

April Mendibles, NV

April Mendibles is a Native Nevadan residing in her hometown of Sparks, Nevada. She has been an elementary school teacher for almost ten years at the oldest elementary school in Sparks. Teaching her students about Bighorn Sheep through the Wild Sheep Foundation's curriculum kit has become a highly anticipated time of the school year for her classrooms.

She grew up camping and hiking with her family, although her true appreciation for the outdoors came in her mid 20s when she decided to enroll in a Hunter's Safety course and learn to hunt. Her late Uncle Al, an avid hunter, and her extended family inspired her to reacquaint herself with the outdoors. Although her uncle is no longer alive, she always includes one of his flannels on her hunts, so he is still close-by and part of the experience.

Recently April was selected as part of the *Wild Sheep Foundation Women Hunt™ Program's New Hunter Course*. April spent time in the Texas Hill Country with an amazing group of women learning best practices and building lifelong friendships as she built her own hunting confidence. The experience also supports her classroom model of helping her students learn and understand the importance of conservation.

April shares her life with Teddy and their dog Cubbie; they enjoy hunting, camping, hiking, finding hot springs, and just about anything to get outdoors. They are preparing to bring home a new Brittney puppy, Maisel, in November (wish them luck!) and are looking forward to the chucker hunts they will be able to take her on next season.