

Discover Africa

Teaching children to appreciate wildlife and nature.



Safari West Wildlife Foundation's school field trip program hosts over 3,000 students per year.

While more than 10,000 students visit Safari West in a school year, it is estimated that as many as 5,000 more are not able to attend due to financial limitations. In response to this need, Safari West Wildlife Foundation has introduced Discover Africa, fully-sponsored field trips at no cost to students and schools in need.

The Foundation is especially committed to providing an educational program that gives under-served students in the greater Bay Area the opportunity to experience first-hand encounters with nature and wildlife. The adventure begins aboard our African Queen with a drive through our 12-acre giraffe enclosure, which also includes a variety of African antelope and large cranes. The students also enjoy a trek on foot through our aviary housing an international bird collection as well as a visit with our primates on Lemur Island, our cheetah enclosure, and more small-mammal habitats.

For many of our students, this is their sole chance for immersion into our natural world. By supporting the Wildlife Foundation you are enabling these children to connect with animals, respect our environment, and come to better understand their own significance within our natural world. We are fortunate to have the privilege, and the responsibility, to provide access for those children who would not otherwise have had such a magical opportunity.

We have designed our program to provide a unique experience for these students. We find that interacting with

the animals by going eye-to-eye with a giraffe or counting a zebra's stripes leaves a "wildlife imprint" on these developing minds. Children yearn for this knowledge and embrace this unique adventure. We have heard many touching stories from students whose lives have taken a whole new direction after visiting Safari West. It broadens their horizons in ways we couldn't have imagined.

Your support has made Discover Africa wildly successful, growing from 300 students in 2005 to nearly 3,000 at present! Our application process identifies schools that qualify for this fully sponsored educational opportunity at Safari West. It is our hope that no school, regardless of its socio-economic level, will be denied such an experience.

Thank you for honoring our commitment with your support. Our work would not be possible without you.

*At Safari West, we say,
"We all run under the same stars."*

To arrange for sponsorship through the Discover Africa program at Safari West, please e-mail discoverafrica@safariwest.com or telephone **(707) 579-2551** and ask for our Discover Africa Coordinator to determine if your school is eligible.

Take a trek to our website for more information:
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The Safari West Wildlife Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the protection and preservation of wildlife through research and education.

The foundation takes an active role in enriching the lives of children and adults in the local community through specialized educational encounters. For school field-trips, teacher workshops, wildlife camps, and research opportunities, Safari West serves as a dynamic living backdrop to observe and interact with the natural environment. The Foundation's flagship program, Discover Africa, provides field-trips for under-served youth and lies at the heart of the organization's educational mission.

Funds raised in support of the Foundation contribute directly to helping the members of our community develop a deeper appreciation for our exquisite natural world and its magnificent inhabitants.

Twiga at Twilight

Each year, Safari West Wildlife Foundation presents *Twiga at Twilight*, wine country's most exotic fundraiser! Beginning with a wine reception under the watchful gaze of our giraffes, guests enjoy a glorious evening of entertainment, auction items, a scrumptious seated dinner, and gracious company.

"Twiga," meaning gentle giraffe, comes from a Swahili creation folktale in which the animals were told what their purpose would be on this Earth. The giraffe listened so intently to his creator, straining to absorb every word, that he was given an elegantly elongated neck as an encouragement and reward for his extra effort and curiosity. For the Foundation, Twiga represents the chance to inspire in young people a similar engagement and interest in our natural world.

Proceeds from the event provide the primary funding for the Foundation's Discover Africa program, allowing under-served youth from the greater Bay Area to experience a wild educational encounter at Safari West.

We invite you to participate in Twiga at Twilight as a sponsor, donor or event guest.

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