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SONORAN FIELD COURSE

2022 REPORT

Borderlands Restoration Network Field Studies course is an intensive and immersive practical training courses guided by a diverse set of subject experts that focuses on holistic approaches to the ecological and social challenges of the southern Arizona and northern Sonora borderlands. Curriculum is targeted to college students, working professionals, and adults.

2022 SONORAN FIELD COURSE

The second annual Sonoran Field Course began in Hermosillo where students learned about the local history and culture of northern Mexico, green infrastructure, and visited the greenhouse project site of former BRN Sonoran Interns. They also learned from guest speakers and participated in an alumni reunion to network with past program participants.

Next the class traveled to Rancho El Aribabi Conservation Ranch and learned about the Sky Islands region and rainwater harvesting before heading to Agua Prieta to learn about migration, including volunteering at the Migrant Resource Center. Students then visited Douglas Prieta Trabaja to deepen their understanding of community work and permaculture followed by learning more about the restoration economy from the

owners of Café Justo and BRN Founder Ron Pulliam. Border Arts Corridor led activities about taking field notes and the intersection of the arts and ecology.

Students next traveled to Cueva Los Ojos to participate in lectures and hands on learning experiences including rangeland management, sustainable grazing, native plants, and watershed restoration.

Participants wrapped their weeklong training by presenting their own project proposals to apply the skills gained during the course in their home communities by creating their own ecological restoration community project. In total, participants learned from 22 guest speakers covering a broad range of topics.



68 applicants from across Mexico applied with nine being selected.



I gained many more skills and experiences than I expected, this course was a huge source of inspiration to continue developing myself in these areas and make a significant impact. The course changed my perspective on life.

- Ivanna Paoletth Tautimez, Sonoran Field Course Participant



I came with an idea of what it would be like. But thanks to all of you, you exceeded my expectations by far. The great dedication of the whole team to transmit their experiences and knowledge to us was appreciated. I was very touched by the visit to the migrants. It brought up a lot of feelings. I remember the boy from Guatemala in the purple shirt, although I only listened to him, I wanted to help him in some way more than just morale. Maybe I didn't give him much, but I contributed to his bus fare to get back home.



- Manuel Magaña,
Sonoran Field Course
Participant

CREATING PATHWAYS

Four interns were selected from the course that are working on designing the 2023 SFC curriculum, as well as continuing to develop the alumni program for graduates. BRN also supports the program graduates in the implementation of their community restoration projects. One of the projects the alumni will be working on together is further developing an

existing permaculture program at Kino Institute to provide education, food, and shelter to underprivileged elementary students. Others will be working on creating and dispersing seed balls at an urban park to beautify the area and support pollinators.



RESTORATION IMPACTS

9

Erosion Control Structures Built

4

Interns Hired



540

Agaves Transplanted

1,300

Seed Balls Created



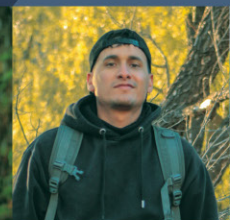
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2022 Staff



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Community Service Volunteer Hours at the Migrant Resource Center

THANK YOU

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— Gilberto Díaz Álvarez
— César Duarte Díaz
— David Alejandro Gastélum
— Luis Ignacio González Pineda
— Joaquin Murrieta
— Sofía Vargas

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Personally, I was impressed to see the succession between the restoration work. It is very clear to see how restoration works when you see how they have managed to retain soil, maintain humidity, and sustain life where it had been lost.
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— **Miguel Moroyoqui,**
Sonoran Field Course Participant

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