

Inaugural Voyage of our “Sensory safari” Let the adventure begin

November 17th marked the beginning of an adventure. With the first public viewing of our Sutter Buttes SCI “Sensory Safari” & Mobile Wildlife Education Center, our dream project has come to life. With our mobile unit almost complete, missing an exterior logo, not yet installed and a limited supply of Wildlife mounts on hand, no one seemed to notice. Reviews were better than we could have ever expected. The kids’ faces said it all as they moved through our trailer. Almost immediately the questions began, what is this animal, I never realized that wart Hog teeth were so big, and I always wondered what a bobcat fur felt like. We decided to introduce our Sensory Safari exhibit to the public, even though it was not quite complete, at our “Second Annual Junior Pheasant hunt”. With over 65 Junior hunters, their parents, and a few Grandparents on hand, along with our member volunteers, Directors, and Youth Coordinator Chuck Wyllie, our guests were able to view and handle species of all types and sizes including, Rocky Mountain Elk, Black Bear, Lynx, Mule deer, Whitetail Deer, Blacktail Deer, Antelope, Impala, Springbuck, Blue Wildebeest, Dik Dik, Wart Hog , Waterbuck, Pintail Duck, and even a Largemouth Bass along with many more mounts, hides, and skulls.

What an experience to see the results of what our Directors and members have worked so hard to develop. Our mobile exhibit is almost complete, the installation of additional mounts will continue with donations coming from as far away as San Diego, and Washington State. Once complete, we will have on hand a large selection of the North American Twenty Four, and a variety of African Plains game. Our exterior lettering along with SCI logo and Sutter Buttes Background will be finalized and applied within a week, and as I write this the Physically Challenged access ramps are being constructed, allowing us to reach everyone with no viewing limitations or access issues. With these added features, and the current version of our “What is SCI” and “What are we doing for you as a hunter” Video showing regularly inside the trailer, our visitors will have a unique opportunity to be introduced to SCI, and our Sutter Buttes Chapter.

Our exhibit has been requested already by many of the local area schools, and as a group we are looking forward to displaying and working the unit in as many locations as possible. If any of you have an event or need for our Sensory Safari, please let us know and we will see that we get your event on the calendar.

I would like to thank the many local area business and individuals that have contributed to our project. Be assured that your name is proudly displayed and listed as a Partner on the exterior of our unit. Please join our membership in thanking the following Partners for their contribution of their time and materials. Caldwell Enterprises, Jerry's Stereo, ET Quality RV, Kiwi Stairs, Marysville Exchange Club, Jimmerson Financial, Team Dusa, Meyer Financial Group, Fur Fin And feather Taxidermy, Jasper And Lindsay Warren, Craig Johns, Cratiflin Construction Inc, George Knoop, Sherwin Williams, John Besselo “Centerville Estates”, Signworx, TRS Adventures ,Walt Foster, Bob's Discount carpet, and Sables National. Without all of these valuable donors are Sensory Safari unit would still only be a dream.

For future area viewing locations, please keep an eye on the Mobile Wildlife Education page on our www.SCISB.com web page.