

AZ Sportsmen For Wildlife Conservation GRANT COMPLETION REPORT

Project Title: Marin Robbins Memorial Youth Turkey hunt Camp

Organization: AZ State Chapter / National Wild Turkey Federation

Event/Project Completion Date: 4/23/2023

Project Location (V Bar V Ranch and Colcord Ridge Campground)

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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 :

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 |
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| Portable Toilets, Little Stinker | | \$410.41 |
| Propane, Shell | | \$55.56 |
| Brisket and Ice, Shamrock Food Service | | \$544.27 |
| Breakfast Snacks, Frys Foods | | \$59.34 |
| Camp Food, Costco | | \$1748.29 |

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

| Cooperator (no abbreviations) | Amount Contributors \$ |
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| AZ Elk Society, (2) Svage Arms .22 calber rifle, 40 hats, raffle prizes | \$1000.00 |
| AZ State Chapter / NWTF Turkey Calls, Hats | \$300 |
| W Bar S Enterprises | \$500 |
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Last Camp Standing

This year was the 13th Marvin Robbins Memorial Youth Turkey Hunt Camp. The first camp was in 2010 and there would have been 14 camps if it were not for COVID interrupting our consecutive string in 2020. This year marked another successful camp thanks to the hard work of all the volunteers. Volunteers came from multiple organizations, and all pitched in to make the camp a great time for all attendees. A special thanks to the AES cook crew for another round of great cooking that kept the camp fueled for all the activities.

In 2010 the first camp was moved from Colcord Ridge Campground to the Sharp Creek Campground because of late winter snow that closed Colcord Ridge group campground. This year was almost a repeat of 2010. Late winter snows had many forest roads and campgrounds closed well into April. The Colcord Ridge Campground still had large snow drifts in certain areas of the camp as late as two weeks before camp. We were greatly relieved as warmer weather and windy conditions dried the camp before we arrived. The other two Youth Turkey Hunt camps held in the State were not so lucky, their Camps were cancelled due to closed roads.

Despite some early challenges the Camp went off as they have for each of the previous years. There was a Friday morning seminar given by NWTF volunteers for beginners and novices that was well attended. NWTF volunteers handled teaching in camp and in the field each morning and again each afternoon. Hunters had different challenges this year. A good section of our hunting territory was inaccessible due to closed roads and the turkeys were not as vocal possibly due to late winter conditions. Our volunteers and hunters worked hard and there were turkeys brought back to camp. There is nothing better than a young hunter carrying a harvested turkey with that giant smile on their face.

There were 103 total participants in camp. 32 adults, 31 male hunters, 6 female hunters, 3 non hunters and 31 volunteers.

This camp was funded by the Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation through a Stinson Grant that supports hunter recruitment. Donations and volunteers were provided by the Arizona Elk Society, National Wild Turkey Federation, Christian Hunters of America and the Phoenix Varmint Callers. A special thanks to Jerry Ostwinkle and the AZ Raptor Center for bringing their raptors into camp. The birds are always a treat allowing the kids to get up close to such beautiful creatures.

See you in the Spring!

Rich Williams

