Wisconsin young lady enjoys unforgettable outdoor adventure

On February 23, of this year, United Special Sportsman Alliance helped host another multi-youth event in Texas, with the help of many generous Pittsville residents. Brittany Zebrowsky from southern Wisconsin accompanied Brigid O’Donoghue (USSA) on her trip to Houston Motor Speedway, and the thick brush country of south Texas. Her six year battle with brain cancer hasn’t dampened her taste for adventure. This was to be a trip of a lifetime for the young lady.

The first phase of the trip began at Houston Motor Speedway, and a ride in some real Nextel Cup cars. A shiny, black Monte Carlo that was a replica of Dale Earnhardt’s number 3 sported a USA logo on the real deck. It was this speed demon that caught Brittany’s eye and Micah Slaughter (USSA and driver) transported her around the race track at speeds over 150 MPH!

Besides Brittany, there were nine other disabled and critically ill children with the skyrocketing popularity of NASCAR, real life experiences like this are fast becoming a favorite with many USA recipients. After the checkered flag fell on the event, it was off to San Angelo, Texas for a date with a black buck.

USSA children at Houston Motor Speedway!

The black buck is actually a member of the antelope family, and was originally found in India, Pakistan and Argentina. Many ranches in Texas have imported black bucks, which are known for their blazing speed and elusiveness, as well as their two foot long spiral horns. The Stanley Mayfield ranch hosted the hunt, and it wasn’t long after their arrival, her guide Josh Boness knocked at the door for the afternoon hunt. After a long hard day and a half Brittany made a one shot kill on a beautiful black buck!

Brittany with her hunting guide Josh Boness of Mayfield Ranch.

The last leg of the hunting trip brought Brittany to Four Seasons Hunting and its owner Dan Moody. We humans often like to challenge ourselves with difficult or dangerous tasks; and Brittany was about to face her most formidable foe yet, a wild Russian Boar! To make matters tenser, they were going to hunt the boar at night, and were only to use a knife to kill it! Assisting Brittany, Dan and Brigid that night were some black mouthed curs to trail up the boars and a couple “catch dogs” whose job it was to stop and hold the boar for the hunters and keep them out of harms way. After some time, the curs took up the trail and layed up a nice boar. Dan and Brigid led the catch dogs near the thicket where the boar was making its stand and released them. After leading the way into the unseen ruckus, Hagen Watkins (12 year old) from Uvalde, Texas, was able to help "wheelbarrow" the boar which was preoccupied with the catch dogs in front of him. Brittany was able to slide up the backside of the boar and slip the knife behind its shoulder shield. Words cannot begin to describe the intensity of a hunt like this!