

# 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 fund local educational, conservation and humanitarian projects.

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

30% donation from 25 fundraisers:	\$248,654
SCI Washington Office Building Fund:	\$ 2,500
American Wilderness Leadership School Building Fund:	\$ 2,500
Sables donation to SCI Foundation	\$ 25,362

## 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, 12-year sponsor, \$4,000
- \* NYS DEC Youth Camp, 5 sponsored youth, \$1,400
- \* Purchased Habitat videos and workbooks for local elementary schools
- \* Joint Western Chapter SCI and ACSCI promotional video, \$2,500
- \* Sponsor of 15 Hunter Safety Courses, sending over 500 new hunters afield
- \* Conducted Whitetail hunting seminars
- \* Sponsored Trapper Safety Courses
- \* Sponsored 24 teachers to attend American Wilderness Leadership School, \$27,494
- \* Sponsored young women to attend Jackson, Wyoming BOW program \$1,250
- \* Obtained scholarships for 4 local students entering college, \$17,600
- \* Sponsored 13 Young Hunters to attend American Wilderness Leadership School, \$17,111
- \* Sables contribution to AWLS Cabin Renovation Project, \$4,500
- \* Sent library books to Namibia, \$500

### **Educational Projects** (continued)

- \* 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, \$250
- \* Major sponsor of National Archery in the Schools Program at Norwich Schools, \$1,600
- \* Youth Day Sponsor with Rockdale Rod & Gun Club, 9 years, \$7,575
- \* Youth Day Sponsor with Otego Rod & Gun Club, 2 years \$1,004
- \* Youth Day Sponsor with Unadilla Rod & Gun Club, 3 years \$1,600
- \* Sables sponsorship for Chenango County Youth Turkey Hunt, \$1,125
- \* Sables donated to Sables Luncheon at SCI Convention, \$2,000
- \* Sables purchased a Hands-On-Wildlife box for use by Mary Havlik at Cooperstown School, \$580
- \* Sponsored two Young Hunters to attend Wildlife Leadership Academy, \$1,100

### **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 his first elk hunt in New Mexico
- \* Safari Wheel Program – Secured wheel chair for resident in need
- \* Hunts for Wounded Veterans – Provided 13 hunts including airfare & trophy importation fees, \$19,553
- \* Youth Safari Wish Hunts – Provided 6 hunts, \$12,275
- \* Safari Care – Worldwide Health Care; collected and helped ship medical supplies to South Africa
- \* SCI Blue Bag Program, \$2065

### **Humanitarian Services**

- \* Hunters Against Hunger – Support for food banks
- \* Safari Wheels – Wheelchair Acquisition for handicapped
- \* CANY Venison Donation Program, \$3,000
- \* Anthony Guriano Fund – Donation towards equipping handicap accessible van
- \* Wild game dinner in Utica in cooperation with the Salvation Army during the holidays
- \* 2018 Donation of venison to orphanage in South Africa, \$700

### **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, \$1,000
- \* 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, \$1,000
- \* Conservation Officer of the Year Award – NM Officers, who joined with Jerry Briggs, ACSCI member, to convict Adrian Romero of biggest case of poaching & wildlife-related fraud in NM history.
- \* Republican Lobsterfest Fundraiser, \$1,000
- \* Sponsor two awards annually for United Taxidermists of New York for past 14 years, \$2,575
- \* Sponsor for 2016 Schenevus Central School's Big Buck Contest, \$100
- \* Donation to the *Help Sami Kick Cancer Foundation* and The Lodge @ Dreaming Tree Ranch, \$2000
- \* Sponsored 13 Local High School Trap Teams, \$3000
- \* Donation to Colorado For Responsible Wildlife Management to help defeat the Mountain Lion and BobCat Initiative, \$1000