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**Average Hunter to Host 5th Annual Auction for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital**

*Outdoorsmen Contribute Outstanding Auction Items to Raise Funds to Fight Childhood Diseases*

Outdoorsmen from all over the country come together to help fight childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases at the annual Average Hunter St. Jude Auction. This year’s online auction kicks off on Sunday, March 17 and runs until Sunday, March 31.

The auction features hundreds of items and even an African safari. It offers items of all sizes and price ranges, which allows everyone to participate. There’s also a raffle for 3 Elite compound bows.

“The Average Hunter St. Jude Auction is just a small yearly auction developed to bring the hunting, fishing and outdoors industries together for one event to raise money to help this great cause,” said Matt Staser, founder of Average Hunter. “There are many reasons why St. Jude needs support from the community. Did you know that no patient or even parent has to spend a dime during treatment? Even the parents get their travel, living and food paid for while their child is being treated at St. Jude Children's Hospital. St. Jude is also leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Because the majority of St. Jude funding comes from individual contributors, St. Jude has the freedom to focus on what matters most – saving kids regardless of their financial situations.”

Visit <http://stjude.averagehunter.com/> to see the items currently up for auction and place a bid to help these children. All proceeds from the auction go directly to St. Jude’s Hospital.

**About St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital:**

The mission of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is to advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. Consistent with the vision of our founder Danny Thomas, no child is denied treatment based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay.