TDA’s American Outdoor Adventures
Formerly Hunt for Your Dreams

It won’t be long and deer hunting season will be in full swing in Texas as in many other regions of the United States. There is nothing like capturing on video a deer stand on a frosty fall morning filling a person with the wonders of our natural world as well as the anticipation of events yet to unfold. Few creatures on earth have as many desirable qualities as the white tail deer and in particular the white tail buck. Its physical majesty is matched only by his elusiveness and the quality of the “table fare” produced by a successful hunt. Friendships are made in the telling and retelling of a lifetime of memorable hunts around campfires nationwide.

The media, through pro-hunting television shows and magazines, helps empower and persuade all Americans to take up the sport we all love so much. Seeing in homes across America, other hunters with unfortunate physical maladies themselves enjoying an evening sitting in a deer stand overlooking a food plot, will often convince them their dream is not out of the question!
Impossible dreams for physically challenged kids were NOT a subject that was to be tolerated for an instant at the 2004 Texas Deer Association Conference. From the moment I walked into the convention center it was like a family reunion of sorts. I was really impressed with the dignified, respectful manner Texans treat each other and me included. That Texan respect for human dignity was more than just words. It is a river that runs very deep as I was about to find out when TDA's President David Hayward gave me time to address the Association about USSA and its operation.

To put it mildly, the response was both immediate and overwhelming! Scientific Breeders and ranchers volunteered their services one right after another; their crossties centered on the “impossible dream” of our nation’s challenged youth.

Without a doubt, a steady supply of TDA hunts is essential to match the ever-growing number of challenged youth wishing to experience a real life outdoor adventure. Most of these kids come from families decimated by huge medical bills and can not afford few comforts in life. With the involvement of concerned sportsman and conservationists, a child’s life can grow tremendously with involvement in these hunting experiences, while helping to empower others to follow in their footsteps.

After the convention, I returned home and started setting up deer hunts for these special young hunters. It wasn’t long, children from all walks of life and disabilities were heading to the Lone Star state.

A true sportsman cares for both the natural resource and their fellow man. Introducing these challenged youth to our hunting heritage helps gives them hope and strength during their time of trial and tribulation. Family ties are strengthened and lifelong friends are made. These hunts are a true public service unlike the self-serving agenda of the animal activists. Sportsmen crossing the line in the sand to protect our hunting heritage can and will put an end to the radical agenda of the many activist groups.

On February 27 1836, a young Colonel from Red Bank South Carolina drew a “line in the sand” at the historic landmark we all know as the Alamo. Those volunteers who crossed the line knew full well they would face seemingly overwhelming odds in defending a just cause!

Well, times have changed. The enemy isn’t a cruel dictator, rather an arrogant array of well-financed politically correct activist groups, which seek to end our national hunting heritage and the alleged “exploitation” of farm animals as well. These radical groups specialize in media manipulation and domination, huge expense accounts, flowery hollow words, and concepts. The only species they care little for is the one we all know as mankind.

I want to thank all Texas Deer Association members from the various states for their strong support for USSA and its mission. People like you are the foundation of our shooting sports industry and this will be exemplified in TDA’s upcoming television show, “American Outdoor Adventures”. God bless you all.

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