

Hunter Camps testimonials

"We just wanted to take time to thank you for the incredible opportunities that you and CWA have afforded our son. From his first experience working for his hunter safety training certificate at Bird Haven (which is also the first overnight not with family) until his latest at Grizzly Ranch. For us it has been part of his maturing into the young man he is today. Cruz hasn't always been the most confident kid and through your programs and these experiences it has taken him to another level of confidence and for that we can't thank you all enough."

"Thank you so much - what a successful program. Aidan has not stopped talking about the weekend since I picked him up. I did not get a word in edge wise on the way home and he was talking about big game hunting at 12 and how he could not wait. I would rate the camp a ten for learning, self-confidence and fun!"

"You ran a remarkable Hunter Education program this past weekend. My son Oskar came home 'one inch taller,' reflecting all that he had learned and personally accomplished."

"I want to also let you know that I appreciate all that CWA has to offer. My boys would be in the outdoors everyday if they could. They have made some new friendships through CWA sponsored events that will continue to grow. Thank you very much. My daughters have begun asking Russell to take them out. In a few years they will be old enough. In the meantime, big brothers read the Sprig Tales to them. "

"CWA's youth and hunt programs are way out in front of other conservation groups."

"Thanks so much for all your hard work this past weekend. Matt had a great time and was telling me which species made which sound on the way home. He is fired up for hunting this season."

"This is LONG overdue, but I just wanted to thank you for your part in running such an excellent camp! Our son Tom was able to participate in the camp out at Mandeville Island this past summer. We are hoping that the advance camp dates don't conflict with Boy Scout camp this summer so he can come out there again. We have told several friends about the camp and how well it was run. Tom certainly enjoyed himself and learned a lot. We are anxiously awaiting his first duck, but no matter what he is enjoying the sport and the wildlife."

"I want you to know that both Mitch and Dana not only had a great time, but are continuing to show a strong interest in hunting. We have gone pheasant hunting twice in the past month. The big topic around the house is now what type of gun they would like Santa to bring."

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"Thanks so much for letting me come up to Rancho Esquon and stay there and have the best hunting day of my life. It truly was great!"

"Watching my son's face when he realized that he had harvested his first Greenhead was priceless. The memories that were created will last a life time."

"Like I told our guide Anthony, you helped turn a little boy into a duck hunter. I think Nolan's smile says it all. He can't stop talking about the hunt. You and your guides did an outstanding job. Nolan had a great first year duck hunting, thanks in part to CWA, the land owners, and all your hard work."

"Thanks again for everything. Colby would have never learned to hunt without CWA help. We now have a good start. This has been such a great experience. On the way home from Rancho Esquon, we bought a duck call for Colby and earplugs for me. All the way home he was practicing!"

"I want to let you know what a great experience my son Dominic, and I had at the Grizzly Ranch hunt yesterday. From Jeremy's presentation Friday night to Mike taking care of the kids needs, and Frank calling ducks Saturday morning the experience was first class. It is clear what a priority our youth are to you at CWA. Although my son only came home with one duck the opportunities were endless. Between taking his hunter safety at Bird Haven and his hunt at Grizzly Ranch, I can't imagine him not being a lifelong hunter."

"I think CWA is awesome!"

"This program rocks! Keep up the good work!"

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"I shot my first duck. Thank you so much!"

"I had the hunt of my life."

"Thanks so much, I will be a CWA member for life!"

"My son Gareth had a life changing experience and I think you all have a new hunter amongst your ranks. Add to it that our three year old lab is undergoing some training as Gareth saw first hand the relationship between a working dog and the handler. Could not have wished for anything more out of this experience, far exceeds expectations and glad Gareth ended up with a Sprig hen to boot. I had Gareth pluck, clean and then I helped roast it on the BBQ to share with our family before our Christmas dinner."

College Camp program testimonials

“Before attending the camp, I had incorrectly imagined hunting as a force that worked against conservation measures rather than a critical driving force FOR wildlife conservation.”

“I observed that hunting seems to inherently inspire in hunters a fundamental respect and love for the animals that they hunt—indeed hunters seem more committed to wildlife conservation than most individuals I have met, even within my major.”

“In a few days many of my misconceptions about hunting, hunters, and guns were eradicated. I left the camp with a new appreciation of what it is to be a hunter.”

“After my hunting weekend at Bird Haven Ranch, I woke up on Monday morning with my head still full of birds. Hen mallard quacks echoed in my ears, pairs of pintails rushed up and past my eyes, and I could still feel the shotgun pump against my shoulder.”

“We want to put out special thanks to CWA. My son Dylan and I had a trip we will never forget. Dylan shot his first Honker and I shot my first ever Wood ducks, I got a double on them. We are going to have these birds mounted. Again Thank you for giving us the opportunity, these memories will last us forever.”

“We just wanted to drop you a quick note to say thank you for the opportunity CWA provides. Thank you to all of those who donate hunts. We had an amazing hunt at Bird Haven Ranch. It was my step sons best hunt ever and ranks high for me too. Dennis and Dave made sure we had everything we needed for a great day. Their hospitality was top notch. Plenty of birds and plenty of action.”

“I wanted to thank you again for being such a generous host and guide, that was an incredible hunt and we couldn’t have asked for more. I’ll definitely be applying for more hunts in the future and try to encourage others as well. I hope to keep in touch and it would be great to see photos of other hunts. I will call you next year for info, but I will be putting in for all the grasslands hunts based on your strict selections of which clubs are offered. It’s obvious you run a top notch hunt program of some of the highest quality hunts around the Los Banos area.”