

Friends of the Verde River and Verde Valley Birding & Nature Festival

2024 Young Birders Camp

Scholarship Application

Friends of the Verde River is pleased to announce the 2024 Young Birders Camp Scholarship competition. The Young Birders Camp brings young people together to learn about birds, nature, ecology, and conservation in the company of kids like you. The camp activities include field trips observing birds and other animals, presentations by experts, and fun time in the beautiful outdoors.

Friends of the Verde River will award one scholarship to one young person and their adult sponsor (parent or guardian) to attend the 2024 Young Birders Camp. The camp is in the beautiful and bird-rich Cave Creek Canyon of the Chiricahua Mountains, June 20 – 23, 2024.

Applications for the scholarship are due no later than April 9th to VVBNF@Verderiver.org. You must be between the ages of 8 – 18 (as of June 1st) to be eligible. The scholarship pays the fees for one youth, one adult parent/guardian, and a \$100 travel stipend.

When is the camp?	June 20 – 23, 2024
Where is the camp?	Portal, Arizona, at the Southwestern Research Station
Who is eligible to apply?	Arizona youths aged 8 – 18 as of June 1, 2024
What is included?	The scholarship covers the cost of camp, including meals and lodging, for two people (youth plus their adult sponsor), plus a travel allowance of \$100.
How do I apply?	Complete the application form and submit it via email to VVBNF@VerdeRiver.org by Tuesday, April 9, 2024.
When will I hear?	The winner will be notified by Friday, April 19, 2024
What else?	The winner is requested to attend the Keynote Dinner (at no cost) and be introduced; the Keynote Dinner is Friday, April 26.

Can I go to camp if I don't win? Yes, of course! But we can only award one scholarship. Registration for camp opens March 1st at this link: <https://bit.ly/AZYoungBirdersCamp>

Mark Your Calendar
for the
7th Annual
Arizona Young Birders Camp
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June 20-23, 2024

Western Flycatcher
"Cordilleran Group"

Photo & Haku by
Kathryn Dick



right at eye level:
Cordilleran flycatcher
sitting on her nest

Registration Opens
March 1st



Scholarships Available

Southwestern Research Station
Cave Creek, Chiricahua Mountains
Ages 8 to 18

Special Guest:
Linda M. Feltner
Bird Sketching and Journaling
Workshop & Field Trip
www.lindafeltner.com

Arizona Young Birders Camp is brought to you by
Sulphur Springs Valley Young Birders Club, a 501(c)(3) non-profit

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Return the form to VVBNF@VerdeRiver.org by April 9, 2024

Name:

Age as of June 1, 2024:

Parent or Guardian Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

School:

How did you hear about the scholarship?

(1) Application Question (no more than 300 words):

Think of one bird – maybe it is your favorite bird. What do you know about this bird and what makes it special to you? (please attach a separate sheet if you want)

(2) Letter of support and permission:

Attach a letter with your application from your adult parent or guardian that gives permission for you to attend camp and briefly describes your interest in birds and nature.

Disclaimers: Friends of the Verde River reserves the right to award or not award this scholarship. Decisions regarding the awarding of this scholarship are the sole responsibility of Friends of the Verde River and are final. All submissions become the property of Friends of the Verde River.

The Arizona Young Birders Camp is sponsored by the Sulphur Springs Valley Young Birders Club and organized by Homer Hansen. You can learn more about the camp at <https://bit.ly/AZYoungBirdersCamp>. Our scholarship winner will be required to fill out the Arizona Young Birders Camp registration form and comply with all rules therein.

