

This year I had the opportunity to hunt on private property, because I have Muscular Dystrophy. The owner and hunt coordinator of Williams Ranch lets kids with disabilities hunt on his ranch. In the morning we started to drive around the ranch in a pickup. We saw a forked horn right away and we got out of the truck to get ready for a shot, but instead the buck ran away over a hill. So then we got back in the truck and drove back down the road and then we saw two nice bucks about 270 yards away so we keep on driving to get a little closer and then the bucks were about 250 yards away so I took a shot at the biggest buck. We tracked him for about three hours and couldn't find him. So after that long search we continued the hunt. It was about 100 degrees by this time and there were deer out still. At about 11:30 we saw a big buck about 25 yards away from the truck so I got out and raised the rifle but did not have a clear shot so I passed him up. That wrapped up the morning hunt and we went back to the hotel for some lunch. When we returned to the ranch for an evening hunt there were deer everywhere. So we took a stand that was overlooking a watering hole about 300+ yards. Within five minutes 4 does came down to the watering hole, then ten minutes later a buck came walking down to the waters edge. It looked to be a very small buck, so we waited a little longer and a huge buck came out, at least a three pointer or better. I was trying to get a good shot off on him but the grass was too high to shoot over. I was trying to do anything I could to get a good rest to shoot from. Then Dale got a call from Tom on the Radio and told him he had spotted a nice forked horn buck chasing a doe. I had a decision to make and it was to either attempt to do a stalk on the big buck or try to get the forked horn. So I chose to get the fork in horn. We got back in the truck and drove over to the buck. When we finally saw the buck I got ready to shoot him, I clicked the safety off and took a big breath and shot him. He went down instantly and I was very excited. It was my first buck.

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