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Travis's Wish Comes True *By Jim Leonard*

An unexpected early wet snow was falling in the hills near Tyrone, Pennsylvania when the grey van pulled up at Quest Haven Lodge. Mom Michelle and Dad Ken got out and, using a slide out elevator device, proceeded to unload their two sons, both in electric wheelchairs. Brandon 14 and Travis 11 are debilitated with muscular dystrophy but it did not deter their big smiles as they looked forward to their first chance ever to hunt. They were joining four other life challenged young folks at what was the third Tony Semple Foundation for Hope Outdoor Adventure scheduled this year. Foundation Board

members present included Tony, Craig Mortz, Mike Leonard, and Mike Ruhlig. The Lansing Area Chapter of SCI sponsored Travis so Janet and I were there to help out and represent the Chapter. After a great lunch, each of the six hunters were presented a huge duffel bag loaded with three layers of camo hunting clothing from Moth Wing, LaCrosse boots, binoculars from Leopold, Pro Ears electronic hearing protectors, back pack, custom skinning knife with their initials engraved on the blade, Detroit Lions shirts and hats and other assorted items. Mike Leonard then ceremoniously presented each of them with an authentic arrowhead he had made especially for them by a Michigan flint knapping group. It was bound with gold wire and on a lanyard to be worn as a special hunter's lucky charm. They were told, and it is

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