



## SACRAMENTO INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S EXPOSITION Wilderness Unlimited Foundation provides public outreach

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The Wilderness Unlimited Foundation or WUF is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that many in the West may not be aware of. Those familiar with Wilderness Unlimited, (W.U.) the West's largest hunting and fishing club specializing in accessing private land may think they know about WUF. Read on.

WUF was founded officially five years ago to take over and expand the outdoor outreach, heritage, habitat and education programs being administered by W.U. While W.U. is a private club that pioneered many of these programs, WUF also does all it can to include the public in their sponsored activities. The biggest example right here at the Sacramento Expo is the youth fishing pond in the Youth Outdoor Sports Fair. "Lucy's Pond" has been the cornerstone of the Youth Fair since its inception over 20 years ago.



Lucy's Pond

Other outreach examples of WUF include the popular Wild Turkey Expo. All you ever needed to know turkey hunting program was started by W.U. 16 year ago. The success of the program led to Expanded Hunter Education Program in California. (This year's event will be in March) WUF has sponsored at least one Billy Gianquinto waterfowl hunting clinic each year for the last 25 years. They also have fly fishing schools, pheasant hunts, youth turkey and deer hunts and more.



Jr Turkey Hunt

WUF also works hand-in-hand with other organizations. Fly Fishing schools for Reel Recovery (cancer survivors) and the Becoming an Outdoor Women Program are sponsored each year.

WUF's outreach includes bringing Lucy's Pond to physically challenged youth at events around the state each year as well.

Habitat improvement programs are also part of the agenda, and due to W.U.'s large private landholdings, wildlife enhancement projects are always being initiated. One example is W.U.'s wood duck nesting program. Going on 24 years now, WUF's is one of the oldest and largest in the state.

One of the most popular events hosted by WUF is their Youth Camp. The kids are mentored on fishing, shooting, hunting, survival and more during their six full days during late June on a ranch near Laytonville.

The point of this is all of these Wilderness Unlimited Foundation programs are time and expense intense. Dedicated volunteers run the programs. Like all non-profits, making the income cover the expenses is a struggle.

You can check out WUF at [www.WUFound.org](http://www.WUFound.org)