



After four and a half months of stress and planning, the 1st annual Team Young Gunz Outdoors (TYGO) Ms. Adventurez / National Wild Turkey Federation Women In The Outdoors (NWTF/WITO), Coues Camp was here. On the morning of November 8th we, along with mentors and students started rolling in to camp for the long set up. It took until dark to set up all of the gear that Steve Clark with the Arizona Elk Society (AES) graciously supplied and manned for the camp. After a great dinner of hamburgers, potato salad and chips, instruction on general camp & field safety, ethic's, shot placement on the Coues Deer and mentor/student pairing we all headed to bed.

Opening morning came early and after a quick breakfast, cups of coffee and hot chocolate all the students and mentors headed out for what would be for most of the students their first Big Game hunt. At the end of the day everyone had found deer, many shots were fired and three Coues Deer were harvested. For all three of the successful ladies, Janet, Kacie and Stacy, this was the first big game they shot at. Once the ladies skinned their own deer we took them across the camp site to our mobile meat processor, Camo Cuts, that we had on site and their deer were done the next day for them. Once our dinner of BBQ chicken and beef and salad was finished a repeat of the previous nights instruction for the mentors and students that came in on Friday was given we all headed off to bed.

After a very long night of wind, rain and even some snow, coffee and breakfast at 4 a.m. officially started day two. It ended with exactly the same results. Lots of deer found, many shots fired and three more Coues Deer taken. Jacqueline, Theresa and Beth were the fortunate hunters of the day. For two of the ladies it was their first deer and the other, her second deer. Again, after skinning their own deer, two of the ladies took their deer across the camp to the processor. Saturday night brought New York strip steaks, mashed potatoes and corn for the hungry camp. We held a raffle for a custom knife that was handmade especially for the event by a friend of TYGO. Terrel at AZ Custom Bow Strings put over 50 hours of work into its construction. A second prize of a custom varmint caller was donated by Jerry Gollubier. Both items were beautifully crafted and happily received by the winning ticket holders. After several photo sessions it was bedtime and the end of day two.

4 a.m. on the third and final day was cold. So having a hot cup of coffee and warm steak quesadillas really hit the spot. More shots were taken but no more deer were harvested. After a long five hour tear down of camp, the inaugural Team Young Gunz Outdoors Ms. Adventurez Coues Deer Camp was in the books.

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The overall success of our camp would not have been possible if it were not for the collaborative efforts of everyone involved. TYGO, NWTF/WITO, AES and CouesWhitetail.com, Sportsman's Warehouse and Cabelas who provided giveaways and discount coupons, Bass Pro Shop for discounted purchase of back packs that were provided to each student, Arizona Game and Fish Department/ Hunting and Angling Heritage Work Group for the grant money, Camo Cuts Mobile Meat Processing, Bad Boy Buggies, AZ Custom Bow Strings, Jerry Gollubier, and FICO (Sahuarita Pecan Farms) for the firewood donation.

Thanks to the students, some of which came from out of state, for putting your trust in us and giving 110% for three long, grueling days. And last but not least, thank you to the volunteer mentors (some coming as far away as San Diego) for whom we are deeply humbled and grateful for your passion and shared vision of passing on the tradition of being in the Outdoors and Hunting.

See you all at the next camp.



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