



WorldWildWeb

Dispatch

Ironwood Tree Experience kicks off the WorldWildWeb, a digital connection of friends who seek, discover, & share the natural & cultural wonders of their home, neighborhood, & community. Check out Session 1 projects below & check out the ITE webpage for current projects!



who participated in the EcoMonitoring Corps internship. Madison, Yada, and Matvey shared stories about their connection with birds as well as their own tips and tricks for beginning birders. Some birds discovered during this project include the House Sparrow, Curve-billed Thrasher, Gila Woodpecker, & Anna's Hummingbird.

The picture to the left shows Madeline's spot of a Cooper's Hawk! Below is Kallie's painting of a Gila Woodpecker found in her backyard.



PROJECT: BACKYARD BIRDS

The Backyard Birds project encouraged participants to go outside and meet their local birds. This kicked off with a "Birding 101" presentation by expert Jennie Duberstein (Biologist, [Coordinator with Sonoran Joint Venture](#)). Activities included keeping a list of birds found in participants' backyards & doing a deeper dive to learn more about a specific bird species. Participants also had the opportunity to learn from ITE's own youth experts,

PROJECT: HOMEFRONT

The Homefront project allowed participants to get reacquainted with their homes, whether that be their backyard, their block, or their neighborhood. Participants had the opportunity to meet with Charles Clark (Deputy District Ranger, [Santa Catalina District of the Coronado National Forest](#), USFS) and learn about a sense of place in public lands. Activities included creating a map of participants' homefronts (see part of Clarissa's map above) & expanding on

some assets they identified. Luckily, ITE youth experts from the Community Action Toolkit Program were able to share their expertise on this subject. Isolde, Terra, Dot, and Andrea provided asset mapping examples and best practices in getting to know one's community. Participants created drawn maps, videos with voice-overs, and ArcGIS story maps to share what they learned about their homes and what holds value for them.



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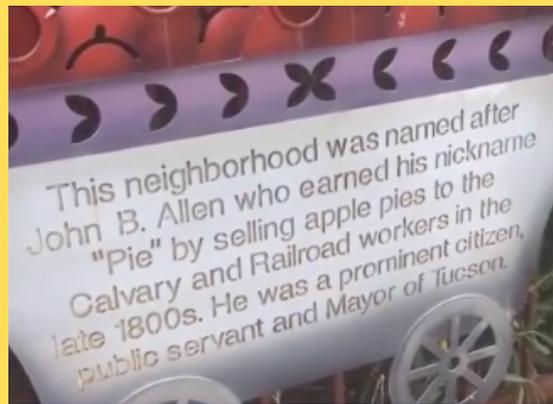
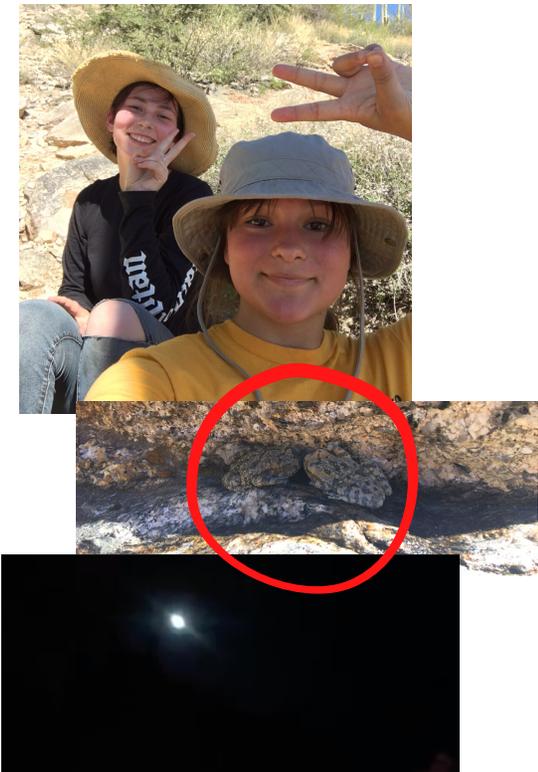
Outside of the projects, ITE youth have the opportunity to be flexible and participate in Youth Action Corps activities. One way they can do this is through YAC Acts, which include daily and weekly prompts that entice participants to get outside, reflect, and learn, and then share and discuss their thoughts. Youth can also join in on the once-a-month YAC workshops (pictured above)! This session, youth shared memories in public lands, spoke about how nature is helping them during this time, wrote haikus, and took selfies with their favorite plants.

**The birds are singing
The skies are blue and sunny
It is a great day**

Haiku by Caitlin Hanson

Dot's reflections on public lands [Pusch Ridge Wilderness]:

"These photos and videos are memories of the backpacking trip we took in the Hutch's Pool Wilderness area. Also, the little prep trip we took before discussing public lands. Me and Will were so sunburned by the end lol. In the video you could see how bright this full moon was, possibly a factor for the dozens of canyon [tree] frogs surrounding our camp at all times!"



A clip from Chrissy's video (above) & Eric's ArcGIS story map (below).

