YOUTH & HERITAGE
• Hosted over 515 youth at various outdoor skills events including 2 Wild in the City day camps and our annual Wapiti Weekend 2-day camp, as well as 3 junior mentored hunt camps, including our signature Youth Turkey Camp and Junior Elk Camp.
• Taught campers’ skills including, archery, survival, wildlife identification, wildlife calling, hunting tactics and conservation.
• Focused on instilling a sense of responsibility in our children for taking care of the wildlife, forests and wildlife habitat as they are vital for the future of Arizona’s elk.
• Actively recruited young hunters, women and new hunters for our various elk, turkey, javelina, small game and predator camps. Camps included hunting seminars, expert mentors and volunteers assisting in the field and camp logistics.
• Partnered with many of Arizona’s wildlife organizations, sponsors and volunteers.

WATER FOR WILDLIFE PROGRAM
Funded from the AES Banquets, donations and AZGFD Habitat Partnership Committee, the AES Wildlife Water Haulers and the Catchment Repair Squad is led by Dan Bradford and other dedicated volunteers.
• In 2019, hauled over 300,000 gallons of water to drought-stricken areas of elk range and restored and maintained numerous wildlife water catchments in Northern Arizona.

HEROES RISING OUTDOORS
AES Heroes Rising Outdoors program, provided 120+ experiences for Arizona wounded Veterans, to get back into the outdoors to experience and enjoy the Hunting Heritage of Arizona.
• Many participating veterans, men and women, are first time hunters and loved spending time in the outdoors. The veterans have communicated feeling a connection to nature and the outdoors that has helped them heal inside and that has been very gratifying. “Healing through Hunting” is our motto for this program.
• In 2019 the Arizona Elk Society partnered with other organizations and volunteers to give our veterans many more opportunities to get out and keep experiencing healing opportunities. Programs include Project Healing Waters with Trout Unlimited, Equine Therapy, Fishing, camping and getting involved on our volunteer wildlife habitat projects in the woods.
  “Our goal is not to provide a one and done hunting experience. We will continue to keep the feeling of healing in the outdoors and build on the friendships and camaraderie our veterans are experiencing.”

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS
Teams of AES volunteers coordinated work projects with the USFS, AZGFD, area ranchers and other organizations to benefit elk in the state.
• Worked on riparian restoration in the Coconino National Forest including creek channel restoration, removal of encroaching pine trees in the meadows, fence removal and enclosure maintenance.
• Volunteers hauled tons of rock to build riparian stream structures to restore meadow and watershed, built log fences to protect critical wildlife habitat, maintained important enclosures and stacked logs from thousands of trees.
• AES Sawyers cut many thousands of trees to open grassland and riparian wetland meadows.
• Volunteers worked on restoring water catchments, plumbing, installing new troughs, and fixing fences in the Kaibab & Coconino National Forest.
• Over 100 volunteers spent thousands of hours performing the labor to accomplish these projects. The value of these volunteer hours is not only the benefit to the wildlife and their habitat, but hours are used as match for federal dollars that come back to the state for habitat improvements.
HABITAT PROJECTS

- Funded over $450,000 in projects across elk range. Money is raised through the AES Banquet, auction and raffle of the Commissioners Big Game Elk Tags, and coordinated through the AZGFD Habitat Partnership Committee. Projects include; New Water Catchments, Grassland Restorations, Juniper Thinning, Controlled Burns and much more.
- Completed the Long Valley Meadow Riparian Restoration including tree thinning, erosion control rock structure building, stream channel shaping, ponds and dams and meadow log fencing.
- Finished Phase 1 of a 3 year riparian restoration project in Houston Draw, Unit 5A. This included channel shaping and many erosion control rock structures.
- Partnered with: US Forest Service, AZGFD, AZSFWC, and the NFF and other organizations.

ANNUAL BANQUETS

- State Banquet: With the help of over 100 committed volunteers, raised over $600,000 for elk and elk habitat at the 18th Annual Banquet. Our 2020 State Banquet is scheduled for March 28.
- White Mountains Chapter: Jim and Chris Warren and a dedicated committee, held the 6th Annual AES White Mountain Chapter Banquet in Show Low. They raised over $35,000 for Arizona’s elk for AZGFD Region 1.
- Northern Arizona Peaks Chapter: Randy Burton and dedicated Flagstaff area volunteers held their 2nd Annual Banquet in Flagstaff. They raised over $50,000 for AZGFD Region 2 to help improve elk habitat and fund youth hunting camps along with conservation education. The 2020 Banquet will be July 11 in Flagstaff.

EVENTS & OUTREACH

- Arizona Game & Fish Department 2019 Outdoor Expo: AES participated in this 2-day event reaching more than 44,000 attendees and families, shared conservation and information on AES and our programs for wildlife habitats, youth and veterans.
- 2019 International Sportsmen’s Expo: AES participated in this 4 day event, reaching over 60,000 sportsmen attendees, provided education on Arizona outdoors and conservation.
- AES 2019 Annual Elk Clinic, held our signature learn to hunt one-day seminar, hosted by professional guide and TV host, Dan Adler of Diamond Outfitters. Grew this event to over 500 men, women and juniors. With attendees coming from all over Arizona and the southwest.
- AES participation and booth at various events and conservation activities throughout the year.
- Heroes Rising Outdoors - Participated in numerous outreach events for the VA and Veteran outreach.
- AES White Mountains Chapter sponsored three exceptional events: Sipes White Mountain Elk Viewing Workshop and Learn to Hunt in coordination with AZGFD and the White Mountain Chapter 2nd Annual Elk Workshop, with Dan Adler.

THE MISSION of the Arizona Elk Society is to benefit elk and other wildlife by generating resources for habitat conservation and restoration, and to preserve our hunting heritage for present and future generations.

VOLUNTEER

AES is looking for new volunteers to get involved in projects and programs for wildlife, youth and veterans.

JOIN US

Membership is the lifeblood of the Arizona Elk Society, if you like what we do, please join.

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