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Partnering for Verde Valley Youth



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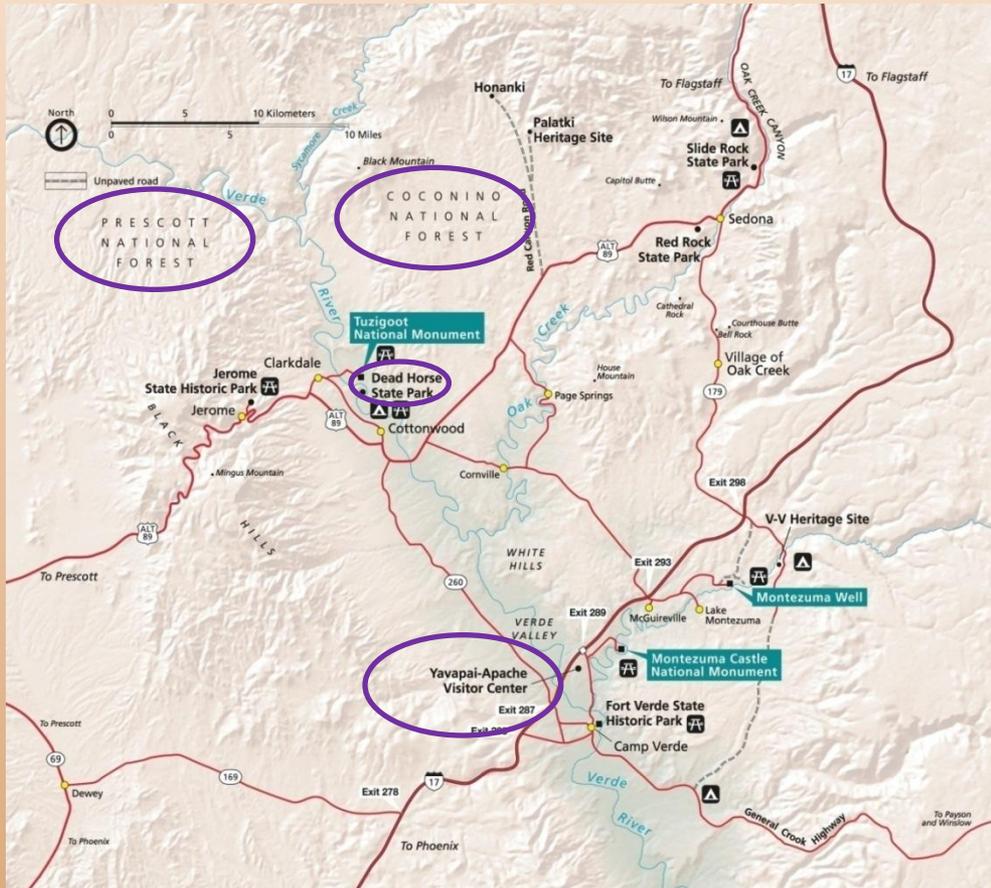
Chief of Resources

NPS Montezuma Castle

Tuzigoot National Monuments

Arizona

Verde Valley, Arizona



Local Cities & Towns

- Cottonwood
- Clarkdale
- Jerome
- Camp Verde
- Cornville
- Rimrock

Numerous Schools

- 14 Elementary Schools
- 6 Middle Schools
- 7 High Schools

Opportunities for Partnering!

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Federal Agencies

- National Park Service: Montezuma Castle & Tuzigoot National Monuments
- U.S. Forest Service: Coconino & Prescott National Forests

State Agencies

- Arizona State Parks: Dead Horse Ranch SP & Verde River Greenway State Natural Area
- University of Arizona, Arizona Cooperative Extension & V-Bar-V Ranch

Tribal Organization

- Yavapai-Apache Nation

Non-profit Organizations

- Friends of the Verde River Greenway
- Verde Natural Resource Conservation District
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Walton Family Foundation
- National Park Foundation
- Western National Parks Association

For Profit Companies

- Salt River Project



* *This is not a complete list*

Opportunities for Partnership! (con't)

Community Youth Groups

- Yavapai-Apache Nation Recreation Center
- Kiwanis Kids (K-Kids)
- Cottonwood Boys and Girls Club
- Local kids (NPS Green Rangers Program)



SCHOOLS, SCHOOLS, SCHOOLS



NPS High School Field Visits

- Camp Verde and Mingus Union High Schools
- National Park Foundation Park Stewards Program
2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013
- Greenhouses



Partnership Youth Outreach Field Projects

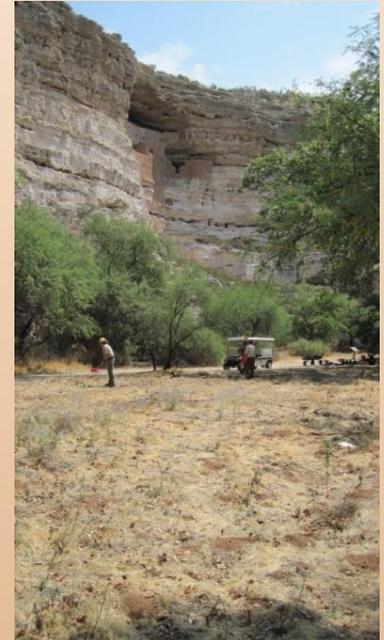
Verde Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCD)

- Top Ten Program - Pilot year at MOWE
 - Cottonwood Elementary (200 kids)
 - Camp Verde Middle School (100 kids)
 - Oak Creek School (100 kids)

Continuing in FY2013 with more schools

Coconino Rural Environment Corps + Yavapai-Apache Nation

- Youth Conservation Corps Crew
- Funded through NPS Youth Intern Program & Public Land Corps
- Eight youth + two crew leaders
- 2012 was 2nd year of summer program



