

AZ Sportsmen For Wildlife Conservation GRANT COMPLETION REPORT

Project Title: ADBSS/BOONE AND CROCKETT YOUTH CAMP

Organization: Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society

Event/Project Completion Date: June 11, 2021

Project Location (Include info such as event center, hunting unit, etc.): Teddy Roosevelt Memorial Ranch, Montana

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AZSFWC Recognition:

AZSFWC Logo and Link to AZSFWC on organization's website? (attach screen print image) Yes ☒ No ☐

License Plate Image w/link to MVD on organization's website? (attach screen print image) Yes ☒ No ☐

AZSFWC Logo displayed at event? (attach photo(s)) Yes ☐ No ☒

AZSFWC recognized in all marketing materials & post event articles? (attach all samples) Yes ☐ No ☐

A COPY OF THE LATEST RAM'S HORN, WITH APPROPRIATE ATTRIBUTION TO AZSFWC IS INCLUDED.

List any social media recognition of AZSFWC (include all screen print images)

Was there any media or press coverage? (attach copies if available) Yes ☐ No ☒

List any other recognition?

Summarize Project Accomplishments :

10 youths (5 boys/5 girls) were sent to the Teddy Roosevelt Memorial Ranch in Montana for one week in June to learn outdoor skills in a natural setting. ADBSS paid all expenses, including airfare and camp costs.

The camp curriculum included: archery, firearms instruction, trap shooting, wildlife identification, plant identification and nature hikes, fly tying and fly fishing. While hiking, the campers spotted a variety of wildlife, observed old Native American tepee rings, and visited an old homestead cabin on the property. This afforded them the opportunity to learn how early settlers lived while taming the land.

Measurable Results (Fill in all that are applicable):

Attendees (If project was an event, list total # of participants, excluding staff, visiting parents, etc): 20, including staff

Visitors (If the project is an interpretive display, list total # of annual visitors): N/A

Brochures, Pamphlets, etc. (If the project is a brochure, publication, poster or video, list the total produced and distributed): N/A

Other (please explain):

Budget (specifically describe how AZSFWC funds were used; e.g. program promotion, type of equipment, materials and/or supplies, etc.) ATTACH COPIES OF ALL RECEIPTS:

Budget Item	Planned	Actual
airfares		\$4013
Camp tuition/lodging		\$3780

Project Cooperator(s) (please include any in-kind contributions):

Cooperator (no abbreviations)	Amount Contributors \$
Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society	\$5800

Photographs

*Visuals are **critical** to effectively communicating project accomplishments and are a requirement of AZSFWC project reporting*

Following are a few photo guidelines:

- Submit photos (digital & prints are all welcome) in their original format. No photocopies please.
- Include information regarding photo credits. Photos on flash drive attributable to Matty Todd
- Email to info@azsfwc.org is our preferred method of receiving digital photos, but large files can submitted via CD/DVD/Flash Drive, or uploaded to an online dropbox.

Please return this completed form and supporting documentation and send along with photos to: **AZ Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation Grant Program PO Box 75731 New River, AZ 85087** or e-mail to info@azsfwc.org. Phone: 602-361-6478.

2021 Montana Youth Camp

Sam Gorton and Joe Sheehey
Photos by Maddie Todd, Camp Staff

For the past several years, the ADBSS has sponsored up to 10 youths between the ages of 12 and 18 to attend the Wild Sheep Foundation/Boone and Crockett Outdoor Adventure Camp at the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch (TRMR) in Montana. The TRMR was purchased by the Boone and Crockett Club is a working cattle ranch. Its mission is teaching, conservation, and demonstration of integrated live-stock/wildlife conservation. This 6500-acre ranch near the town of Dupuyer, Montana is nestled at the base of thousands of acres of USFS and wilderness land.

To select the youths, we conduct an essay contest on the topic, "Who Benefits from a Waterhole Project, and Why?" Those young people who responded with the best essays were chosen to attend the camp.

We again had a great group of kids; five boys and five girls, the majority of which were Arizona kids but also a few from out of state. These kids attended the camp the week of June 7-11, 2021.

