

AZ Sportsmen For Wildlife Conservation GRANT COMPLETION REPORT

Project Title: Marvin Robbins Memorial Youth Turkey Hunting Camp

Organization: AZ State Chapter / NWTF

Event/Project Completion Date: April 18, 2021

Project Location: One camp in the Happy Jack area. One camp at Colcord Ridge. Hunting in 8 game units.

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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

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: Attach narrative if more space is needed.

Measurable Results (Fill in all that are applicable):

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

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

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

Other (please explain): _____

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

Budget Item	Planned	Actual
See attached		

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

Cooperator (no abbreviations)	Amount Contributors \$
See attached	

Photographs



Report for 2021 Marvin Robbins Memorial Youth Turkey Hunt Camps

The AZSFWC Grant for 2021 was used to fund two youth camps this past turkey hunting 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 Campground. 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 210 total attendees. These numbers included 89 youth hunters of which 26 were female hunters. There were 37 total volunteers of which 29 were hunt mentors. The total harvest between the two camps was 6 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. On Friday morning there was an all-morning seminar in camp for beginning turkey hunters. 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. Partners include AZ Game and Fish Dept., AZ Elk Society, Phoenix Varmint Callers, Az Raptor Center, U.S Forest Service and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

