

AZ Sportsmen For Wildlife Conservation GRANT COMPLETION REPORT

Project Title: Wapiti Weekend

Organization: Arizona Elk Society

Grant #: 2025-Q1-02

Event/Project Completion Date: May 25th, 2025

Project Location Camp Raymond, Park, AZ

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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 : Wapiti Weekend is one of Arizona Elk Society's premier youth outreach programs, designed to introduce children and their families to the outdoors through hands-on, educational experiences. Held annually at Camp Raymond, this weekend-long camp hosted 125 children and their families in 2025, offering a wide range of activities including fishing, archery, pellet and .22 rifle shooting, gold panning, nature walks, wildlife calling, survival skills, and arts and crafts. The camp is intentionally affordable to ensure accessibility, with a registration fee well below actual costs.

Each child received a welcome package that included a personalized lanyard, Wapiti Weekend t-shirt, backpack, and refillable water bottle. The Arizona Elk Society provided all meals for the weekend, ensuring families could focus on learning and connecting without additional financial burden.

Wapiti Weekend accomplishes far more than teaching outdoor skills—it fosters family bonding, builds confidence in young participants, and promotes a lifelong appreciation for wildlife and conservation. Many of the children and parents who attend have little to no prior outdoor experience, and Wapiti Weekend offers them a safe, supportive environment to explore the outdoors together, often for the first time.

The event is run entirely by volunteers, with over 60 individuals donating their time and expertise to teach classes, cook meals, and support logistics. This level of community involvement is a testament to the program's positive reputation and lasting impact.

Thanks to the support of this grant, we were able to continue providing this unforgettable experience to Arizona families, helping to inspire the next generation of conservationists and outdoor stewards.

Measurable Results (Fill in all that are applicable):

Attendees 125 kids, 103 adults, 62 volunteers, and 1 staff member

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.)

Budget Item	Planned	Actual
Facility Rental	4800	4800
Food & Food Related Items for 300 people 2 nights & 3 days	9000	8765.36
Kids Tshirts	800	788.86
Volunteer Shirts	250	330
Water Bottles (Participants & Volunteers)	450	467.38
Backpacks	2000	2100
Educational Materials (owl pellets, paracord, worms, etc))	1500	1750
Ammo (.22 & Pellets)	450	461.35
Gold Panning Materials (pans, viles & gold)	300	475.00

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

Cooperator (no abbreviations)	Amount Contributors \$
Arizona Elk Society	10000
Volunteer Labor (In-kind 60 volunteers)	44,925
AES Staff Support	10000

Photographs



