U.S.S.A. deer hunt in Sahara Woods

November 5-7, 2004 United Special Sportsman Alliance coordinated a dream hunt wish for thirteen youth. The deer hunt took place at Sahara Woods Wildlife area located at the southern tip of Illinois. This second annual event featured children from all over the country with life-threatening and terminal illnesses. The majority of these children were located by radio broadcasts on the world wide syndicated morning shows “John Boy and Billy” as well as local classic rock radio station 107.5 WCCN out of Neillsville. The Illinois Bowhunter Society (IBS) and the Illinois DNR provided the guides and the licenses. Many pro-hunting organizations like the Illinois chapter of Safari Club International, Northland Cranberries, Matthews Solocam, Whitetails Unlimited, Lee Hall, National Starch & Chemical, IFOR Youth Education & Outdoors and many more helped sponsor the food and lodging for the event. Several Wisconsin deer hunters also donated venison and what was left over when to a needy family in the community.

The ladies were again stiff hunting competition, and were able to harvest the first deer. Becky Clark from Melrose, not only got a big fat doe, but was able to score on a nice buck. Thirty two deer were taken by the thirteen kids and their volunteers and the largest buck was taken by Dallas Hawkins from Neosho, Missouri. Everyone had the time of their lives while taking in the beautiful Illinois autumn landscape.

Sportsmen and women in neighboring Indiana have joined forces with U.S.S.A. and its fine sponsors to launch a similar hunt in their home state

November 19-21. In addition, USSA is planning to coordinate a rural event in fall 2005 right here in Wisconsin, which will show off the fine wildlife habitat, as well as the hospitable and caring nature of Wisconsin residents. If you would like to be a guide or donate a deer on your property please contact USSA, there are many highly rewarding roles that are there for the asking.

Zachary Butler of Trezevant, Tennessee and guide, Terry Day from Franklin Grove, Illinois bagged this deer in the Illinois hunt.

Tyler Halateck and his dad, Rich from Reedsburg, Wisconsin shot this doe during the hunt.