

AZ Sportsmen For Wildlife Conservation GRANT COMPLETION REPORT

Project Title: Wapiti Weekend

Organization: Arizona Elk Society

Grant #: 2026-Q1-03

Event/Project Completion Date: May 24, 2026

Project Location (Include info such as event center, hunting unit, etc.): Camp Raymond, Parks, AZ

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Today's Date: June 18th, 2026

AZSFWC Recognition:

AZSFWC Logo and Link to AZSFWC on organization's website? (attach screen print image) Yes **X** No ☐

License Plate Image w/link to MVD on organization's website? (attach screen print image) Yes **X** No ☐

AZSFWC Logo displayed at event? (attach photo(s)) Yes **X** No ☐

AZSFWC recognized in all marketing materials & post event articles? (attach all samples) Yes **X** No ☐

List any social media recognition of AZSFWC (include all screen print images) Yes

Was there any media or press coverage? (attach copies if available) Yes ☐ No **X**

List any other recognition?

Summarize Project Accomplishments: The Arizona Elk Society's 2026 Wapiti Weekend was a tremendous success, providing 120 youth participants with an immersive outdoor education experience while engaging approximately 100 parents and 60 dedicated volunteers. Thanks to funding from the Arizona State Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation (AZSFWC), we were able to offset facility costs at Camp Raymond and purchase essential program supplies including youth backpacks, owl pellets for wildlife education, ammunition for shooting sports activities, participant t-shirts, paracord for survival projects, and numerous other educational materials.

Throughout the weekend, participants took part in hands-on outdoor learning experiences designed to foster an appreciation for wildlife conservation, hunting heritage, outdoor recreation, and responsible stewardship of natural resources. Activities included archery, shooting sports, fishing, wildlife identification, outdoor survival skills, conservation education, and other interactive learning opportunities led by knowledgeable volunteers and instructors.

The event benefited from ideal weather conditions, allowing all scheduled activities to be conducted safely and successfully. Participant feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with youth and families expressing enthusiasm for the educational experiences, outdoor skills learned, and opportunities to connect with Arizona's wildlife and conservation community.

The grant funding directly supported the delivery of a high-quality program that introduced young people to the outdoors, strengthened family involvement in outdoor recreation, and helped cultivate the next generation of

conservationists. By reducing program expenses, AZSFWC's support enabled the Arizona Elk Society to maximize resources and provide a memorable and impactful experience for all participants.

Measurable Results (Fill in all that are applicable):

Attendees (If project was an event, list total # of participants, excluding staff, visiting parents, etc): 280 – 120 kids, 100 parents & 60 volunteers

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
Camp Raymond Facility	\$5200	\$5200
Safeguard (campers tshirts)	\$945.00	1195.92
Owl Pellets/buggy bands/ water guns	\$400	717.54
4imprint water bottles	\$450	\$573
Headlamps & paracord	\$375	447.41
Backpacks	\$1200	\$446
.22 Ammo	\$500	\$1161
Prospector – gold panning	\$120	\$254.34
Life Ring	\$95	\$29.18
Binoculars & clips	\$100.00	\$142.66

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

Cooperator (no abbreviations)	Amount Contributors \$
Scheels donated 2-\$250 gift cards to raffle off to the kids	\$500
West Valley Mavericks	\$4840

Photographs













