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Wyoming Youth for Natural Resources Grantee Highlights



This grant encourages Wyoming youth to engage in science-based wildlife conservation and natural resource projects. **The fund has granted over \$420,000 since its inception.**

Wyoming's Wildlife, Up Close and Personal Museum Conservation Education Trunks

All over the state, middle schoolers are getting hands-on experiences of Wyoming's rarest wildlife. The Wyoming State Museum Conservation Education Trunks contain the pelts and skulls from many different species, including endangered animals. Most of these animals are indigenous to Wyoming. The trunks offer students the opportunities to expand their knowledge of the species and what they can do to help with curated guidebooks. Museum staff hope



that these trunks inspire Wyoming's youth to learn more and become active citizens in wildlife conservation as they grow up.

*Excerpt from WYCF
2021 Annual Report*

Mentoring the Next Generation Outdoor Education Mentorship Program



The #WYHuntFish programs provide a unique experience for Wyoming youth, who otherwise may never have had the opportunity, to reconnect to the land. The First Hunt Foundation takes a community approach to engaging kids in conservation and outdoor recreation with their seven outdoor education programs. Volunteers mentor kids in a series of guided activities throughout the season culminating in hunting or fishing trips where they can put their new skills to the test. By providing youth an opportunity to learn these skills, they gain confidence to continue exploring the outdoors and become stewards of the land.

Youth Restoring Native Roots Restorative Agriculture in Wind River

A Wyoming Youth for Natural Resources grant is engaging youth from the Wind River Indian Reservation. This multiyear project brings students of all ages to the Arapaho Ranch Field Station where they are restoring native plants to the land and healing the soil after decades of industrial farming practices. The work students have already undertaken will have a lasting impact on creating a vibrant and healthy landscape on the Ranch. Native grasses and wildflowers will develop deep roots into the earth, creating richer soils to support the many species that rely on prairie ecosystems.



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Pictures:

(Top left) - A grizzly bear skull and pelt are just two of the many artifacts students get to interact with in the trunks.

(Top right) - Two students from the "Garden Weasel Brigade" head out to begin tilling the land to plant new grasses.

(Bottom) - A participant in #WYHuntFish program with their mentor using scopes while out in the field.

Thank you Wyoming State Museum, Maker Space 307, and First Hunt Foundation.