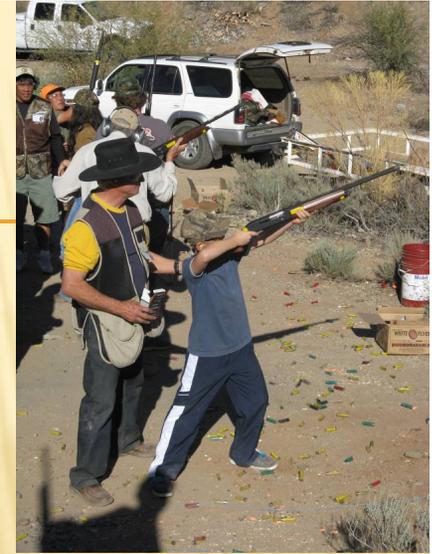


FEATURED EVENTS

OVERVIEW

- ✘ AZGFD R6 /Youth Outdoors Unlimited
- ✘ Picketpost Small Game Camp
- ✘ Unit 37B
- ✘ Dec. 8th and 9th 2012



PARTICIPATION

- ✘ 4 partners/co-hosts
- ✘ Youth Outdoors Unlimited (YOU), Arizona Game and Fish Department, Arizona Outdoor Sports, Inc. and Red Bear Outfitters
- ✘ Approximately 100 participants including volunteers.
- ✘ 81 primary participants.



DETAILS

- ✘ The purpose/target of the event is to introduce new/novice and new to the state hunters to small game hunting opportunities in the area.
- ✘ Primary event activities are safe shotgun handling and shooting techniques and mentored hunting opportunities on the evening of the 8th and/or the morning of the 9th.
- ✘ Additional event activities include a short lesson what animals are legally in season and how to identify those animals in the field. If animals are harvested the campers are shown how to treat the animal for later consumption at home.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- ✘ This year had record breaking turnout
- ✘ The addition of the full time shotgun range run by Arizona Outdoor Sports was a huge hit
- ✘ The collaboration of the 3 NGOs; Youth Outdoors, Red Bear and Arizona Outdoor Sports was really great, it set an example for the participants that the priority for all these groups is to get people outdoors.

CHALLENGES

- ✘ In future years delegation for acquiring items that require purchasing such as; Port O' Johns, ammo for hunters, ammo and targets for the range need to be established in conjunction with the receipt (or not) of grant monies etc. to ensure that these items are acquired enough in advance of the camp.
- ✘ I would also recommend that we continue to gear this camp towards new/novice hunters and place a cap on the number of participants, we managed the numbers this year but it would be logistically difficult to handle more than the turnout from this year.
- ✘ In past years lunch was served on Sunday when the hunters returned to camp, this was overlooked this year but I would like to see it return, it adds a nice ending to the camp and leaves all the participants with a good taste in their mouths (literally and figuratively)

SUMMARY

- ✘ This camp is successful in recruiting new hunters of all ages, and the popularity continues to grow each year.
- ✘ The addition of the shotgun range allowed us to involve family members who did not intend to participate as hunters but did some shooting on the range and that can act as a great gateway into hunting.
- ✘ Hope to see greater collaboration among the NGOs in future years to play to each groups strengths and spread the workload around to avoid overwhelming or get burnt out.
- ✘ Variety of game species open during small game is great training tool: dove, quail, rabbit, ducks, coyotes – most were harvested at this event.