

# Making a Difference for Wildlife

Hundreds of local conservation projects are undertaken annually by SCI Chapters. They are reinforced by many notable conservation initiatives funded by the SCI Foundation.



## Game Bird Heritage Program

Modesto and Oakdale Counties, California, USA

Total Funds: \$6,260

Often, kids or others who wish to hunt may have no access to private hunting areas where pheasant are plentiful. As a result, the SCI-sponsored hunts on Modesto and Oakdale ranches are excellent learning opportunities.

Lucky participants are selected in a drawing held by CDFG. Three hunts are held. The family hunt allows a hunter to take a family member or friend, lasts one day, and allows the hunter to take up to 200 birds.

The women's hunt also is a one-day hunt and allows 60 women to take up to two birds each.

The youth hunt is a two-day weekend hunt, and allows 100 kids to take up to two birds each. That's a three-hunt total of 520 birds at \$10.50 each, funded by SCI CA Central Valley.

In addition, the Chapter hosts a post-hunt barbecue for the participants, with coffee, soft drinks, burgers and hot dogs. It's a lot of work but Chapter members consider it a labor of love. According to Chapter President Kurt Huhn, "SCI has been great too, providing matching grants annually to help the chapter out."

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FOR THE LAST SEVEN YEARS, FSCI's CA Central Valley Chapter, in collaboration with the California Department of Fish & Game (CDFG), has advanced the Game Bird Heritage Program. Each year SCI and the department organize family, women's and youth hunts for pheasants, in an effort to promote hunting and to instill a conservation ethic in those who might otherwise never have a chance to participate.

