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Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation
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Centennial Forest

Dear Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation,

This year the Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife generously granted our programs \$3,000 for scholarships which allowed us to teach many more Arizona children about respect for wildlife and the outdoors – Thank you!

We'd like to share some highlights of Summer 2015 with you:

- We had a total of 61 campers attend our programs over 3, one week sessions
- Of the 61 total campers, 44 were awarded full, half, or partial scholarships
- Awarded scholarships totaled \$19,890 – no camper in financial need was denied
- Arizona Game and Fish came out to teach the Outdoor Leaders archery skills
- Field trips this year:
 - o Nature Conservancy Hart Prairie Preserve – learned about forest restoration, deer/elk use of aspen stands, endangered plant communities, natural wildfire, and some history on the pioneers that settled the area in the late 1800's
 - o West Clear Creek – learned about riparian communities, conducted bird surveys and learned about the hydrology of the unique system
 - o Rogers Lake County Natural Area - learned about forest restoration, wildlife use of tanks (including bears, leopard frogs and elk) and surveyed for birds
 - o Fossil Creek with NAU fish biologists - learned about the restoration of the creek and native fish species, surveyed for native and exotic species, trapped and identified invertebrates and how to conserve critical habitat for wildlife.
- The Outdoor Leadership Academy created [public service announcements](#) about environmental issues; some campers reported about the importance of conserving endangered species and their habitat.
- We have posted hundreds of photos from our camp sessions on our Facebook page, please view them [here](#). Feel free to use any of these on your website, as we have parental releases on file.

Thanks so much for helping us educate the next generation of environmental stewards!

Sincerely, _____
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