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Conservation Notes

Current topics and issues affecting hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation in our North Dakota.

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Dollars for Education

The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society (Chapter) and the North Dakota Wildlife Federation (Federation) have supported youth education and participation in outdoor recreation for the past two decades. The Chapter has financially supported the Junior Duck Stamp Contest, North Dakota's part of a national art contest for 25 years. K-12 students are eligible, and the contest attracts 700-800 budding artists each year. Since 1984, the Chapter has provided over \$25,000 to 200 college students majoring in natural resource fields at NDSU, UND, Valley City State University, University of Jamestown, Dakota College-Bottineau, United Tribes Technical Education Center, Sitting Bull College, and the University of Mary. The Federation has provided over \$100,000 in youth conservation, education and outdoor recreation grants for trap leagues, archery in the school's programs, and locally sponsored youth hunting and fishing events. The Federation has also provided college scholarships at UND and VCSU. The goals of these programs are to encourage our youth to participate in hunting and angling activities, to enter the wildlife management field, and to grow the next generation of conservationists. We need citizen participation and home-grown professionals to maintain our state's quality outdoor assets.

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