

News Release

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Apply Now for Range Camp

Caliente, Nevada, February 4th, 2022 — Applications are now being accepted from high school students to attend the 61st annual Nevada Youth Range Camp to be held June 19-26th at Timber Creek Campground in East Central Nevada. Applications must be submitted by Saturday, April 30th.

Nevada Youth Range Camp is a teenager's best opportunity to learn about Nevada's desert and mountain rangelands and diverse ecosystems, while experiencing them firsthand. The Society for Range Management operates the week-long camp for youth aged 14-18 from Nevada and Eastern California. The Nevada Section of the Society for Range Management conducts the camp with assistance from various State and Federal agencies including University of Nevada State Parks, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nevada Division of Forestry, Nevada Division of Conservation Districts, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Nevada Department of Wildlife. Financial sponsors include many Nevada Conservation Districts, Nevada Bighorns Unlimited, The Nugget Casino and Resort, and Nevada Society for Range Management.

Campers will have the opportunity to learn from range management professionals who are knowledgeable in the ecology and management of the Great Basin's desert and mountain rangelands. Students learn basic surveying and map reading, identification and importance of rangeland plants, evaluation of sagebrush and woodland ecosystems, wildlife surveying techniques, evaluation of stream health, and many other topics related to rangelands. While the camp is educational, it also offers an enjoyable, outdoor experience with activities such as swimming, fishing, hiking, volleyball, horseshoes, campfires and photography.

Interested students must submit an application and letter of recommendation from an adult other than a parent, relative, or sibling. The cost to attend Range Camp is \$250, which includes meals and camp activities. Applicants can be sponsored to attend Range Camp by contacting their local conservation district or other organizations. Forms and information can be found on the Nevada Youth Range Camp Website at http://nevada.rangelands.org/youth-range-camp/ or by contacting Ethan Mower (775) 726-3564 or emower@parks.nv.gov

Completed applications with enclosures can e-mailed to emower@parks.nv.gov. Letters of recommendation must be on the adult's official letterhead. Applications must be submitted by Saturday April 30th. Approved applicants will be notified within two weeks by email. We are trying to go paperless, but if email is not available to you application materials can be mailed to Nevada Youth Range Camp C/O Kershaw Ryan State Park Caliente NV, 89008.

Camp is being held this June at the Timber Creek Campground Northwest of McGill, NV in the Schell Creek Range. June is an ideal time to be in the Desatoyas when numerous wildflowers are in bloom and the vegetation is green from the recent snowmelt.