



DAKOTA PRAIRIE LODGE & RESORT

PRAIRIE NEWS



MEET OUR TEAM

KELLI JAENICKE, COOK

Home State: Missouri

Favorite Dish: Prime Rib

Kelli is a wonderful new addition to our team at the Lodge this fall, and she brings top-tier cooking skills that have helped her travel across the United States. Kelli came to us after wrapping up a seven-week stay at a moose and black bear hunting camp in Maine, and she is excited to spend autumn enjoying South Dakota's wide open prairie. It is her first time in our great state!

Kelli has been cooking for most of her life, an interest that began with baking Christmas cookies. She still loves baking, but her favorite dishes to cook these days involve meat. We are so lucky to have Kelli in our kitchen.

KICKING OFF PHEASANT SEASON



Just last weekend, we enjoyed celebrating the busiest weekend of the year here in Kimball, South Dakota. Of course, it was opening day for pheasant hunting season on October 21. Our entire town rallies around this exciting day, and we feel lucky to share it with our hunters.

Pheasant hunting season in South Dakota is a special time of year. The golden rows of corn, cool days, and clear blue skies serve as the perfect backdrop to a good day's hunt. We are eagerly awaiting our other groups this fall!

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN UPLAND HUNTER

What can you expect when you spend a day hunting with us at Dakota Prairie Lodge & Resort? In short, only the best. But to be more specific... the morning will start off at a leisurely place, with breakfast served continental style for the sake of both our early risers and those who prefer to sleep in. By eight o'clock, most of our hunters are up and preparing themselves for a full day in the fields. You might choose to sneak in a little bit of practice with our unlimited sporting clays. Next, your guide will talk your group through the plan for the day – whether you are a walker or a blocker, you will all work together to score many birds.

Now it's time to head into the field and get to the fun part! We have tons of acreage, so your hunt may look different depending on which sector you are hunting. After a while, the group will stop to enjoy a fulfilling lunch before resuming the hunt for the afternoon.

Once your group has harvested all of your birds for the day, it's time to return to the Lodge for a delicious supper and evening full of games, laughs, and memories.



OUR TOP TAXIDERMISTRY FAQs

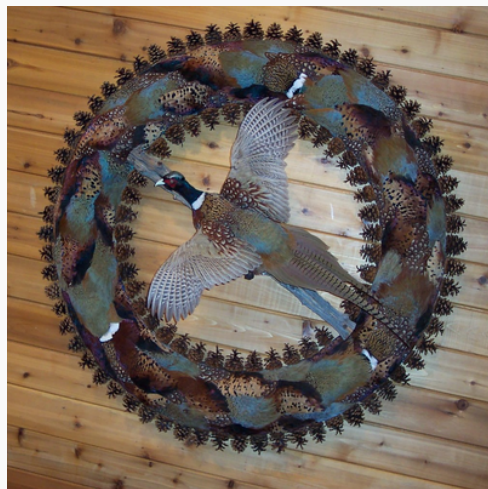
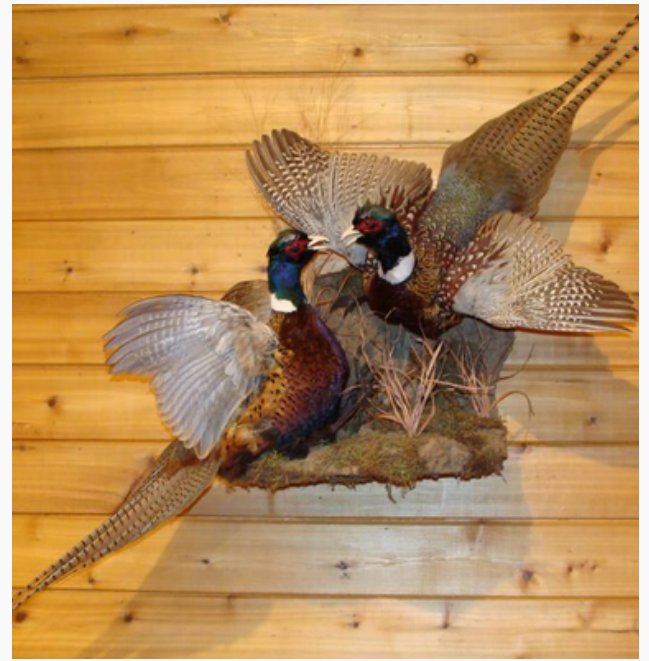
It's that time of year... You just spent a fun-filled weekend at the Lodge enjoying eventful upland hunting excursions surrounded by your favorite people. Whether you joined us with your family, your friends, or even your coworkers, you likely made memories that will last a lifetime. But if you want more than simply your memories and photographs to remember your trip, taxidermy is an excellent way to preserve your best shots. Plus, it makes excellent decor for your home or office – or a great gift for any hunting enthusiast.

WHERE CAN I GET MY BIRD TAXIDERMIED?

When you hunt with us at the Lodge, you will get exclusive access to top-of-the-line taxidermy services through our friends at Pete's Taxidermy of Burke, South Dakota. In fact, the photos to the right and below showcase some of Pete's work. While Pete specializes in our state's native ring-necked pheasants, he is incredibly skilled with other birds, mammals, big game, and even fish and snakes.

HOW DO I PREPARE MY BIRD FOR TAXIDERMISTRY?

There are a few different theories out there regarding how to best prepare your bird for taxidermy. Some say to put the bird inside a pair of pantyhose to keep it from moving at all. Others say to simply put it in a garbage bag. In our opinion, both methods work equally well. Either way, you will need to freeze your bird in order to preserve it. Our professional staff at the Lodge can help you submit an order to Pete's Taxidermy and choose the mount that is best for you. .



WHICH BIRDS ARE THE BEST FOR MOUNTING?

When you are choosing which of your birds to mount, there are a few criteria to consider. Some hunters will opt to mount the rooster with the longest tail feather, the bird with the brightest coloring, the rooster with the largest spurs, or the one with the most unusual look. No matter which you choose, make sure you pick an attractive bird that you will be excited to hang in your home.

WHICH MOUNTING POSE IS RIGHT FOR MY BIRD?

Take a peek into the showroom at Pete's Taxidermy, and you will quickly see that there are numerous different poses to mount pheasants (and any other birds). For instance, you can mount a bird with wings up, flying, with a setup like wheat or a log, standing, sitting, and more. It all depends on the quality of your bird as well as your personal preference and the position you want to achieve. We can help you select a mount that will highlight your bird best.

PRAIRIE PUZZLE

October Question: What is South Dakota's official state flower?

- a) Prairie Coneflower
- b) Black-eyed Susan
- c) Pasque Flower
- d) Wild Geranium



Submit your answer by November 10, 2023, for a chance to win! Answers will be accepted via email, phone, or mail. Correct answers will be entered into the prize drawing to receive a FREE Dakota Prairie Lodge & Resort hat.