



Governor's Pride in Arizona Awards Conference

Arizona Clean and Beautiful is seeking nominations for the 2005 Governor's Pride in Arizona Awards to be held on October 27, 2005 at the South Mountain Environmental Education Center in Phoenix. Businesses, organizations, governmental agencies, tribal communities, and individuals can be nominated.

Governor Janet Napolitano has been invited to recognize the 2005 honorees.

Governor's Pride in Arizona Conference is the only statewide environmental award program that recognizes Arizona communities, businesses, and organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to the environmental quality of Arizona by the development of innovative, sustainable programs to improve the quality of life.

In 1990, through the vision of Arizona Clean and Beautiful and the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Governor's Pride in Arizona Awards were started. It has evolved, thanks to help from committee members and the judges, into a landmark event that offers educational workshops and exhibits that address Arizona's current environmental trends and issues.

Please fill out the form and submit by
September 22, 2005 to *Arizona Clean and Beautiful*.

Call ACB at 602-262-2532 if you have any questions.

For additional nominations, feel free to copy the form or download a form from our website at www.arizonacleanandbeautiful.org.

Selected Category Descriptions

Criminal Justice

Open to individuals employed in the criminal justice system as peace officers, prosecutor, investigator or judge, or those who have provided extraordinary assistance to help improve code enforcement that affects the environment and improves the community. Nominee cannot be employed in code enforcement.

Environmental Education

Programs that educate youth, employees or the general public, or provide educational resources to teachers and the community. Example: a comprehensive program that addresses state-specific water issues and includes lesson guides, video and an educational computer game that is distributed to local schools.

Media Leadership

Exceptional coverage of issues or promotion of events that contributes to a broader understanding of environmental issues or encourages constructive change. Includes footage, articles, etc. of the coverage. Two awards will be given: one for statewide coverage and one for local coverage.

Pollution Prevention

Activities or programs that encourage the reduction of hazardous materials at the source and improve Arizona's air or water quality. Describe how pollution prevention was promoted through education, research or direct assistance, developed new techniques or applications of existing technologies, or how an individual was an outstanding advocate for pollution prevention. Examples: changing or improving manufacturing process to reduce or eliminate the release of toxic chemicals.

Recycling

Programs that promote increased recycling and "closing the loop" within a community, company, school, etc. and may include an educational and awareness component. Example: converting a paper mill to produce 100% recycled fiber as its raw material; a company setting up a comprehensive program to collect and recycle surplus construction materials for resale at a discount or donation to nonprofit organizations.

Transportation Enhancement

For Federal Transportation Enhancement funded projects that go "above and beyond" usual transportation facilities to improve environmental and community livability. Surface transportation projects include the construction of landscaping, bike lanes, sidewalks, pathways, and even restoration of old transportation facilities such as canals and railroad depots. Unique projects include turning abandoned railroad tracks into pathways, establishment of transportation museums, archaeological planning, and pedestrian/bicycle safety education.

Water Conservation

Outstanding program that demonstrates the sustainable use and conservation of Arizona's water supplies through low water use landscaping, innovative re-use of gray water, reduction or re-use of water in an industrial setting, etc. Example: a company diverting bleed-off from a reverse osmosis system to a scrubber water supply tank.

Criteria for Recognition

- * Nominations will be accepted from anyone who chooses to submit an application.
- * Successful entries must meet the basic requirements outlined in the entry procedures.
- * Every question must be answered in order to be considered for an award. If you do not understand a question, please call the ACB office at 602-262-2532.

Honorees or their designee must be present to accept their award on Thursday, October 27, 2005 at the annual Governor's Pride in Arizona Awards Ceremony at the South Mountain Environmental Education Center in Phoenix.

Entry Procedure

- * Check the boxes that apply for each category.
- * Submit 5 copies of the summary.
- * Include slides, printed materials, photos, press clippings, etc.
- * Place the Nomination form, the summaries and other documentation into a folder.

Answer the following questions as completely as possible including relevant statistics and quantifiable data. If a question does not apply, then answer accordingly. Submit no more than 4 pages of written information. If information is missing or the guidelines are not followed, the application will be disqualified.

If you have any questions on filling out this form, please call the ACB office at 602-262-2532 or email at azbeautiful@qwest.net.

1. Identify the need or problem that this program has addressed.
2. What were the goals of the program? Include the scope and the size of the target audience.
3. Briefly describe the program history.
4. What is the current status of the program activities and techniques?
5. What innovative approaches were used to accomplish the program?
6. How many participating volunteers, employees, and program partnerships, etc. were involved?
7. What was the program's budget?
8. What were the results of the program (quantity, if possible), including improvements in public attitudes?
9. What were the environmental, economic and quality of life benefits?
10. What other details would you like to add that were not required above?

Pollution Prevention, Environmental Technology & Leadership Categories only:
Complete the following information (no more than 2 additional pages)

11. Explain your management commitment.
12. What outreach techniques were used?
13. Which source reduction activities were considered?
14. Please describe how the program can be adopted by others?

Awards Category (Select One) *Please read the award description for details.

