

Welcome to Wolf/Coyote Seminar with Jim Gibb





Russian Proverb

The wolf is kept fed by its
feet.

My Goals with this workshop

- To share my experience's of the last 40 years of calling, snaring and trapping.
- I have honestly made just about every mistake you can think of.
- I am no better a trapper or caller than anybody else in this room.
- Challenge you to think outside the box.
- Make us all better at what we do.

SUCCESS IS A MATTER OF WORK



FACT

- Every single trick or method you develop the wolves and coyotes will catch on too.

How to fix this

- The only way to stay in front of this is to have a full arsenal of methods and equipment.
- Snares
- Foot traps
- Calling

How to address this

- Understand the target
- Always watch and observe what the wolfs and coyotes are doing.
- At different times of the year they will be doing different things
- Watch for tracks
- Watch for Scat
- Keep a record

Wolf Pack

- Territorial
- Home range is large within 700 square km.
- Overlaps a number of traplines
- Depending on time of year, pack or singles.
- Always being patrolled
- Always being challenged
- Always on the move.

Wolf Packs over the season

- During the winter pack size is at it largest.
- Once freeze-up occurs no choice but to hunt ungulates mainly moose and deer
- During the summer after denning season the pack structure is very loose.
- Lots of single wolves or pairs.
- Always on patrol.

Tracks

where



why



What the heck are they doing.



Going on Patrol

- Wolves must maintain their territory from other wolf packs.
- Continuous movement, they may hold up in a given area, but sooner or later they will move.
- Watch for boundary lines between packs
- Your wolves are more than likely the same wolves your neighbour is targeting.

Your mistakes become our mistakes

- If other trappers are targeting wolves around you, their mistakes and their methods will influence your success.
- Average home range of a pack in Timmins was 700 square kilometers.
- Inside this area the wolves will visit every beaver house, and check on every ungulate they can find.

Where and Why Beaver



Moose and or Deer



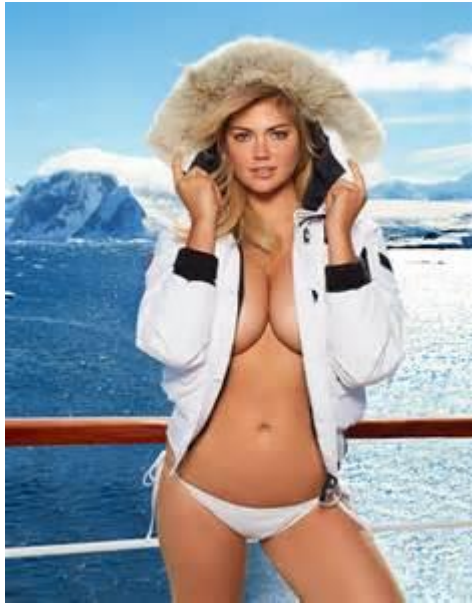
Wolves

- Wolf body sizes vary, moose hunting packs need larger animals to be successful there needs to be at least 3 wolves to bring down a moose.
- Wolf packs hunting deer are smaller.
- Easier for smaller wolf to take down a deer.
- Wolves and coyotes overlap and cross bred.

Coyotes

- Coyotes have expanded their home range basically across all of North America, including the island of Newfoundland.
- Body size has increased to distinct groups - Eastern & Western.
- Range expansion has followed the success story of whitetails deer, beaver and roads
- Wiping out the Red Fox population
- End of the world prediction coyotes and cockroach's.

Coyote in Fashion



- Canada Goose jackets, fur ruffs on goose down parkas are the fashion rage right now.
- Mainly after western type coyotes.

Wolves



- Mainly used for taxidermy, rugs or wall hangers
- Unfortunately we have the ugliest wolves in Canada
- Look for local markets.

Wolf & Coyote Harvesting

- Important to harvest wolves and coyotes in your area.
- Wolves & Coyotes hunt 365 days a year without vacation pay, sick days, no regard for bad weather or a death in the family.
- They are your main competitor if you are a hunter or trapper.
- I like to harvest & eat, moose & deer and trap beaver.

Challenge

- Hunting and trapping, wolves and coyotes is a challenge, you need to have a higher skill level in order to be successful.
- To be successful you have to understand and learn, they will teach you to be a better harvester.
- Almost impossible to wipe out.