

**Youth Outreach Report: Northern AZ
Seeds of Stewardship & Gear Girls Program
October 2019 - February 2020**

Northern AZ Seeds of Stewardship:

- Scheduled 35 new outings, including 11 stewardship projects, since starting this position.
- Developed new and deepened existing partnerships. Highlights include:
 - Coordinated with Willow Bend Environmental Ed Center, Grand Canyon Youth, and Kinsey 5th grade teachers to develop a cross-curricular watershed program.
 - Scheduled outings with 4 new groups: 2 new 5th grade classes and 2 new high school groups.
 - Ongoing discussions with staff at Fit Kids of Arizona about providing programming in summer 2020 for youth with elevated body mass indexes.
 - Met with members of Flagstaff Open Space's Picture Canyon Working Group in order to plug SoS into invasive species removal initiatives around Flagstaff.
- Increased leadership support.
 - Hired 2 new co-leaders and engaged/scheduled 4 new volunteers to provide support at special events, trail work days, and educational outings.
 - Began providing an internship for Prescott College senior, Sam Westphal, who will help develop curriculum and co-lead several outings this spring.

Gear Girls:

- Commenced planning for 4 seasons of programming throughout 2020-2021.
- Filled participant roster for the spring season!
- Increased leadership support: hired 1 new coach and 2 new volunteer coaches.

Plans for this next year!

- Generate/advance partnerships with 3-4 high school groups.
 - Provide resources & connections for high schoolers to continue their involvement in conservation.
- Elevate our presence in and positive contribution toward the Flagstaff community through bolstering coordination with partners, inviting local businesses to sponsor trail work days, engaging students in community events, and working with more schools in the Flagstaff Unified School District.
- Bolster the Seeds of Stewardship curriculum through documenting how our program aligns with AZ state standards, developing strong place-based ecology & public lands lessons, and establishing a curriculum progression for each group that can be repeated/adapted yearly.
- Welcome more athletes into the Gear Girls community, especially new mountain bikers and girls from marginalized communities, through outreach in public spaces and Title I schools.
- Train and consistently work with outstanding co-leaders, coaches, and volunteers.
- Obtain training for myself in mountain biking skills/maintenance, working with Native populations, and trail design/maintenance.

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