

DKGNA Raffle Winners of the Alger Flats Outfitters Adventure

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(L to R) Preston Seay, Matt Bennett, and Tyler Silcox

We were ecstatic to learn about winning a hunting trip for two with Alger Flats Outfitters in last year's DKGNA Raffle. In the year of Covid-19 it was a welcomed excitement. We eagerly planned our trip for the first week in May. Although that isn't the time of year for bird or deer hunting, it would allow us to add some days at the beach to the trip, which we couldn't pass up! We invited another

couple along on the trip and it ended up being one for the books!

We started our trip in Gulf Shores, Alabama and ate our fill of fresh local seafood, went on a fishing charter, and got nice and sunburnt. It was a great couple of days!

Then we headed north to the Monroe County area, where Tyler Silcox and his family own acres of prime hunting and fishing habitat. The entire area is lush and green and absolutely beautiful! We arrived at Tyler's home and were greeted by Tyler's own DKs, multiple others that were there for training and a group of adorable puppies. It was a perfect welcoming committee!

We were taken to the lodge several miles away and were very impressed! The building used to be a church years ago, then a schoolhouse. Tyler's aunt completely remodeled the facility last winter. It was spacious, clean, and had a ton of personal touches. The whole property was stunning, and we enjoyed sitting on the covered porch in the mornings and around the fire pit in the evenings.

Hogs are in season year-round in Alabama, so we tried our hand each morning and evening at hog hunting. Unfortunately, we didn't choose the best time of year for this (we were there before local peanut crops go in the ground,) so we weren't successful, but it was still a great trip! We did get some bluegill and cat fishing in on the property while we were there and that was very successful!

Tyler and his family were incredible hosts. Their hospitality could not be beat! Tyler is a great cook and treated us to many awesome meals. A southern style shrimp boil with local gulf red shrimp and local sausage, some fresh gulf yellow fin tuna and Cajun crawdads to name a few!

Overall, it was a really great experience and we are already planning a return trip this winter when we can hunt hogs, deer and quail. Our DK Boone will hopefully be able to join us on that one!

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