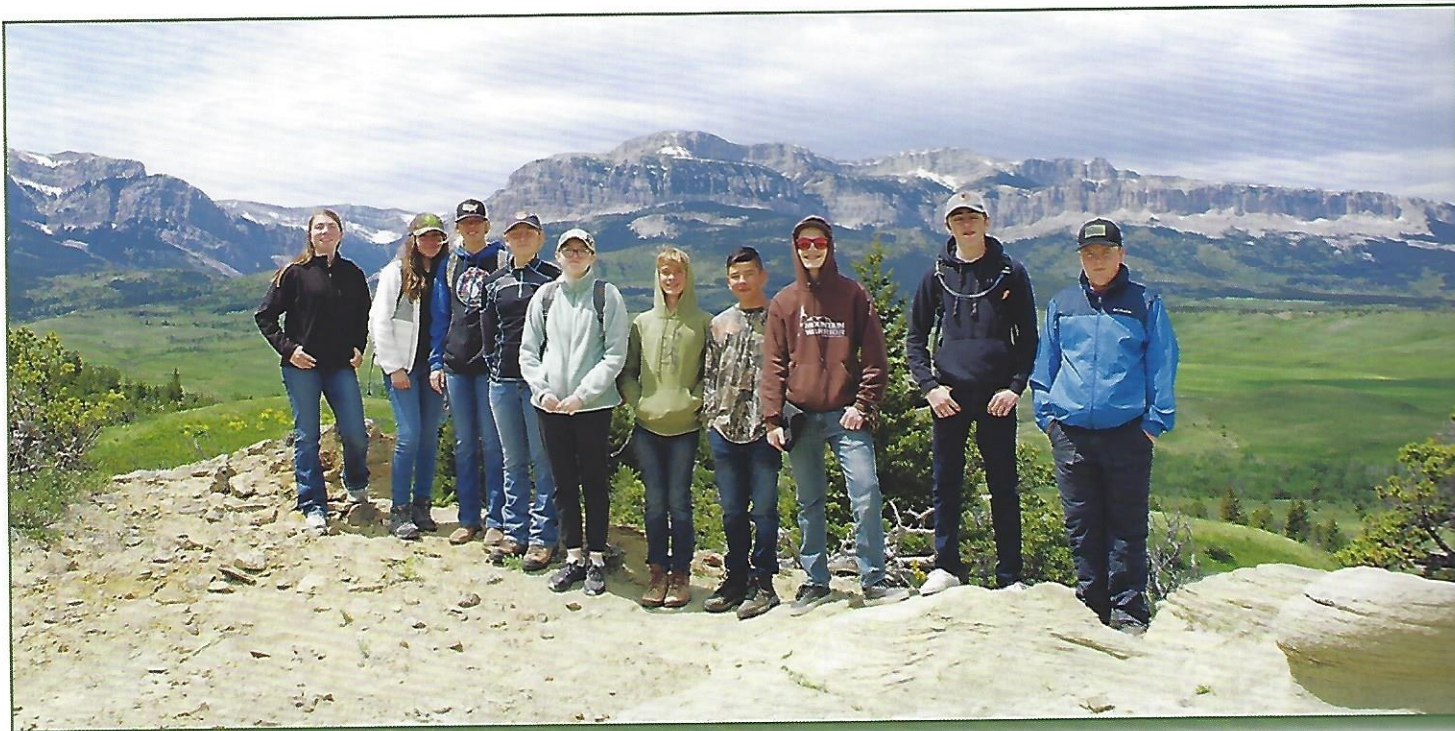
Luke Coccoli the Programs Manager for the TRMR, met the campers at the Great Falls airport. After the two-hour drive to the ranch the campers were introduced to the staff and each other and Luke began the collaborative process of mapping out their activities for the week. The first afternoon they went on a hike to Dupuyer Creek and tried their hand at stream fishing. The next day was spent at the range. The campers were divided into three groups and rotated between shooting the .22 caliber rifles, shotguns at clay targets thrown from electronic traps, and shooting life-size 3D animal targets. The rest of the day was rounded out by shooting .22 handguns.



Luke and his staff had some really amazing activities for the kids to do. They went on several hikes in the beautiful Montana wilderness. In the classroom portion of the camp, they even learned to tie flies for fly fishing. They went fishing on a beautiful private lake in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains, where they had the opportunity to use their flies. Most of them caught trout, some as many as 15!

They saw a variety of wildlife including antelope, deer, elk and even a wolf spotted by fellow chaperone Joe Sheehey.

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The next day, the campers went on a hike and observed old Indian tepee rings as well as an old homestead cabin on the ranch property. They had the opportunity to walk through the cabin and see how the people who settled the land lived. The afternoon was spent hiking to a reservoir that borders the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, and the trail is one of the gateways to the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

The weather was beautiful and cooperative but we did have one full day of rain. It was not a wasted day though. We spent the day at a dinosaur museum and a rock and mineral museum. Luke also took us on a beautiful van ride in the rain to a 'fen,' which is a type of swampy area to try and spot some moose.

The campers were also divided into groups during the evenings and worked on different projects concerning declining sheep herds and their solution for mitigation. They did a great job in coming up with solutions and recognizing potential conflicts with the mission.

One of the most impressive things about the trip is how most of the campers had never met each other before and were shy and timid at the beginning. By the end of the trip, they became so outgoing and made lifelong friends. We hope their time at the camp will be something they treasure for a long time, and that the skills they learned will serve them as future hunters and conservationists. Our thanks go out to Luke and his staff for the help they gave us and the wonderful meals that were provided.

Finally, we would like to thank the Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation for providing a generous financial grant to sponsor this year's camp. We are deeply appreciative of their support.

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