



# About Safari Club International

## The Safari Club International mission statement:

- Provide value to members by shaping policies and legislation that protect the freedom to hunt locally, nationally and internationally.
- Keep members informed regarding issues that impact hunting while educating and entertaining members with engaging articles about the rich heritage of hunting in all forms of media.
- Provide a community for hunters worldwide where camaraderie is enjoyed and expert information is exchanged, and where members are able to participate in a market for quality hunting goods and services.
- Promote a positive image of hunters and portraying them as responsible citizens who fund wildlife conservation, education and other programs which benefit the community.

## Safari Club International major programs are:

- Government Affairs
- SCI-PAC (Political Action Committee)
- Hunters' Rights Advocacy
- Conservation Projects Worldwide
- American Wilderness Leadership School, a week-long seminar for students and educators regarding hunting and conservation

Each chapter returns 30% of the proceeds from their annual fundraisers to SCI. The remaining 70% stays with the Chapter to be used for local educational, conservation and humanitarian projects.

## Major Donations from the Adirondack-Catskill Chapter to Safari Club International:

30% donation from 17 fundraisers:	\$ 150,598
SCI Washington Office Building Fund:	\$ 2,500
American Wilderness Leadership School Building Fund:	\$ 2,000

## Adirondack - Catskill Chapter Projects, Programs and Services

### Conservation Projects

- \* Bluebird House Construction Project: Provided over 500 bird houses to Poland Central School, Rogers Environmental Center, Riverside Elementary School in Oneonta, Sherburne-Earlville Elementary School, New Hartford High School & Whitesboro Brownie Troop
- \* Winter Wildlife Feeding Station
- \* Joint BOCES/ACSCI wood duck nesting box construction and relocation project
- \* Purchased & donated two robotic deer to NYSDEC to suppress poaching
- \* Built a boardwalk around Utica Marsh
- \* Co-sponsored NYS Legislative Sportsman's Caucus with Western - Central SCI
- \* Constructed a footbridge in Bowman Lake Park along the Finger Lakes Trail, \$1,350
- \* Six years of corn seed project, distributed locally, \$9,025

### Educational Projects

- \* Herkimer County Envirothon, 10 year sponsor, \$2,500
- \* NYS DEC Youth Camp, 5 sponsored youth, \$1,400
- \* Purchased Habitat videos and workbooks for local elementary schools
- \* Joint W-C SCI and A-C SCI promotional video, \$2,500
- \* Sponsor of over 15 Hunter Safety Courses, over 500 new hunters afield
- \* Conducted Whitetail hunting seminars
- \* Sponsored Trapper Safety Courses
- \* Sponsored 17 teachers to attend American Wildlife Leadership School, \$9,750

## Adirondack - Catskill Chapter Projects, Programs and Services

### **Educational Projects**

- \* Sponsored young women to attend Jackson, Wyoming BOW program \$1,250
- \* Obtained scholarships for 4 local students entering college, \$17,600
- \* Sponsored Young Hunters to attend American Wildlife Leadership School, \$12,377
- \* Sent library books to Namibia, \$500
- \* Donated to the opening of the Wildlife Sports and Educational Museum, \$500
- \* 1<sup>st</sup> National Archery in the Schools Program in NYS, Franklin Central School, \$2,500
- \* Poland Central Schools Science Fair Conservation Award, 15 years, \$1,500
- \* Funding for Eagle Scout to complete conservation project
- \* Major sponsor of National Archery in the Schools Program at Norwich Schools, \$1,600
- \* Youth Day Sponsor with Rockdale Rod & Gun Club, 7 years, \$4,925
- \* Youth Day Sponsor with Otego Rod & Gun Club, 2 years \$1004
- \* Youth Day Sponsor with Unadilla Rod & Gun Club, 1 year \$500

### **Humanitarian Programs**

- \* Special Hunter Program – sent youth on first safari to South Africa
- \* Special Hunter Program – provided firearm for hunter with ALS to go on first elk hunt
- \* Special Hunter Program – took disadvantaged youth on first wild boar hunt
- \* Special Hunter Program – sent terminally ill man on first elk hunt in New Mexico
- \* Safari Wheel Program – secured wheel chair for resident in need
- \* Anthony Guriano Fund – made cash donation to equip handicap accessible van
- \* Wild game dinner in Utica in cooperation with the Salvation Army during the holidays
- \* Obtained and helped ship medical supplies to South Africa
- \* Hunts for Wounded Veterans – Hunting opportunities for wounded US Military Veterans; provided 11 hunts including airfare and trophy importation fees, \$11,881
- \* Youth Safari Wish Hunts, \$2000

### **Humanitarian Services**

- \* Hunters Against Hunger – Supporting food banks
- \* Safari Care – Worldwide Health Care
- \* Safari Wheels – Wheelchair Acquisition for handicapped
- \* SCI Blue Bag Program, \$1,785
- \* CANY Venison Donation Program, \$2,300

### **Other Projects**

- \* Friends of the NRA Donations, \$1,250
- \* National Historic Trust Fishing Derby, Bowman Lake State Park, 3 years, \$750
- \* Save Alaska Hunting Heritage Fund, \$500
- \* Kodiak Brown Bear Trust, \$1,000
- \* Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, \$400
- \* Cornell Cooperative Extension 4H Shooting Sports Program, \$3,450 plus 2 South African safaris for auction that brought in an additional \$3,400 at their fundraiser.
- \* NRA Endowment, 13 years, \$13,000
- \* Randy & Jennifer Lawson, Wildlife Rehabilitators, \$1,750
- \* Dan Hooker, NYS Assemblyman, election campaign, \$2,000
- \* Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, \$1000
- \* Conservation Officer of the Year Award to 3 Officers in New Mexico who joined with ACSCI member Jerry Briggs in convicting Adrian Romero, the biggest case of poaching and wildlife-related fraud in New Mexico history.
- \* Republican Lobsterfest Fundraiser, \$1,000
- \* United Taxidermists of New York, sponsored two awards annually for 9 years