

Bow Giveaway Winner Announcement



Great American Outdoor Show 2026

February 7-15 2026
Farm Show Complex
Harrisburg, PA.

Bow Giveaway Winner Announced

One lucky winner will win a 2026 Apex Predator bow.

Product Spotlight

New Apex bow case now available.

Spring Tuning

It's time for a spring bow tune up.

Western Big game Application Dates and Deadlines

Dates and deadlines for the 2026 hunting season

Spring Show Specials

We are extending our show specials to everyone that signed up for the free bow giveaway and existing customers. See discount code



Great American Outdoor Show

The 2026 Great American Outdoor Show was a huge success. With roughly 250,000 people attending, it is widely regarded as the worlds largest outdoor recreation show. It's always a pleasure to meet other like-minded folks with a passion for the outdoors. We were able to catch up with old friends and customers and swap hunting stories. Our shooting lane was busy with customers testing our bows. This year we filmed shooter's reactions to the bow. Check out the video on our website that our Pro Staffer, Derek, put together that captured their first reactions. We call it "the look". We've seen it thousands of times. People can't believe how well these bows shoot.

This year, a series of snow storms hit the east coast days before the show opened. Our shipping company was unable to deliver our booth on time. Thankfully, our team made it happen. We designed a brand new booth in 2 days, built tables and spent days building bows. We'd like give a big shout out to Mike, Kurt, Jeff, Derek, Mikey, and Patty. We couldn't have done it without you.

Apexx Predator Bow Giveaway

Every year, we give away a free bow at the Great American Outdoor Show. All that is required to enter is you have fill out a questionnaire on one of our iPads. This year we had over 500 people register for our giveaway. And....

This years GAOS 26 winner is

James L.

from West Virginia

Product Spotlight

This year we are proud to announce a new bow case. For years we have struggled to find a manufacturer that makes a case small enough to accommodate our bows. These cases are designed to provide the ultimate protection for your equipment in any environment. They are both rugged and waterproof.

Exterior

33.46" wide, 14.57" tall and 6.22" deep

Interior

31.49" wide, 14.57" tall and 5.51" deep



Price: \$279

(Includes taxes and shipping)

Spring Tuning

Spring is finally here and that means it's time to get ready for spring turkey. Mid to late April is when most states hold opening day for turkey hunting. Now is the perfect time to do the following: Check the condition of your string, cables and D loop. Tighten all screws. Check Center Shot. Check cam timing.

Bow Inspection

- Examine the limbs for cracks, nicks, dents, or delamination.
- Check to make sure all screws are tightened.
 - Limb Stops 8-32 screw
 - Mod 6-32 screw
 - Cable Rod 8-32 screw
- Check e-clips. Make sure they are not missing or are so loose they rattle.
- Check the condition of the D loop. If there is any fraying, replace it.
- Check string and cables. If you need a replacement, contact us.
- Wax your strings.
- Make sure the peep is tied in securely.
- Wipe down the bow. Dust and dirt have built up during the hunting season.

Cam Timing

If you use your bow as much as we do, you'll want to make sure everything is in tune, such as, cam timing and rest tuning or center shot.

What is cam timing and why is it important? One of the best features of the Apexx Predator is the back wall. Our back wall is solid with no give or "squish". As you draw your bow back, both the top and bottom cams should rotate and the limb stops should contact the limbs at full draw at precisely the same time. Proper timing reduces vibration, boosts accuracy and consistency and maximizes efficiency. Proper cam timing is very important for broad head tuning, as well. It is important for the cams to be timed correctly before doing a walk back tune.

There are several ways to check your cam timing. The best and most accurate way is to use a draw board. Draw boards paired with a bow scale are convenient because you can check timing, top draw weight and let-off weight. Your local shop most likely has one or we sell them. (See below)

Another way of doing this by drawing the bow back and holding it at full draw while someone else watches closely from the side to see if the limb stops hit at the same time. If they do, great, you're good to go. If not, you adjust by twisting the cable on the side that is hitting early. Add a twist or two and recheck. Repeat until timing is correct.

Center Shot Tuning

What is center shot tuning and why is it important? A correctly center shot tuned bow ensures the arrow flight coming out of the bow is straight. This helps with left and right tears while paper tuning and broad head flight at distance. We use a 3 step process: adjust the rest to $3/8$ " from the end of the shelf, a quick paper tune, and a walk back tune.

