

**Final Report  
To  
Arizona Sportsmen For Wildlife Conservation (AZSFWC)**

**2018 Grant of \$5,165 for  
Arizona Trout-In-the-Classroom (TIC) Program  
School Year 2018 - 2019**



The 2018 - 2019 program was again deemed to be a major success, from the overwhelming positive feedback from students, parents, teachers and volunteers associated with the 34 participating schools. Fifty-two volunteers were involved in supporting the schools and teachers in addition to the support from the Arizona Game and Fish Department Fisheries Branch.

Costs for the TIC program were:

\$8,384	Chemicals, equipment and supplies for schools
<u>261</u>	Workshop: food, soda and water
\$8,645	

Key events during the program included:

July, 2018: Website improvements and ongoing updates at <http://www.aztic.org> (note AZSFWC is shown at bottom of home page as a Conservation Partner).

August, 2018: Facebook improvements and ongoing updates at <https://www.facebook.com/aztroutintheclassroom>.

August 11, 2018: Workshop attended by 34 teachers and volunteers at AZGFD headquarters.

August - September, 2018: Setup of equipment for delivery of 100 rainbow trout eggs to each of the 34 schools.

September - December, 2018: Three delays in shipment of eggs from federal hatchery to AZGFD due to egg production issues and to an anticipated federal government shutdown.

December 12, 2018: Eggs become available to AZGFD and were delivered by TU volunteers to schools.

May - June, 2019: TIC programs concluded at end of school year.

June - July, 2019 Teachers and volunteers complete AZGFD end of year paperwork requirements. Processes are under review for refinement for the 2019 - 2020 TIC program.



*2018 Trout-In-the-Classroom Workshop (8/11/2018)*

The Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited and chapters contributed volunteer time, contributions and expenses for travel, monitoring and coordination of the various activities with the 34 schools and AZGFD. Normal delivery and set-up time for new schools was approximately 10 hours per tank and annual hours per volunteer supporting a school teacher ranged from 40 - 100 hours depending upon the experience of the teacher and the additional time spent by volunteers for classroom lectures, class projects and potential field trips.

Acknowledgement of Arizona Sportsmen For Wildlife Conservation (AZSFWC) and the Conservation License Plate Program was recognized throughout the year on chapter websites, at TIC training sessions, slide presentations, announcements, AZTU Council and chapter newsletters and meetings, in classroom literature and other opportunities. Recognition of supporters was also provided to schools, parents, the educational community and communities throughout Arizona. Examples of recognition are attached.

Additional information on the Arizona Trout-In-the-Classroom (TIC) program can be found at <http://www.aztic.org> and [www.facebook.com/aztroutintheclassroom](http://www.facebook.com/aztroutintheclassroom).

The Arizona Council and four Arizona chapters thank you for your support in this program.

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