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Testimonial by Catherine Thompson

I had the experience of a lifetime through the Women Hunt™ Program and the Wild Sheep Foundation. I applied to the WSF & WH Program hoping I would get selected to attend a women's beginner's hunting program and I was leaving for a two week vacation the day after applying. Not long after returning I had an email letting me know I had been selected to attend the Women Hunt™ Program at the FTW Ranch. The next month would be a whirl wind of excitement, new knowledge, and meeting some of the finest people from across the country and Canada.

My flight was booked for San Antonio and the adventure begins. The hotel, dinner at the River Walk and meeting all the women who were also chosen, along with the folks from Women Hunt™, Wild Sheep Foundation and FTW Ranch was amazing. Our first night was filled with delicious food and many fun stories from all the people involved with this adventure. I can't say enough how blessed I was to have been selected.

Arriving at the ranch was thrilling for all of us. We knew and hoped that we would come out of this experience different than going into it and we did. The jeep rides were so much fun, we would say "It's like being in Jurassic Park" and then we'd giggle. The wildlife at the ranch was always exciting to see, let alone knowing we were going to hunt them. First, we had to start our training, principles of marksmanship, learning your scope, shot placement, gun cleaning and so much more. The FTW instructors were knowledgeable, patient with great personalities, but mostly determined to help us be successful hunters. The training is hard work, but worth every second. The relationships that were built attending this program will forever stay with me. I am truly grateful for this hunting journey.

Having been on a couple of hunts, but not harvesting a big game animal, I thought I knew what I was doing. After attending the Women Hunt™ Program at the FTW Ranch and harvesting my first big game animal, I realized how much I still needed to learn, and this program helped me by providing the best possible training to a new hunter. I am forever grateful to the WH, FTW and WSF for giving me this opportunity. Thanks to this program I feel confident that I can continue my hunting journey to be an ethical and passionate hunter. All the women who attended this program continue to stay in contact with each other and it really means a lot to me that we have each other for support. Thank you Women Hunt™ Program for the experience of a lifetime.