Center shot on the Apex Predator is approximately $3/8$ " **from the end of the shelf**. With the bow at rest, we nock an arrow while in or on the rest and measure the distance between the arrow and the end of the shelf. Adjust accordingly. This is a rough tune. Next, we'll do a paper tune.

Now that we've adjusted the rest to sit $3/8$ " from the end of the shelf, we can do a paper tune. This tells us what the arrow is doing coming out of the bow. We use this step to adjust the rest up and down more than left and right. We want a bullet hole, meaning the field tip and nock are even or with a slight point up tear. Adjust the rest accordingly. Next, we'll do a walk back tune.

For a walk back tune, you'll need a target and a bright colored tape (we prefer red or orange) from 1" to 2" wide. Apply the tape vertically down the middle of the target. You should use a level or plumb to make sure the tape is vertical. Put a small piece of tape horizontally near the top of the target. This will serve as your aiming point. Make sure your 20 yard pin is sighted in. Next, start at 20 yards. Shoot 2 to 3 arrows at the aiming point. Move back to 30 yards. Use your 20 yard pin and shoot 3 more arrows at 30 yards. Move back to 40 yards. Again, use your 20 yard pin and shoot 3 more arrows at 40 yards.

You should see a pattern. If your groups are dropping vertically along the tape, your rest is tuned correctly. If your groups are dropping and angling away from the tape, your rest needs to be adjusted slightly. If your group is right of the vertical tape, slightly nudge the rest left. If your group is left of the vertical tape, slightly nudge the rest right. Repeat the process until your groups fall vertically along the tape. Your rest is now centered.



Western Big game Application Dates and Deadlines

Here are the main Western states with big game draw systems and their 2026 application deadlines (focusing on primary/limited draws for non-residents/residents where applicable; always verify on official state wildlife agency sites. These are for the 2026 hunting seasons, based on current approved and tentative schedules as of early March 2026.

-**Arizona** — Elk and pronghorn (winter draw): Typically early February (e.g., around Feb 3–10 in patterns); fall draw for deer/sheep/etc.: often October prior, but check specifics.

-**Colorado** — Primary big game draw (deer, elk, antelope, bear, moose): Applications open March 1, 2026; deadline April 7, 2026 (8 p.m. MT). Sheep/goat primary draw results around April 23; secondary draw deadline June 30, 2026.

-**Idaho** — Moose, sheep, goat: Often April 30, 2026. Nonresident general season deer/elk first draw was earlier (Dec 2025), with possible second periods.

-**Montana** — Deer/elk combo/general: March 1–April 1, 2026. Moose, goat, sheep, bison: May 1, 2026. Antelope: June 1, 2026.

-**Nevada** — Various big game (including mule deer guided draws): Early periods like March 9 for some; main draws often April/May.

-**New Mexico** — Bighorn sheep, elk, deer, antelope, exotics: Deadline March 18, 2026 (draw results vary, e.g., elk/moose early April, sheep late Sept).

-**Oregon** — Big game controlled hunts (deer, elk, pronghorn, sheep, etc.): Deadline May 15, 2026 (11:59 p.m. PT); results by June 12.

-**Utah** — Big game permits (deer, elk, antelope, moose, sheep, goat): Application period March 19–April 23, 2026 (11 p.m. MDT); bonus/preference points same window. Antlerless: June 9–23, 2026.

-**Wyoming** — Sheep, goat, moose, bison: April 30, 2026. General big game applications often Jan–April 30; secondary draw around June.

Other states like Washington (special permits for deer/elk/goat/sheep/moose) have varying dates, often spring/early summer.

Spring Show Specials

Apexx Predator	\$979 (includes sales tax & shipping)
Spare String and Cable Set	\$137 (includes sales tax & shipping)
Spare Set of Limbs	\$220 (includes sales tax & shipping)
Bow Case	\$279 (includes sales tax & shipping)
Leather Patch Hat	\$24.99 (includes sales tax & shipping)
Leather Patch Beanie	\$21.99 (includes sales tax & shipping)
Light Hoodie	\$29.99 (includes sales tax & shipping)
Heavy Hoodie	\$34.99 (includes sales tax & shipping)
T shirt	\$19.99 (includes sales tax & shipping)

Hopefully, this information is helpful and you have a great season! If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at info@apexxbows.com.