- Adopt-A-Program (State, County or City)
- Beautification and Forestry
- Community Leadership
- Criminal Justice*
- Environmental Education*
- Environmental Leadership
- Environmental Technology
- Media Leadership*
- Pollution Prevention
- Recycling
- Transportation Enhancement*
- Water Conservation*

Type of Community

- Rural, Unincorporated, County
- Up to 25,000 population
- 25,000 to 80,000 population
- Over 80,000 population

Type of Applicant

- Individual
- Business/Industry
- Educational Institution
- Government
- Military Installation
- Native American Community
- Nonprofit or Civic Organization
- Arizona Affiliate Network Member

Please complete the following information

Name of individual, organization, group or program being nominated:

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

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In the event that your program is chosen, please write a short description (100 words or less) that will be used for the introduction.

Submit entry to:
Arizona Clean and Beautiful
2323 N. 3rd Street, Suite 200
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Entries must be postmarked no later than September 22, 2005. This entry is for the program activities for the 12 months proceeding August 31, 2005.

Your original entry will be available at the Governor's Pride in Arizona Awards luncheon for you to pick up. If you want your materials returned via mail, include a \$10.00 check for postage and handling payable to Arizona Clean and Beautiful.

Certification

I certify that all statements contained in this nomination are true and that I am duly authorized to sign and submit this entry on behalf of our community or organization.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 09/21/05

Phone: 602-789-3581

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GOVERNOR'S PRIDE IN ARIZONA AWARDS

Recycling

Nominee: The Arizona Game and Fish Department

For: The Monofilament Recovery Program

Need, History, and Goals

In 1978, the bald eagle was listed as Endangered under the Endangered Species Act. At that time, little was known about the bald eagle in Arizona, especially the threats affecting productivity. As the population was monitored, the occurrence of fishing line (monofilament) in bald eagle nests and entangling nestlings became a concern for wildlife managers. Before management could be put in place, monofilament had killed two nestlings and had been removed from numerous nests. Currently, 53% of Arizona bald eagle breeding areas have had monofilament removed from their nests or from entangling nestlings.

To counteract this threat, the Arizona Game and Fish Department adopted and modified a program used to protect Florida manatees from monofilament in the everglades. Implemented in 2003, the Monofilament Recovery Program uses the assistance of Scout clubs, environmental organizations, and fishing groups to help place Monofilament Recovery bins at fishable waters throughout the state. Current emphasis of the program centers on bald eagle breeding areas near high use recreation areas to reduce the impact this litter has on bald eagle productivity.

The goal of the program is to promote responsible fishing by educating the public on the dangers to wildlife from discarded monofilament and to remove the material from the environment.

Target Audience

Since 80% of a bald eagles diet is fish, the angling public which use the lakes and rivers throughout the state is the target audience. To counteract the affect of this material on bald eagles, we have concentrated efforts on the recreation areas near bald eagle breeding areas. However, land managers in other areas have found this program as an effective tool at removing monofilament from the shoreline, and have voluntarily placed the bins in areas where a problem exists.

Techniques and Innovative Approaches

The Monofilament Recovery bins are placed on the boats ramps and loading docks to remind anglers to fish responsibly and to reduce and recycle their litter appropriately. We have obtained a list of a fishable waterways in the state, and are slowly working towards the goal of having the program at each of those sites.

In addition to this effort, the Arizona Game and Fish Department has asked all of its license distributors to place Monofilament Recycling containers within their stores to promote recycling of the material. When the containers are full, they are sent free of charge back to the fishing line manufacture to be recycled into tackle boxes, coolers, and lunch trays.

Partnerships and Budget

Oversight for this project comes from the Southwestern Bald Eagle Management Committee. The committee is formed of 19 federal, state, local agencies, private organizations, and Native American tribes including Arizona Game and Fish Department, Arizona Public Service, Arizona State Parks, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Luke Air Force Base, Maricopa

County Parks and Recreation Department, National Park Service, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Salt River Project, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Tonto Apache Tribe, U.S. Air Combat Command (GeoMarine Incorporated), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

Implementation of the program comes at little cost. The Arizona Game and Fish Department purchased all of the signs and stickers for the placement of the bins, and is actively promoting the program through posters, brochures, flyers, and an internet website. Volunteers (Scouting clubs, environmental groups, etc.) participating in the program obtain donated material from retail stores to construct and place the bins. Most Boy Scout clubs do this activity to receive their environmental badges.

Results and Benefits

Currently, 8.5% of the over 200 fishable waterways in Arizona has the Monofilament Recovery bins, and the recycling containers have been placed in every license dealer retail store who requested them (over 60 stores selling fishing licenses). We anticipate more response as we come out of a drought season for fisherman, and publicizing the program increases.

We hope to change public attitudes about disposing this material along the shore by showing the impact it can have on wildlife. Since the program is young, we have yet to see an impact.

If selected:

Introduction

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's has implemented a program to reduce the amount of fishing line littering our waterways. The Monofilament Recovery Program is an educational and recycling effort to reduce the amount of monofilament in the environment by showing the impacts this material has on wildlife. They promote responsible angling by providing the means to dispose and recycle this material at the fishable waterways in Arizona, and to educate the public when buying a fishing license about the affects discarded monofilament has on the environment.