



# 2025 Young Birders Camp

## Scholarship Application

Friends of the Verde River is pleased to announce the 2025 Young Birders Camp Scholarship competition. The Young Birders Camp brings kids like you together to learn about birds, nature, ecology, and conservation. 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 2025 Young Birders Camp. The camp is in the beautiful and bird-rich Cave Creek Canyon of the Chiricahua Mountains, June 5 – 8, 2025.

Applications for the scholarship are due no later than March 21 to [VBNF@Verderiver.org](mailto:VBNF@Verderiver.org). You must be between the ages of 8 – 18 (as of June 1st) to be eligible.

**When is the camp?** | June 5-8, 2025

**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, 2025

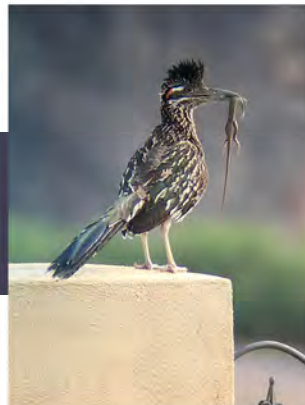
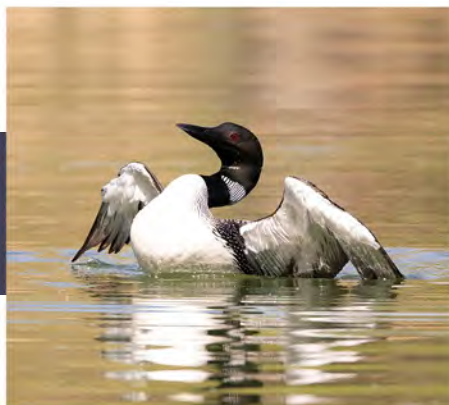
**What is included?** | The scholarship covers the cost of camp, including meals and lodging, for two people (youth plus their adult sponsor), plus a travel allowance of \$100.

**How do I apply?** | Complete the application form and submit it via email to [VBNF@VerdeRiver.org](mailto:VBNF@VerdeRiver.org) by Friday, March 21, 2025.

**When will I hear back?** | The winner will be notified by Friday, April 18, 2025

**What else?** | The winner is requested to attend the Keynote Dinner (at no cost) and be introduced; the Keynote Dinner is Friday, April 25.

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>





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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age as of June 1, 2025:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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)**

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(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.