



RAFFLE UPDATE July 31, 2009

"We have decided to take smaller steps in our goal to getting special kids on the water. It is just a little harder for people to afford the opportunity to participate in our fundraiser. So to be fair to those generous people that have purchased a ticket, we have decided to lower the total amount of tickets sold to 500. This will be a wonderful surprise to those of you that have purchased tickets already. We are not changing our mission, or the purpose of the money, we are just scaling the boat down to provide exactly the same accommodations as before. We are just putting the floor plan on a custom pontoon boat. The advantage of this boat is the flexibility of being trailerable. The boat will be dedicated to lake fishing instead of the bay. We will have the opportunity to service these kids from Fresno to Redding and all points west. In addition to greater flexibility of location, we will be working with various other non-profits like CAST for Kids Foundation, California Inland Fisheries, as well as other great organizations that promote helping others and preserving our fisheries.

We have had inquiries about the drawing date. As we have stated from the beginning, the raffle may extend till the minimum number of tickets are sold. This is one reason for scaling down the project. We are so overwhelmed by the wonderful people we are in contact with,(not just those that purchase tickets), we don't want to extend the drawing any longer than we must. For those of you checking in on the status, this should be great news! We want you to know this in part was done for you, to show our appreciation. We are hoping that the raffle will not extend past the end of Sept. . We will keep you informed, and good luck !!!"

The staff of Restoring Hope, Inc.