



Stellane John, AZ

Ya'at'eeh, (Hello in Navajo) my name is Stellane John. I am from Forest Lake, Arizona located on the Navajo Nation. Not to be confused with Forest Lakes that is also located in Arizona closer to Payson. Although I am from Forest Lake, I spent a lot of my time growing up in Kayenta which is 30-40 minutes from Forest Lake, traveled by dirt road for the most part. I am full Navajo but consider myself half Navajo and half Hopi as we grew up with my mom's stepdad who is Hopi. Being a part of both tribes has been an amazing experience from learning the language, experiencing the ceremonies, and taking part in years of tradition. Everything I learned from my culture has molded me into the person I am today, and I am very grateful for that. I look forward to carrying on the knowledge I have of my tribe's culture, tradition, and language.

Growing up, my brother and I were always outdoors. The outdoors was both our playground and working area when we had to attend to livestock. While being outdoors I saw other wildlife such as deer and elk. Hunting is a traditional trait, and the men are taught to go out and hunt and bring back meat. I watched my dad and brother go out multiple times and I always asked to go with them, but I was left at home. As I got older my desire to hunt was still there and was not going anywhere. Although I never got to hunt with my brother and dad, I at least had the opportunity to go scout with them. I was exposed to hunting but was never formally taught. The Women Hunt™ program provided the knowledge and experience needed from start to finish about hunting. Now I feel confident enough to start my hunting experience and I could not be grateful enough for the wonderful experience and opportunity that was provided by the Wild Sheep Foundation. I look forward to sharing what I learned and teaching more women about hunting and conservation and encourage them to apply for the Women Hunt™ Program.

-Ahe'hee' (Thank you in Navajo)