

Safari West

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Thank you for your kind consideration of a donation for the Safari West Wildlife Foundation's annual fundraiser, supporting wildlife conservation and STEM youth education programs at Safari West! Our programs thrive on contributions like yours and the funds raised during our annual fundraiser, "An Evening on the Serengeti". This crucial evening fundraiser, on Saturday, September 27, 2025, is key to our success, supporting wildlife conservation and Safari West LIVE, Discover Africa, and Junior Keeper STEM learning programs.

The Foundation's programs have a profound impact on the education and well-being of thousands of children each year, offering them unique opportunities to experience live wild animals and learn about conservation, agriculture, and various sciences such as biology, osteology and veterinary care at Safari West. Curriculum is regularly refined and updated in adherence to California's Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Safari West is the home base for the Foundation, and is an active 400-acre ranch, with half dedicated to managed conservation open space and ongoing projects like oak tree, blue bird, bat, and water conservation initiatives.

Safari West LIVE (SWL) Program – broadcasts twice weekly interactive live-stream safari treks to children's hospitals across the country. The program reached over 64,000 hospital beds in 2024. This program is a virtual adventure of Safari West that streams directly to children's devices. Fully interactive, this program recreates the educational experience of the in-person visits provided by Discover Africa field visits encouraging engagement with two naturalist hosts, who answer questions and add personal touches such as birthday and other wellness shout-outs and activities.

Research has shown that animals and play provide a special therapeutic value for ill children, thus contributing to their physical and emotional well-being, aiding them to overcome hospitalization anxiety and support recovery. The program's educational activities promote child participation, which also encourages parents to share the activities and to actively participate in the experience. Carefully designed programs and related curriculum assist child life professionals with their lesson planning.



Photos: Chris, a patient at Boston Children's Hospital, who dreams of becoming a zookeeper someday. The Safari West LIVE team sent him a goody package with an honorary certificate in advance of the program, to enjoy during his interactive experience. The field host is in the truck with the camera person on top of the vehicle, connecting to the studio at Safari West and another host, the producer, and the hospital.

Junior Keeper Program – a teen mentorship STEM learning program, focusing on zookeeper skills, environmental projects, self-awareness and public speaking. Open to youth between the ages of 12 and 16 years of age, this seven-month program provides the opportunity for teens to gain hands-on experience and discover opportunities in the fields of animal management, conservation and wildlife science. Junior Keepers are involved with animal care duties, special research and conservation projects, are taught how to and present information to the public.



Photos: Junior Keepers providing the Giraffes with tasty Acacia treats at Safari West. Exhibiting at the 2025 North Bay Science Fair and presenting horns/antlers and projects at Safari West.

Discover Africa Program – offering Title 1 schools onsite animal immersion adventures, paired with classroom projects and biology lessons. SWWF generally provides programs for grades 3-8. Schools who are not able to afford a classroom visit to Safari West apply and are screened for acceptance. This educational program works in collaboration with Northern California schools and focuses on the importance of preserving local and international ecosystems. Opportunities are available for individuals and companies to sponsor a school, with more information [available here](#).



Photos: Discover Africa elementary school students enjoying a walk to board their trek vehicle, on trek with a close encounter with Giraffes and African antelope, in the walk-through Aviary discovering bird species from around the world.

We would be thrilled to have you join us and help us keep these programs for our community. Your support ensures that we can continue to "Inspire Wildlife Stewards for Life," and we are honored to have you as part of our community. *Please see next page for donation and sponsorship information!*

With gratitude,

Safari West Wildlife Foundation Fundraising Committee

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Safari West Wildlife Foundation Donor Form for Goods or Services

Thank you for donating to Safari West Wildlife Foundation. Please complete this form and email it to Paula Johnson at paula@safariwestfoundation.org. Safari West Wildlife Foundation is a registered 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization Tax ID# 91-1837240. Your contribution is deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Contact First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Organization Name: _____

(If no organization name, tax form will be issued to Donor)

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Please provide a description of the item you are donating:

Please provide an approximate retail value: \$ _____

(Tax advisor should determine tax deductible amount)

Yes, I would like to sponsor the event at this level: (circle one)

Giraffe: \$5,000

Rhino: \$2,500

Lemur: \$1,000

Giraffe includes: two tickets to the event, event logo recognition, program ad, announced recognition, logo recognition during the event and for a full year on SWWF website, Foundation's screen at Safari West and sponsor logo recognition during Safari West Live programs.

Rhino includes: event and program logo, announced recognition, logo recognition during the event and for six months on SWWF website and Foundation's screen onsite at Safari West.

Lemur includes: event and program logo recognition, announced recognition, logo recognition during event.

All sponsorships come with knowing you're supporting local children and schools!

Contact Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Thank you - your contribution creates opportunities!