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## Welcome to Wild Friends!



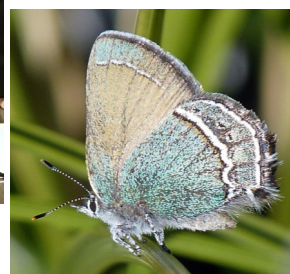
*Students receive an outreach visit from a beekeeper*

You are joining over 14,000 students across New Mexico who have helped to conserve wildlife through science and legislative advocacy! This fall you will vote on a topic (see ballot on reverse side), do research on your topic, learn about how government works, and then help to draft legislation to address your topic. Starting in January, you will be a part of the 2021 New Mexico Legislative session, advocating for your legislation!



*Students talk with a legislator about their bill*

Since 1991, Wild Friends have written 22 memorials and bills requesting state action on issues that affect wildlife, including a new pollinator license plate and the creation of wildlife safety zones.



*The Sandia Hairstreak butterfly was named the New Mexico State Butterfly in 2003 after a Wild Friends memorial*

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## Option A: Outdoor Classrooms

The time is right for outdoor learning! New Mexico has a great climate, it's healthier outdoors, and hands-on learning is exciting! Let's learn about the benefits and challenges of an outdoor classroom, and ask the NM State Legislature to encourage the Public Education Department to study how to use them now and into the future.



## Option B: Citizen Science

You can be a citizen scientist! Citizen science happens when you study the world around you, and send in the data you collect to scientists. Citizen scientists can be young or old, and can help scientists answer real-world questions. Let's ask the NM State Legislature to encourage our state agencies to use student-driven data.



# VOTE!

Option A - Outdoor Classrooms \_\_\_\_\_

Option B - Citizen Science \_\_\_\_\_

*Send your choice to your teacher*

*by Friday, September 11*



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