

Chris was born and raised in Northwestern Missouri. When he was a boy, he used to go out with his Grandfather and Dad to hunt rabbits and squirrels.

At the age of 10, he moved up to the world of ducks and geese. His father Jay Wardrip took him bird hunting and showed him the ropes. Sitting in blinds and being patient became second nature to him. Though it was tough on Him at times, he will never forget the bonds that were made between his Dad and others.

When Chris turned 12, he broadened his horizons to the beauty of pheasant And quail hunting. Gun in hand with dogs to boot, he quickly realized he truly loved being outside and being one with nature. It wasn't until he was 28 years old that Chris was introduced to deer hunting. Friends and family knew right away that this was his new passion. Bow hunting has given Chris a new chapter in his hunting life and one that put his father and him back into the wilderness.

After a few seasons of trials and tribulations, his father gave Chris and his best friend Blake an opportunity of a lifetime, the chance to film for "The American Outdoorsman television show." This presented a new challenge, not only to harvest these great animals but to get them on camera as well.

Chris has never looked back, he spends every second that he can in the woods trying to find that big grey ghost that is so elusive. Chris is dedicated to his hobby but also knows that it wouldn't be possible without the support from home. Tammala, his beautiful wife at home has been more than supportive with his new hobby and his daughter Jaylee is a hunter in training. At the ripe age of 4, Jaylee is already begging Chris to take her to the woods and start the journey all over again. Chris understands the time and commitment that comes with being a part of the AO pro staff and graciously accepts the challenge.