

## Report for 2017 Marvin Robbins Memorial Youth Turkey Hunt Camps

The AZSFWC Grant for 2017 helped fund two youth camps this past season. One camp was held near Happy Jack at the V Bar V Ranch. The second camp was held east of Payson on the road to Young at the Colcord Ridge Camp Ground. Both camps were set up on Thursday afternoon with attendees also arriving on Thursday. Hunts were conducted on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning with afternoon hunts on Friday and Saturday. Meals were served Thursday evening through Sunday morning.

Between the two camps there were 307 total attendees. These numbers included 158 youth hunters, 58 total volunteers of which 42 were hunt mentors. The total harvest between the two camps was 12 gobblers.

These camps encourage family participation and there were multiple activities for family members and hunt participants. There were archery ranges, BB gun ranges, fish hatchery tours, fishing in timely stocked streams, raffles for kids and a special visit by a Golden Eagle and the Eagle handler.

Youth education is an important part of these camps and as such there were multiple seminars conducted on Friday and Saturday. These seminars covered turkey biology, hunt strategies, map reading, shotgun basics for turkey hunting, hunter safety, hunter ethics, varmint calling and interaction with the AZ Game and Fish Department.

These camps are not drop in camps for hunters looking for hunt advice. They are mentored camps that partner new hunters with experienced mentors for one on one instruction in the field. Our mentors dedicate time and resources in order to share their love of turkey hunting. They can easily spend 16 to 25 hours in the field with youth participants. Hunt mentors cover the cost of their own fuel expenses.

There are multiple conservation partner organizations involved in the operation and mentoring in the camps. AZ Game and Fish attend and support both camps as well as members of the U.S Forest Service.





## Use of AZSFWC grant Funds

Name of the Event: Marvin Robbins Memorial Youth Turkey Hunting camp

Date the event took place. 4/20/2017 through 4/22/2017, at two locations.

Amount of the grant  \$7,262.00  Chk#   Other funds

Please list expenditures of grant funds. Be specific. You are expected to retain receipts

ITEM	VENDOR	AMOUNT
Food	Multiple Vendors	\$4598.37
Propane	Pro Build Builders	\$248.94
Fuel	Multiple	\$299.43
Porta Johns	Multiple	\$566.50
Camp supplies / equipment	Multiple	\$448.29
Camp Advertising Flyers		\$62.25

Total = \$6,6223.78

Check to remit to AZSFWC = \$1038.22

Receipts available on request.