

A WEEKEND OF FUN. A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES.

About the Camp

Founded in 2011, the **Maison T Ortiz Youth Outdoor Skills Camp** is A weekend-long event designed to give boys and girls outdoor skills training and a fun overnight camping experience.

Named in honor and memory of Maison T Ortiz, a 15-year-old Galena High School student who was passionate about the outdoors, the camp was created to encourage youth involvement in wildlife-related outdoor activities. **Nevada Bighorns Unlimited**, **Northern Nevada Chapter of Safari Club International**, and **The Rotary Club of Sparks** - the Founding Sponsors - collaborated with the Ortiz family to create the camp. The **Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW)** joined later as a strategic partner. For more information about the camp organizers please go to our website: nevadaoutdoorskills.org.

Location

The camp takes place at Winnemucca Ranch, located on Winnemucca Ranch Road off of the Pyramid Lake Highway, about 35 miles north of the Reno/Sparks metropolitan area. This unique location affords some of the best wilderness areas Nevada has to offer within reasonable driving distance from Reno and Sparks.



Facilities

Each event station has shade canopies and is stocked with snacks, water and other healthy beverages. Portable toilets and wash stations are situated throughout the camp event areas. Lunches are prepared by an outside caterer and delivered to participants.

Age Groups

The camp is limited to 11-14 year old girls and boys. While our priority is recruiting youth who may not have opportunities to experience Nevada's outdoors, we also have a camper classification called "Youth Ambassador," which allows a limited number of campers who have previous experience to bring a friend with little or no experience. See our camper applications for more details.



Events & Activities

Campers are instructed, mentored and supervised during organized instructional activities by fully vetted, trained and certified adult instructors and Counselors, as well as Youth Mentors who have attended previous camps. Organized instructional activities include: **Safety Trail**, **Pellet Range**, **Shotgun Range**, **Archery Range**, **Fishing**, **Skills in Survival and Orienteering**, **Wildlife Tracks and Identification**, and **Outdoor Crafts**.



Safety & Supervision

Camp safety is our number one priority. We have a dedicated **Camp Health and Safety Director** who is responsible for the safety and wellbeing of our campers and volunteers. There will be eighteen adult Counselors, sixteen assigned and two unassigned, and Youth Mentors to assist and supervise the campers throughout their instructional sessions.



All adult volunteers are fully vetted. A medical tent staffed with a medical professional will be available during the entirety of the camp at all times plus emergency services are a phone call away.

Important Dates:

You can submit your completed application electronically from our website or print a hard copy and submit to any of the addresses indicated. The deadline for Camper Applications and Volunteer Interest forms is May 31st. All fully completed forms must be in our regular mailbox or email inbox by midnight.

Scholarships are available.

Apply Online

Scan the QR Code or enter the web address below to apply for this year's camp.



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Founded by:



Maison T Ortiz
Family Charitable Fund

Rotary
Club of Sparks

\$50
APPLICATION FEE

INCLUDES:

- Sleeping Bag
- Backpack
- Headlight
- Fishing Rod
- T-shirt & Hat
- Survival kit
- All Meals, Snacks & Drinks