



WILDEST CLUB IN TOWN AFFILIATE CHARTER

STRUCTURE AND PURPOSE:

The Wildest Club in Town (WCIT) is a volunteer and fundraising affiliate in service to the Arizona Center for Nature Conservation (ACNC). All assets and liabilities of this affiliate constitute assets and liabilities of ACNC. Members and officers of WCIT are directed by and report to the management of the ACNC.

MISSION:

The Wildest Club in Town advances the mission of the Arizona Center for Nature Conservation (to advance the stewardship and conservation of animals and their habitats while providing experiences that inspire people and motivate them to care for the natural world), through community outreach, promotion of programs and events, fundraising and volunteerism.

MEMBERSHIP:

Members must submit an application and meet the minimum requirements before acceptance.

Minimum Requirements:

1. Paid member of the Phoenix Zoo
2. Agree to serve for at least 2 years
3. Agree to attend at least 75% of WCIT meetings and events annually
4. Agree to pay annual dues

MEETINGS:

The WCIT membership shall meet no fewer than six (6) times per year at the call of the President, take action upon majority vote of a quorum, maintain minutes of all meetings, prepare financial reports and provide notices of changes to meetings timely.

OFFICERS:

The membership will nominate and elect officers annually, with service terms of July-June. Officers shall meet in advance of each membership meeting. Officers will include:

1. President – lead the WCIT, serve as liaison to the ACNC, evaluate WCIT progress
2. Vice-President – oversee membership of WCIT and track member participation
3. Secretary – maintain meeting minutes and direct coordination of adhoc committees
4. Treasurer – prepare WCIT budget, financial reports and authorize expenditures

COMMITTEES / TASK FORCE:

Committees / Task Force will be created as needed and function until their purpose is completed.

OVERVIEW:

The Wildest Club in Town (WCIT) is an adult volunteer and fundraising group that operates to advance the mission of the Arizona Center for Nature Conservation (ACNC). Members share a passion for wildlife conservation and seek to engage in volunteerism and philanthropy in a setting of like-minded, energetic, up-and-coming professionals. With a goal to increase organizational support and awareness, membership provides an enriching experience through

environmentally-focused volunteer opportunities, creative fundraising projects and exclusive invitations to WCIT member events.

Members are engaged in the mission and objectives of the ACNC, demonstrated via attendance to bi-monthly meetings, involvement in WCIT events and paid membership to the Phoenix Zoo. Based on individual capacity, each member makes an annual personal financial commitment to the ACNC and provides ongoing support to ACNC and WCIT through offerings of time and talents.

ACNC MISSION:

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WCIT MEMBER GOALS:

- Serve as a resource to ACNC in defining the motivators of like-minded professionals, with an end goal to increase the ACNC relevance and relationship with this group and the public at large
- Serve as an ambassador to ACNC in increasing awareness and philanthropic support for ACNC and its mission amongst peers and associates
- Serve as a conduit to ACNC in recommending individual/organizational collaborations within the community that will enhance ACNC's outreach efforts, member base and philanthropic benefactors.
- Expand members' social and professional networks for enriched personal and career development
- Have fun!

WCIT MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS:

In accordance with the WCIT Affiliate Charter, minimum membership requirements are:

1. Paid member of the Phoenix Zoo
2. Agree to serve for at least 2 years
3. Agree to attend at least 75% of WCIT meetings and events annually
4. Pay annual dues of \$200.00

WCIT is directed by ACNC staff and is provided meeting space and administrative support necessary to fulfill volunteer and fundraising efforts. Membership drives are conducted annually, with a new class of volunteers trained and brought into active status each July. Election of officers and formation of committees occurs annually at the July meeting. Bi-monthly meetings will be held at the Phoenix Zoo or as otherwise arranged by ACNC staff, on weekdays after business hours or weekends.

WCIT MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- Invitations to exclusive WCIT events and Zoo previews, advance notice of Zoo news and special events
- Invitations to the Conservation Speaker Series
- Discounted tickets to select Zoo events
- Donor recognition on Zoo grounds and listing of WCIT members on a dedicated page on the Zoo website
- Staff liaison to contact directly when planning a visit or when questions arise

WILDEST CLUB IN TOWN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name: _____ | Date submitted: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ | Phone (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____

Employed ☐ YES ☐ NO | Employer: _____ | Phone (Work) _____

Please answer the following questions in the space provided:

1. How did you learn about the Wildest Club in Town? _____

2. Are you personally acquainted with a current staff or volunteer at the Phoenix Zoo? ☐ YES ☐ NO | If so, who? _____

3. Are you currently a volunteer at the Phoenix Zoo or any other non-profit? ☐ YES ☐ NO | If so, which one? _____

Can you briefly explain your involvement? _____

4. What do you consider to be your area(s) of expertise (professional and/or personal)? _____

5. Why do you want to volunteer as a member of the Wildest Club in Town? _____

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

The Arizona Center for Nature Conservation (ACNC) requests the following biographical information from all WCIT members for the purposes of proper introductions at organizational functions and for mailings. If you do not wish to have your home number listed on the WCIT membership roster, please let us know.

Name: _____ | Name of Spouse: _____

Name and ages of children: _____

Education: _____

Profession/Employer: _____

Professional Associations and Clubs: _____

Associations with other Non-profit Organizations: _____

Hobbies or Leisure Time Interests: _____

Past Experience with ACNC/Phoenix Zoo: _____

Additional Biographical Data: _____