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**FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, AN ELITE TEAM OF RESEARCHERS HAVE THE CLUES TO FIND ELUSIVE EVIDENCE IN TRAVEL CHANNEL'S UNCANNY NEW SERIES 'EXPEDITION BIGFOOT' – PREMIERING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 10 P.M. ET/PT**

**Team Believes an Advanced Algorithm is the Missing Key to Solving the Bigfoot Legend**



*The "Expedition Bigfoot" Team (left to right): Russell Acord, Dr. Mireya Mayor, Bryce Johnson, Ronny LeBlanc*

**NEW YORK (November 4, 2019)** – Every year hundreds of eyewitnesses log their alleged encounters with the legendary creature Bigfoot. All told, there have been more than 10,000 reported modern-day sightings of Bigfoot in the continental United States, with more than one-third of them emanating from the Pacific Northwest. And while many have searched for the elusive beast, no one knows where or when this legendary cryptid will be seen next, nor have they put forth credible, indisputable evidence of the creature's existence. Until now...

Old legend meets new modern-day technology as an elite team of skilled searchers are using an advanced data algorithm and groundbreaking science and tools to analyze five decades of Bigfoot sightings and to pinpoint when and where to encounter this elusive beast. With these results and gadgetry at their disposal, they now know the time and place to search for evidence of Bigfoot. Travel Channel's new eight-part investigative-adventure series **"Expedition Bigfoot," premiering Sunday, December 8 at 10 p.m. ET/PT**, tracks the expert team throughout their harrowing experience and pioneering endeavor.

With a unique blend of expertise, the team – including **Bryce Johnson** (Expedition Operations); **Dr. Mireya Mayor** (Primatologist); **Russell Acord** (Ex-Military/Survivalist); **Ronny LeBlanc** (Bigfoot Researcher); and **Ryan "RPG" Golembeske** (Bigfoot Investigator) – may finally take one of the world's greatest mysteries out of the pages of legend and lore and into reality. Throughout their three-week sojourn to an undisclosed, remote location in a 90,000-acre swath of land in central Oregon,

they use the latest advanced technologies to narrow their search within the target zone. As the investigation intensifies, evidence that Bigfoot is in the area begins to pile up. Possible nesting sites, footprints and vocalizations lead the team to a hot spot where inexplicable events occur and one of the greatest pieces of video evidence in Bigfoot history is recorded.

“Travel Channel has assembled the very best team of experts in Bigfoot lore and science to give us proof of the creature’s existence once and for all,” said Matthew Butler, general manager, Travel Channel. “The journey is formidable, and the jeopardy is real. Skeptics and believers alike will both agree the trek this team makes is something they have never seen before.”

To learn more about “**Expedition Bigfoot**,” visit [TravelChannel.com](http://TravelChannel.com) for show extras, behind-the-scenes photos and exclusive videos. Follow @TravelChannel and #TRVLBigfoot on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/TravelChannel), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/TravelChannel) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/TravelChannel) for additional content and updates.

“**Expedition Bigfoot**” is produced by Railsplitter Pictures for Travel Channel. For Railsplitter Pictures, the executive producers are Matt Ginsburg and Tim Healy. For Travel Channel, the executive producer is Charles Norlander, Julie Meisner Eagle is vice president of production and development, Matthew Butler is general manager, and Henry Schleiff is group president of Investigation Discovery, Travel Channel, American Heroes Channel and Destination America.

#### **ABOUT THE ‘EXPEDITION BIGFOOT’ CAST**

**Bryce Johnson:** Acclaimed actor/producer as well as creator and host of the popular podcast “Bigfoot Collectors Club,” Bryce has been obsessed with Bigfoot ever since he was a young boy. Although acting is his profession, researching the strange and unexplained along with crypto-zoological creatures is his passion. Those two pursuits converged in 2013 when Bryce starred in the critically lauded movie “Willow Creek,” a found-footage horror film about a quest to find evidence of Bigfoot. While researching his role, Bryce met Robert “Bob” Gimlin, the man who, along with Roger Patterson, captured the legendary footage of Bigfoot in 1967. That meeting and their subsequent friendship, cemented Bryce’s commitment to pursuing the truth about the existence of Bigfoot. He can be found on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/BryceJohnson), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/BryceJohnson) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/BryceJohnson).

**Dr. Mireya Mayor:** World-renowned primatologist, Fulbright Scholar and National Science Foundation Fellow, Mireya Mayor is not your typical scientist. For nearly two decades, she has been a wildlife correspondent, reporting on wildlife and habitat loss while advocating for solutions to the alarming trends. Mireya has been hailed as a “female Indiana Jones,” in the media and is an inspiration to young women interested in science and exploration. A two-time Emmy Award-nominated field correspondent for the National Geographic Channel, Mireya reports to audiences worldwide on pertinent wildlife and habitat issues. Her explorations have led to several scientific discoveries, most notably her co-discovery of the world's smallest primates, a brand-new species to science. The daughter of Cuban immigrants, Mireya grew up in Miami and earned her bachelor’s degree in anthropology and English at the University of Miami and went on to earn her Ph.D. from Stony Brook University. She recently joined Florida International University as Director of the Exploration and Science Communication Initiative. Mireya is also the author of *Pink Boots and a Machete: My Journey from NFL Cheerleader to*

*National Geographic Explorer*. She can be found on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#), as well as on the [Web](#).

**Russell Acord:** Author of *Footprints of a Legend* and *Bigfoot and the Tripwire*, event coordinator for The International Bigfoot Conference and skilled survivalist, retired Army Sergeant Russell Acord spends his free time traveling the Pacific Northwest looking for evidence of Bigfoot. Raised in the mountains of Montana, Russell takes a solid scientific approach to his Bigfoot research. His interest in the subject began when he saw the famous Patterson/Gimlin film, and he has been actively searching for Bigfoot since the late 70s. He can be found on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#), as well as the [Web](#).

**Ronny LeBlanc:** Ronny LeBlanc is a globally recognized figure in the world of paranormal, Bigfoot and UFOs. Ronny is an independent researcher, screenwriter and author of the critically-acclaimed and best-selling book *Monsterland: Encounters with UFOs, Bigfoot and Orange Orbs*, which details the history and connection between the various phenomena, highlighting his experience and a research area called Monsterland in central Massachusetts. Ronny was the first person ever to cast a Bigfoot print in the Bay State from a trackway discovered by a couple in Leominster State Forest in the summer of 2010. He is a regular speaker at the Exeter UFO Festival, New England UFO Conference and ParaFest and has been featured on nationally syndicated radio programs like “Coast to Coast AM with George Noory” and “Fade to Black with Jimmy Church.” He was recently highlighted for his research experience in a cover story for *The Boston Herald*. He is the founder and host of the “Monsterland” podcast. He can be found on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#), as well as the [Web](#).

**Ryan “RPG” Golembeske:** Ryan Golembeske is a born Bigfooter, raised in a family that believed in all things “Crypto.” Their summer vacations were spent trudging through dense forest in search of Sasquatch and traveling to Scotland to find proof of the Loch Ness Monster. As an adult, Ryan has continued his family’s passions. He has travelled the world following the reports of strange animals and the “cousins” of Bigfoot – from the jungles of the Amazon looking for Mapinguari to the mountains of east Asia in search of the Orang Pendak. His quests and his strong connection with nature only deepen his understanding of Bigfoot and the mysterious. He can be found on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

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