

Arizona's Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Ambassador Program





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What is an OHV Ambassador?

- OHV Ambassadors are trained volunteers that help conserve OHV riding opportunities by working cooperatively with Arizona land managers.



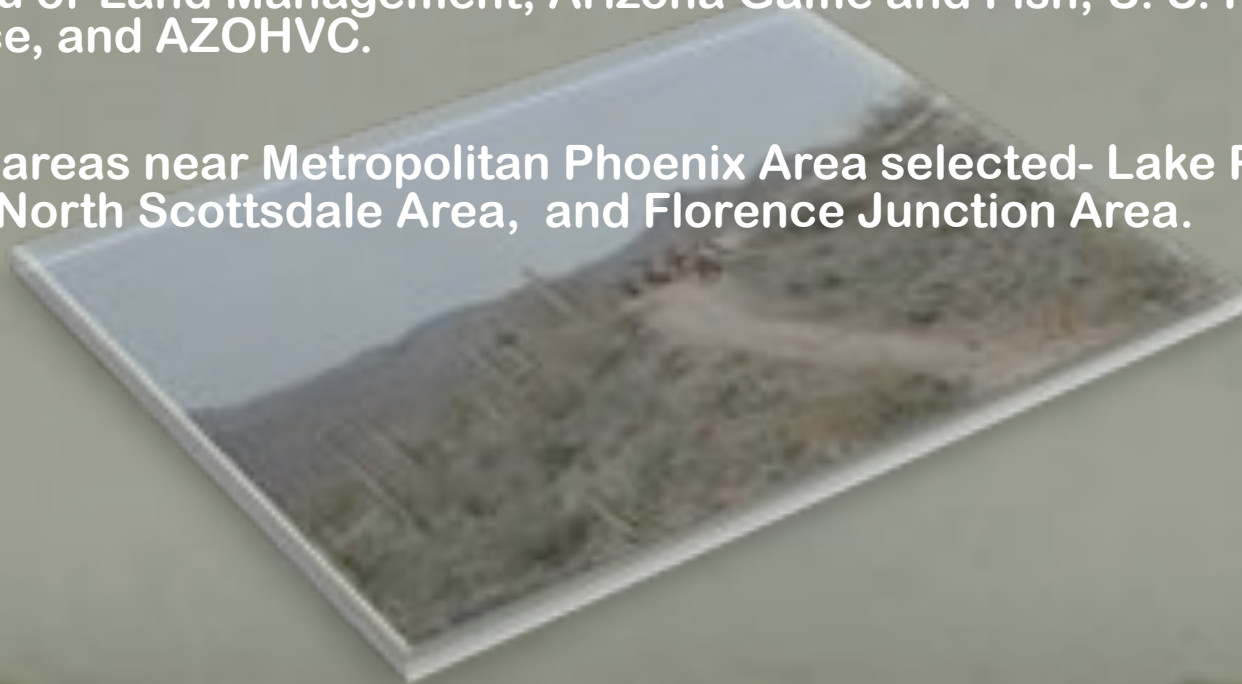
Background

- March 2006 most important needs were identified by BLM, State Parks, Forest Service and Arizona Game and Fish Department related to Off Highway Vehicle Needs in Arizona
 - Lack of On the ground presence
 - Effective Public Education



OHV Ambassador Program Beginnings

- Multiagency effort determined that a dedicated group of volunteer who were able to do supervised project work and public interaction would be able to help meet priority needs.
- Fall of 2007 first group of 27 volunteers attended training to become OHV Ambassadors facilitated and supported by Arizona State Parks, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Game and Fish, U. S. Forest Service, and AZOHVC.
- Three areas near Metropolitan Phoenix Area selected- Lake Pleasant Area, North Scottsdale Area, and Florence Junction Area.



Purpose of the Ambassador Program



- Provide a cadre of trained volunteers to assist Arizona Resource Agencies to conserve OHV riding opportunities



Functions of the Ambassadors



- Maintain motorized areas, roads, trails, and facilities
- Provide a recognizable presence on public and state lands
- Model appropriate riding behavior
- Provide educational and informative materials to the public





Ambassador Activities

- Ride trails to identify and record resource needs.
- Work with Officials to manage for responsible OHV use.
- Provide informational maps and materials to recreationists.
- Participate in special on the ground projects.
- Receive OHV training.
- Participate as BLM, Forest Service, and State volunteers.

Scope of Pilot Program

- 70 Ambassadors trained 2007 and 2008
- Pilot Program sites:
 - Lake Pleasant Area- includes the Bradshaw Foothills Area, Boulders Staging Area , and Table Mesa Road, west of I-17
 - North Scottsdale Area- includes Granite Mountain Multi-Use Area and the Tonto National Forest (Cave Creek Ranger District)
 - Florence Junction Area- includes Desert Wells Multi-Use Area and the BLM portion of the Middle Gila Canyons area



Training Orientation Components of Ambassador Program

- Duties
- Responsibilities
- Code of Conduct
- Safety
- Time Commitment

Program Accomplishments to Date:

- Ambassador Service:
 - BLM: 66 shifts (volunteers), 745 hours of volunteer service
 - USFS: 73 shifts, 539 hours
 - ASLD: 23 shifts, 163 hours
 - Multiagency : 52 shifts, 160 hours
- TOTAL:
 - 1607 hours X \$18.55 = \$29,809.85
 - Total Shifts: 214



AMBASSADOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Site Cleanups (4)**
 - Table Mesa (2), Middle Gila State Lands/BLM (1), ASLD (1)
- **Meet and Greet/ Breakfast Greet (14)**
 - Table Mesa , Middle Gila , Boulders, Desert Wells, Granite Mountain, and Cave Creek R. D.
 - 2030 public information contacts made by Maricopa County Sheriff Deputies
- **Trail Patrols (34)**
 - Middle Gila (7) ,Cave Creek R.D. (21) ,and Boulders/L.P. (6)
- **Trail Sustainability Workshop (2)**
- **Work Days (8)**
 - Trailer Work (2), Fence Repair / Kiosk Construction (6)
- **Other Events:**
 - Boulders Dedication Ceremony
 - Super Bowl/ Game And Fish Expo Events Information Booths
 - Crown King Fun Run
 - ATR Endro Meet and Greet
 - OHVA Meetings



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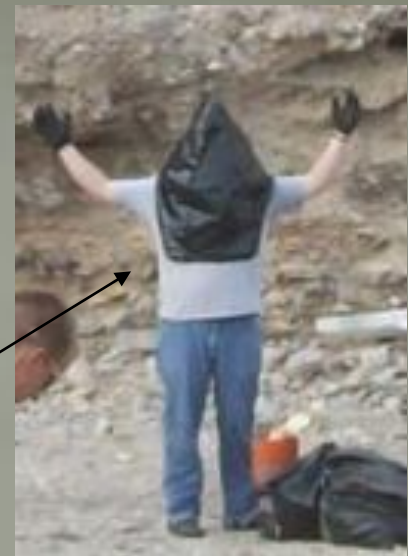














A welder wearing a yellow protective jacket, red gloves, and a black welding mask is working on a metal structure. Bright sparks are visible at the point of contact. The background shows a desert landscape with dry vegetation and a clear blue sky.

Thank you for all of
your hard work this
last year.

OHVA is off the ground
and is a successful
volunteer and inter-
agency partnership
program for Off-
Highway Vehicle
Recreation in Arizona

CERTIFICATION OF RECOGNITION POINT AWARDS



Faces of the Ambassador Program

