH!** Dutch oven cooking is an art unto itself. You can learn how from one of the best, Bill Wright of Moose Creek Barbeque, who will show you the ins and outs of Dutch Oven Cooking in his seminar, Introduction to Dutch Oven Cooking in the Outdoor Cooking Seminar tent. Check out the seminar schedule for times at TheSportShows.com.
- 32. LEARN TO SURVIVE.** Thanks to Brett Stoffel's sage advice, several attendees of his classes have survived, overcoming the odds and difficult conditions. From fire-starting to basic survival skills, Brett will get you pointed in the right direction with information that can save your life. A must-attend for every outdoorsperson. The classes are daily and free with admission to the show.
- 33. TALK SCIENCE.** Be sure to stop by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife booth with your questions about fish, fishing, wildlife, hunting and where the best opportunities to enjoy all of it exist in Washington. Idaho Fish and Game is also at the show --- they have some ideas about DIY deer and elk hunting they're eager to share.
- 34. HAPPY CAMPER.** Not into tent camping? There are lots of campers and RV's to check-out that may be just your style. It's a show within the show.
- 35. ACCESSORIZE YOUR RIDE.** Baxter Auto Parts, a perennial favorite and sponsor of the Sportsmen's Shows, is back again with a booth filled with ideas, trinkets, toys and products for your 4x4. Baxter is joined by other local stalwarts like Northwest Total Truck Accessories, Hard Notched Customs and Tork Lift Central.
- 36. BEAUTY IS SKIN DEEP.** Especially when you're a taxidermist. Ridgerunner Taxidermy is at the show and can transform your hide into a work of art.
- 37. SHAKE A ROD.** You'll find all the major rod manufacturers at the show. Be sure you take full advantage of the pros they have in their booths. Guides, tournament pros and rod designers all available to help you...take advantage of it and understand the what and why of purpose-built rods for better fishing and catching.
- 38. THROW ME A LINE.** There's plenty of fishing line to buy or learn more about. Maxima has a booth, so does PLine, Power Pro, Berkley/Trilene and Tuff Line...to name a few. You'll find them all in our retailer's booths for sale!
- 39. BETTER BOATING.** Washington Parks and recreation will be there to discuss boating in Washington and boating safety. Looking for some ideas? They may be one stop of many if you're looking for new boating getaways in Washington.
- 40. LEARN TO BUTCHER.** Join Mark Lambert who's flown cross-country from Tennessee to join us, compete in the Washington Sportsmen's Show Outdoor Cooking Competition, and share his knowledge of butchering in his seminar, "Whole Animal Butchering", in the Outdoor Cooking seminar tent. Mark's a pro and top grilling competitor who's company name says it all, Sweet Swine-O-Mine.
- 41. THE CALL OF THE WILD.** Duck calls, elk bugles, scents and attractants for fish and game...they're not hard to find if you just listen. Thankfully, you'll have to look for the scents...we keep those bottled up.
- 42. GO DUCKS!** If you duck hunt you won't be disappointed. Duck calls, boats, waders, clothes, dog training, guns and ammo all available through experts.
- 43. ALLURING LURES.** All the top lure manufacturers make this show. Spoons, plugs, spinners, plastics, jigs, flashers, flies... you name it, it's here.



- 44. GET HOOKED UP!** Gamakatsu, Mustad and Owner Hooks will both be at the show in factory booths. See what's new and talk to them about new riggings and hook selection for whatever you like to chase.
- 45. GET SAFE.** Need a gun safe? You'll find what you need at the show. There are plenty of manufacturers to consider and names you know...make your best deal on a new safe at the show!
- 46. THUMB THROUGH SOME PAGES.** Your favorite outdoor publications are in attendance and looking forward to seeing you. Stop by and say "hi".
- 47. CAMP COOKING.** The Washington Sportsmen's Show is thrilled to welcome Saffron Hodgson of BushCooking.com to the show. Not only a top-level competitive griller, Saffron is well-known and highly regarded as one of the best camp cooks anywhere, she's also running the Washington Sportsmen's Show Camp Cooking Competition. She'll be sharing her insights in what should be a fun and informational seminar, Camp Cooking Essentials, in the Camp Cooking seminar tent.
- 48. MEET THE MEDIA.** Magazine editors, TV show and radio hosts, bloggers...they're all here and available to talk to you.
- 49. BUY A TOWER!** There are some companies that TOWER above the rest...like Barewest Towers and Who Dat Towers! Both are at the show with their unique fishing towers that fit a range of popular boat styles.
- 50. THAT'S SKOOKUM!** Want to get started in archery? This is the place to do it! Stop by Skookum Archers and their wonderful volunteer staff will get you pointed in the right direction! Kids and adults can learn from the experts and shoot while they're at the show!
- 51. GOT DOGS?** If you don't we do! Lots of them! Dog training, seminars, dog clubs and dog-related booths to put a smile on any dog-lovers face. We love dogs and we know you do too, that's why we celebrate them in a variety of ways at the show!
- 52. THESE BOOTS WERE MADE FOR WALKING?** Danner and Lacrosse, two of the legendary names in outdoor footwear are at the show. If you haven't owned a pair of these...now's the time.
- 53. CASTING FOR FUN.** Literally. Have some fun learning to cast, brushing you your casting skills or learning a new cast at our casting pond. Learn from the experts at the show then take what you've learned to the water and start casting for success!