

Rotary

Club of the Verde Valley



July 1, 2026

Dear Duck Race Sponsor,



Our primary fundraising effort again this year is the Duck Race held on Verde River Day at Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Saturday, September 26, 2026. This event has raised more than \$450,000 over the years to support people and programs who in our community who need it most.

Our support for youth through reading programs, leadership development, scholarships, vocational opportunities, and school activities define our club. We donate money and our time working with the other organizations in the Verde Valley that support the adult community in housing and shelter, food and sustenance, health, and career opportunities. We financially support Rotary's International's effort to provide worldwide relief in the areas of peace building and conflict resolution, basic education and literacy, disease prevention and treatment, water sanitation and hygiene, community economic development, maternal and child health, and the environment.

We know that you care about our community and with your continued support we can reach our 2025 goal of \$35,000. Please consider sponsoring our fundraiser at whatever level you find comfortable. In addition to race tickets, you will be acknowledged in newspaper advertisements in the Verde Independent and through publicity at the event.

Sponsorship Levels:

- \$2,500 - Titanium level* and 500 race tickets
- \$1,000 - Platinum level* and 200 race tickets
- \$ 500 - Gold level* and 100 race tickets
- \$ 350 - Silver level* and 70 race tickets
- \$ 200 - Bronze level* and 40 race tickets

* Sponsorship Levels are included in event day publicity and in advertising in the Verde Independent newspaper. See enclosed newspaper example.

When – September 26, 2026

Where – Dead Horse Ranch State Park – Verde River Day

1st Place - \$1,000 2nd Place - \$500 3rd Place - \$250

To support this year's Duck Race Fundraiser, **please fill out and return the enclosed sponsorship form with your check.** Alternatively, you can donate online at www.rotarycluboftheverdevalley.org.

Thank you in advance for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Young".

Eric Young – (303) 619-9629
Co-Chairperson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Taylor".

Tom Taylor – (928) 301-4396
Co-Chairperson

"Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change -- across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves."

...Comments received from our Scholarship Recipients...

"I remain fully committed to working toward my degree and pursuing a career as a physical therapist. I am grateful for the continued guidance, encouragement, and support that helps me stay motivated and focused on this path. Thank you for your ongoing support." **Maysea Dupuy**

"I'm truly so excited to continue my educational path here at ASU... I want to thank the Rotary Club of The Verde Valley for helping me achieve my goals. This wouldn't be possible without you guys." **Mauro Depasquale**

"I want to still focus on my academics. Thank you for this scholarship because it has helped me stay focused and not worried." **Cecilia Orellana**

"I can't thank Rotary enough for helping me get here. The financial help I have received from this scholarship has been a huge help! I am beyond excited to see where the nursing degree takes me." **Victoria Black**

"I am committed to my education and to the Animal Science field, I and am now one step closer to reaching my goal, thanks to your generosity. I greatly appreciate it!" **Aria Christianson**

"I am also very appreciative of the Rotary Club for helping make this possible for me. I still have a lot to learn and am excitedly awaiting the journey ahead, which would not be possible without your generosity!" **Kenzie Fangman**

"I am truly honored and I cannot thank you enough for your support as I continue my college journey... I am so grateful that your generosity is helping make this dream a reality and can't express enough how amazing it feels knowing that I have this opportunity. Thank you again for believing in me and investing in my future." **McKenzie Mulcaire**

"I am very excited to keep growing and learning how to be a prospering adult. All of my classes for next semester will only strengthen my knowledge on becoming a veterinary technician and my overall goal. Thank You!" **Bristol Bickford**

"Thank you again for your generosity ... Your support has enabled me to fully commit to my academic goals while gaining valuable experience in leadership, coaching, and athlete development, which directly supports my future career." **Makai Arnaudo**

"I have been greatly impacted by the ... Academic Scholarship and truly cannot put my full appreciation into words. This scholarship has allowed me to put more focus into schooling and achieving my goals. Thank you!" **Marcus Bueno**

"I deeply appreciate everything you have done for me and my family and what you continue to do for Verde Valley students and their families.... Your gift will never be forgotten, thank you." **Carlos Zuniga**