Maison T Ortiz Sixth Annual
Youth Outdoor Skills Camp
July 15-17 2016

Camp Information
Girls & Boys Ages: 11-14
Price: NO COST
When: July 15-17, 2016
Where: 30 miles north of Reno/Sparks off the Pyramid Lake Highway Winnemucca Ranch
Transportation not included.

Activities Include:
Safety trail, laser shot, shotgun and rifle ranges, archery range, fishing, wilderness survival, wildlife calls and much more!

Application forms can be found on the MTOYOSC website:
www.mtroyouthoutdoorskills.com

Please return your completed applications to the addresses or fax number below. All applications must be in our mail box, fax, or E-mail Inbox by midnight on Saturday, April 30th, 2016.

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For the past 30 years, nationally and in Nevada, there has been a steady decline in the number of youths who hunt, fish, or enjoy other forms of wildlife related outdoor recreational activities. This is supported by statistics compiled by both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW). The conclusion is that a vast majority of Nevada’s youth have never even seen a sage grouse, mule deer, wild sheep, or pronghorn in the wild, enjoyed the thrill of a trout tugging on the end of their line, or seen the rugged beauty that Nevada’s wild areas have to offer. In an effort to reverse this trend the Maison T Ortiz Youth Outdoor Skills Camp was founded in 2011.
Core Values of the Camp: **It’s All About the Kids!**

**Honesty • Integrity • Leadership • Ethics • Sportsmanship • Organization • Teamwork • Respect • Accountability**

The Maison T. Ortiz Youth Outdoor Skills Camp is a 2 ½ day event that has been designed to give a full outdoor skills training and overnight camping experience. The primary focus is urban and rural children who may not otherwise have many opportunities to experience Nevada’s outdoors and wildlife related activities.

This Camp is named in honor and memory of Maison T Ortiz, a 15 year old Galena High School student who tragically died in a snowboarding accident in January of 2011. Maison was a fifth generation Nevadan who had an innate uncanny ability to connect with nature. He was representative of the best of sportsmen and hunters and epitomizes the very type of youth embraced by the Founding Sponsors of this event. It is his family’s wish that deserving youths have the opportunity to develop similar passions as were enjoyed and exemplified by Maison.

Shortly after Maison’s death Nevada Bighorns Unlimited, Northern Nevada Chapter of Safari Club International, and The Rotary Club of Sparks Nevada through the Fred Searles Trust (Founding Sponsors), collaborated with the Ortiz family to organize a Youth Camp to remember Maison and address the glaring need to get more of our youth involved in wildlife related outdoor activities. The Nevada Department of Wildlife also joined the collaboration and actively participates in the camp.

The camp is governed by a Steering Committee made up of directors and members of the three Founding Sponsors, Strategic Partners and the Ortiz family.

Campers will be mentored and supervised during organized instructional activities by fully vetted Adult Counselors as well as Youth Mentors who have attended previous camps.

Organized instructional activities will include: Safety Trail, Laser Shot, Rifle Range (.22 Rifle safety and target shooting), Shotgun Range (Shotgun safety and target shooting), Archery Range (safety and shooting stationary and moving targets), Fishing, Wilderness Survival, Useful Knots, Wildlife Calls, and Wildlife Tracks and Identification. There will be additional hands-on instructional seminars as well as discretionary activities available before and after organized instruction.

Guest speakers will be featured each evening after dinner and there will be plenty of fun around the camp fire.

Sleeping tents are segregated by gender and will have four adult Camp Counselors as well as several Youth Mentors of the same gender present for supervision. There will be at least one medical professional present at all times and several during the organized instructional activities. All meals, snacks, drinks, outdoor activity supplies, tents, and sleeping bags with cots are provided at no charge to the campers. In addition to the camp there are also plans for alumni events during the following year. The goal is to get our campers interested and keep them interested.

For more information you can view photos and short videos of the past camps on our website: [www.mtyououthoutdoorskills.com](http://www.mtyououthoutdoorskills.com).