Partnership Outreach Projects

July 2012 Interagency Teacher Workshop “Verde River: Then, Now and Tomorrow”

2-day workshop for 25 Verde Watershed teachers

Partners: NPS, Verde NRCO, Salt River Project, University of Arizona, Cooperative Extension, Friends of the Verde Greenway, Arizona State Parks, and Prescott National Forest



Verde Valley Partner Coalitions

Verde Watershed Restoration Coalition (VWRC)

- Restoration of native plant communities along the Verde River
- NPS on Steering Committee
- Initiated by Friends of the Verde River and involves nearly twenty partner agencies and groups

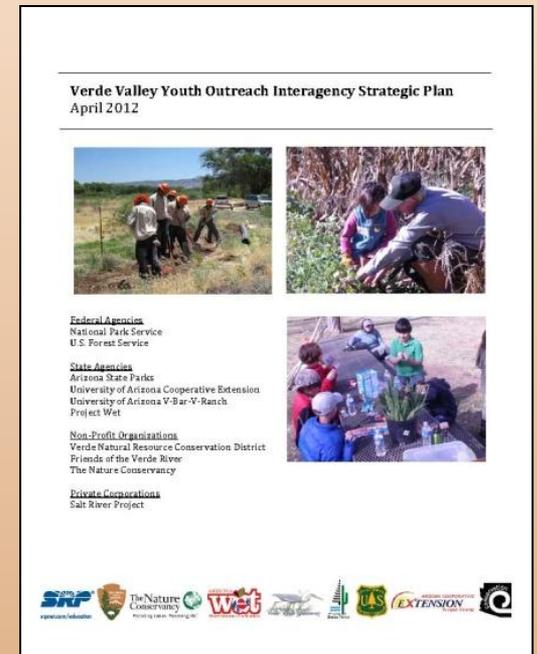


Central Arizona Sustainable Recreation Strategy

- Three geographic areas: Verde Front, Prescott-Chino Valley, and Agua Fria-Black Canyon
- NPS on Coordinating Committee and lead in the Verde Front Youth Outreach Committee
- Initiated by Prescott National Forest and involves large number of partner agencies and groups

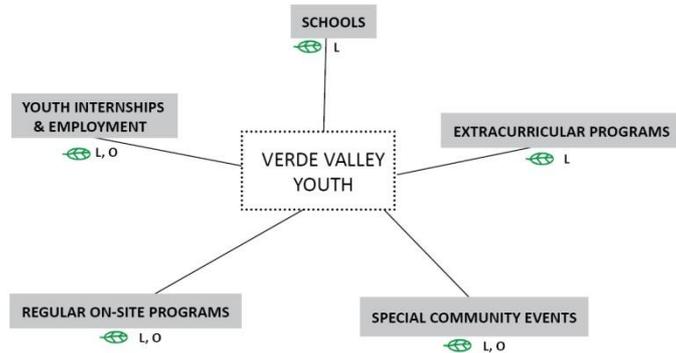
Verde Valley Youth Outreach Interagency Strategic Plan

- Finalized in April 2012
- Description and schematics of all youth-related outreach activities
- Partners:
 - Salt River Project
 - National Park Service,
 - The Nature Conservancy
 - Arizona Wet
 - Friends of the Verde River Greenway
 - Arizona State Parks
 - U.S. Forest Service
 - University of Arizona Cooperative Extension
 - Verde Natural Resource Conservation District



Verde Valley Youth Outreach Interagency Strategic Plan (con't)

Verde Valley Strategic Youth Outreach Plan
Schematic Diagram of Existing Programs
April 2012



=Field component
 L =Local youth
 O =Out of town/visiting youth

Verde Valley Youth Outreach Interagency Strategic Plan
April 2012



Federal Agencies
 National Park Service
 U.S. Forest Service

State Agencies
 Arizona State Parks
 University of Arizona Cooperative Extension
 University of Arizona V-Bar-T Ranch
 Project Wet



Non-Profit Organizations
 Verde National Resource Conservation District
 Friends of the Verde River
 The Nature Conservancy

Private Companies
 Salt Store Project



YOUTH INTERNSHIPS & EMPLOYMENT

Youth Conservation Corps *Youth experience resource management work.* L

- National Park Service
 - Yavapai-Apache Nation youth hired for 7 weeks through Coconino Rural Environment Corps
 - Prescott National Forest and Yavapai County
 - Youth Conservation Corps hired based out of City of Prescott in summer 2011
 - Student Conservation Association Crew based out of City of Prescott in summer 2012
- Verde Water Restoration Coalition
 - Youth crew hired for 6 weeks through Coconino Rural Environment Corps in spring 2012
 - Verde Valley-based Coconino Rural Environment Corps youth crew in fall 2012

Non-Corps/Individual *Youth experience resource management work.* L

- The Nature Conservancy
 - LEAF program—had 3 East Coast innercity high school kids intern for 2 months in summer 2011
- National Park Service
 - National Park Foundation high school interns in summer 2011 and summer 2012
- National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service
 - Student Conservation Association Internships

SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Annual *Kids participate, typically with caregivers* L, O

- Verde River Days at Dead Horse Ranch State Park in Cottonwood
- Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival at Dead Horse Ranch State Park in Cottonwood
- Pecan, Wine, and Antique Festival in Camp Verde
- Walkin' on Main St. at Old Town Cottonwood
- Earth Day at Yavapai-Apache Nation
- Fort Verde Days at Camp Verde
- March Archeology Month, activities in different agencies and communities
- 4th of July Parades at different communities
- Christmas Parades at different communities



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The end....or is it just the beginning?