

This is the 35th year that the Safari Club Northwest Chapter and the Sportsmen for Conservation Fund have been raising and disbursing funds for conservation, habitat acquisition, and the protection of hunters' rights.

Over the last few years, the Northwest chapter has compiled a record of achievements of which we can all be proud. Among the projects, accomplished, or on going, are the following:

1. Sportsmen Against Hunger, a program by which hunters can donate their game meat to the needy. The Chapter has donated several tons of meat through this program to the Salvation Army.

2. Chapter's make a wish bear hunt for Jonathan Kerr from Scott Pichette of Bow Run River Guiding. Make a wish turkey hunt for Seth Cook from DJ Parker.

3. Raising over \$100,000 for the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife through the sale of special auction big game tags. The proceeds of these auction tags are given to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

4. Our annual youth hunt at the Clover Creek Ranch in Ashwood, Oregon. Sponsored by Clark Couch and the Northwest Chapter. This gives 10 youths age 10 to 17 a chance to experience a real hunting adventure, the first for most of these youths. Lessons included caping, skinning, and deboning.

5. The purchase of a walk-in cooler for the Chapter's Sportsmen Against Hunger program. The cooler was erected at the Clover Creek Ranch, complete with a new building to house the cooler. This has given Sportsmen the chance to donate thousands of pounds of game meat to the hungry every year.

6. The Chapter's billboard project. This project brought together four SCI Chapters as well as members of the Hunter's Heritage Coalition, in a common cause. The result was the strategic placement of five billboards around the Greater Seattle Metropolitan area, proclaiming that Sportsmen contribute 1.5 billion dollars to Wildlife Conservation annually.

7. The Northwest Chapter works with the school for the blind in Vancouver Washington to put on an annual Sensory Safari. Last year the chapter established the first permanent Sensory Safari in the State, at that school.

It is with great pride that the Northwest Chapter of Safari Club can say that these and other projects have combined to earn the Northwest Chapter high honors. Our Chapter in the past earned top honors as the winner of the "Diamond Conservation Award". In 2008 the chapter has won the "Chapter of the Year Award", and "Best Newsletter Award" in an annual competition among the 180 SCI Chapters around the globe!

Cordially,

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