



# The Wild News

## WHAT IS WILD FRIENDS?

Wild Friends is a hands on civics education program in schools across New Mexico working to protect wildlife through science and legislative action. Wild Friends is YOU!

## OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS

This year Wild Friends students worked on Senate Memorial 1. The Memorial proposed an Outdoor Classroom Task Force for New Mexico, as well as a day for outdoor learning designated by the Governor.



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## COMING IN FALL 2021

Thanks to Wild Friends students New Mexico will have its first Outdoor Learning Day this fall!

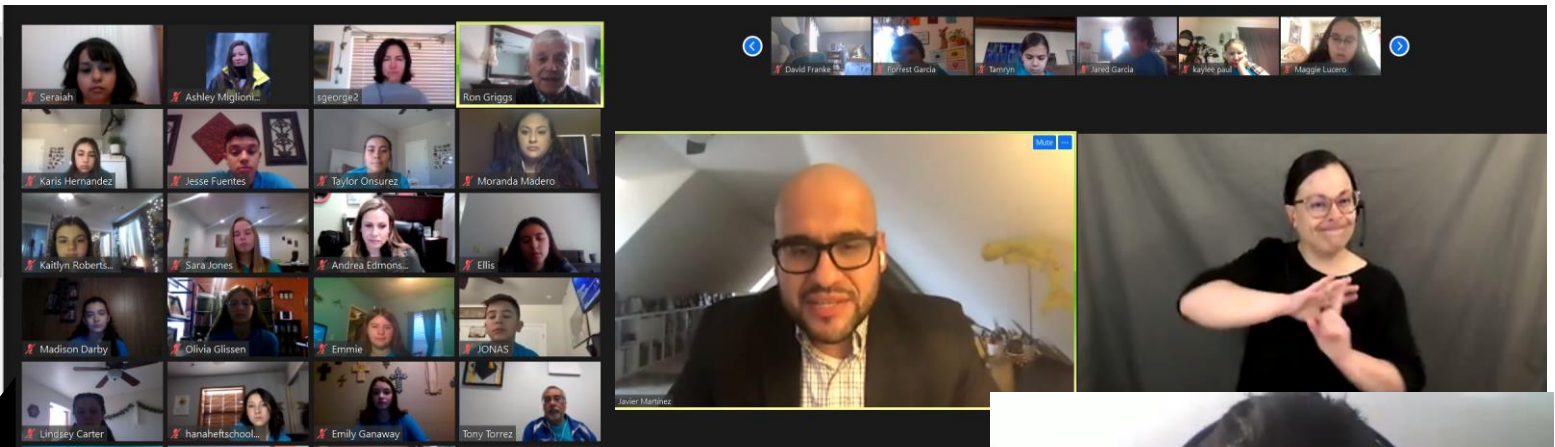


## WHO WERE OUR WILD FRIENDS THIS YEAR?

Students and teachers from six wonderful schools across New Mexico were our 2020-21 Wild Friends!

- Albuquerque Sign Language Academy
- Carlsbad Intermediate Schools
- Grady Municipal Schools
- Monte Vista Elementary
- New Mexico School for the Arts
- Turquoise Trail Charter School





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This past year has been filled with countless hardships. However, among those hardships, good things have prevailed. One of the lights of this past year was our amazing team of Wild Friends students, teachers, and guests! We know how difficult this school year has been for every teacher and student, but you Wild Friends still stepped up to the plate and knocked it out of the park.

The first thing our students were tasked with was designing an outdoor classroom prototype. We received amazing submissions following the specific criteria and budget. The contest winners were Grady Municipal Schools, NM School for the Arts, Turquoise Trail, and ABQ Sign Language Academy! After that, we began the hard work of drafting the Outdoor Classrooms Memorial, and then spent the beginning of Spring advocating for our Memorial (SM 1) by talking to legislators, writing letters, and creating videos. SM 1 passed the Senate Rules Committee, Senate Education Committee, and the full Senate by landslides!

Thanks to all your hard work New Mexico now has an Outdoor Classroom Task Force and an annual Outdoor Learning Day! Congratulations and thank you to all our Wild Friends for a fantastic and successful year!

Last but not least, thank you to our legislative sponsor, Senator Correa Hemphill, and to our corporate sponsors, ExxonMobil, Nusenda Credit Union, and PNM.

