

Help Support the Nevada Youth Range Camp

Since 1961 NEVADA YOUTH RANGE CAMP has been educating Nevada youth from 14-18 years old. Each June, 20-50 youth and 15 plus adults come to Big Creek Campground in the Toiyabe Mountains south of Austin for a week of learning and fun.



The curriculum, designed by University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE) and taught by practicing professionals from various state and federal agencies, investigates rangelands, soils, pinyon-juniper woodlands, water and riparian habitats, and wildlife. Campers visit a working ranch and work on a conservation project, learn to use a GPS and compass, visit a Snotel site, and participate in a Coordinated Resource Management simulation to put together all they have learned that week. Campers work in groups led by a professional in natural resources; even the cooks are experienced rangeland personnel.



Campers compile a notebook of what they have been taught and learn and test on 50 locally growing plants. Group counselors use the scores from these and observed participation to pick the best students, the Trailboss and runner-up. These campers are sent to the international meeting of the Society for Range Management (SRM) by the Nevada Section of SRM where they participate in the High School Youth Forum with other students from all over the United States. They present an eight-minute talk on a natural resource topic of their choice.

It's not all work but lots of fun at Range Camp too. Volley ball, fishing, swimming, making new friends, camping and lots of great food as well as elective talks on such topics as primitive archery, fly fishing and mist netting bats are available.

The program is supported by Nevada Section of Society for Range Management (NV SRM), Nevada Bighorns Unlimited, Nevada's Conservation Districts, UNCE, Boss Tanks, and the federal and state agencies that send the adults to lead and educate. These are many: NRCS, USFS, BLM, UNR, NDF, Nevada State Parks, NDEP, DCNR, NDOW, and USFWS among others. Further information is available at: <http://nevada.rangelands.org/index.html>.

Your donation will allow this camp to continue for another 50+ years, training Nevada youth for natural resource careers and helping create a better-informed public. Money will be used for equipment, food, maintenance of the kitchen and commissary trailers, supplies and sponsorships for campers.



Please send checks made out to "NV SRM," preferably with "Range Camp Donation" written in the memo, to the Section treasurer: Erica Freese, 8905 Little Creek Road, Reno, NV 89508. Thank you!