



Who are Education Sables?

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Founded in 1984, by the women of SCI under the leadership of Audrey Murtland, the SCI Foundation Education Sables are committed to continuing our outdoor heritage through education.

The Sables are leaders in educating others about the value of hunting in promoting our hunting and outdoor heritage. Today, Education Sables are Safari Club International members – women and men- who choose to dedicate their time, energy and resources to SCI Foundation education programs. All money raised by Education Sables is dedicated to education programs.

SCIF Education Programs:

- American Wilderness Leadership School – Conducted at Granite Ranch in Jackson Hole, WY this program provides conservation education for educators and students. Established in 1976 with the vision of providing education with a useful hands-on experience that they can use in the classroom AWLS has provided a credited wildlife management program for over 5000 educators who reach more than a million students annually as well as a fun, challenging experience for over 1300 students. The school offers 6 educator sessions and 1 student session each year between June and August.
- Hands On Wildlife Kit – The purpose of the H.O.W. is to provide an instructional tool for educators to teach conservation, wildlife ecology and the positive role of hunting distributed through retail sales and a gifting program. The H.O.W. learning kit contains pelts, replicas of skulls, scat and tracks of four North American Animals: beaver, coyote, raccoon and rabbit. A poster and a curriculum quick-guide with lists and descriptions of resources that can be used to enhance instructional strategies in each kit.
- College Scholarships – Currently there are SCIF Sables Hunting Heritage Endowed scholarships at 5 universities. SCIF Scholarships are awarded to 2 year upper level and 4 year undergraduate students. All scholarship recipients have declared majors in wildlife ecology or natural resources management.
- Grants – Grants are awarded by SCIF Education Sables through three primary processes. SCIF Education Matching Grants are provided to SCI Chapters to support local education programs. Grants are also awarded to partners to support national and local conservation and shooting sports programs. Chapter Youth Program Grants are awarded to Chapters who have established a plan to implement and sustain youth education programs, administered by the chapter. Unlike to Matching Grants, these awards are based on the program plan outlined in submitted application and the utilization and allocation of the funds takes place at the chapter level.

