



Tierra Seca
University of Arizona Student Chapter
Society for Range Management



www.uaztierraseca.org

Oct 1, 2024

Called to Order: 5:20pm

Meetings:

Sept 3rd

Sept. 17th

Oct. 1st

Oct. 15th

Oct. 29th

Nov. 12th

Nov. 26th

Dec. 10th

...Last Meeting TBD



Every other Tuesday @ 5:15-6:00pm, ENR2 N350

Attendance:

Fonzo Tryillo, Dakota Baden, Brian Muha, Olivia Sancic, Grace McMahon, Isabella Erlenbach, Sami Toghiani, Oskar Anderson, Doan Goolsby, Philly Montierth, Ezra Schneider, Maddie Terlap, Seth Duncan, Lily Martinovich, Cassandra Harris, Noah Sygrove (16)

Meeting Minutes:

“We are Better Ag For A Better Future”

Our club aims to Forster Education and Innovation, Cultivate Professional Growth and Leadership
Champion Inclusions and Diversity, and Inspire Action for a Sustainable Future.

How?

With access to research, tech, hands-on experiences, and exposure/networking/collaborating with professionals, alumni, peers, and the community, we aim to promote practices that ensure the health and resilience of rangelands for generations to come.

(apologies for no zoom meeting)

Merch Order is open now until Oct 31!

www.uaztierraseca.org/merch

Contact us with any merch concerns or ideas

SRM contracts will be emailed soon. Read and sign.

Recommend taking these Fall 2024 Courses specially if going to SRM (Society of Range Management Annual Meeting): (can be taken a second time for preceptor credit) (can be taken a second time for preceptor credit)

- **RAM 389 Principles of Range Management (URME Test prep) Wed. 4-5:45pm**
- **RAM/PLS 370 Wildland Plants of North America (Plant ID prep) Thur. 4-5:45pm**
- **URME Study Group with Elena will be set up shortly, meeting time TBD**

Plant ID and URME Study Session date/times coming soon:

(Talk to Doan if you want to join sessions)

Team Captains: Plant ID: Dakota

URME: Doan

Extemporaneous Speaking: Noah

Range Cup: Seth

(reach out to captains if questions)

Upcoming Speakers

Oct. 15th meeting guest speaker: Ashley Hall (the club's main point of contact for the Tonto Monitoring project)

TBD: NRCS guest speaker (will potentially speak about pathways positions, recent grad jobs, and RMS job series) **Recent grad jobs are opening up with NRCS on Oct. 16th.**

(Let us know if you have ideas for other guest speakers.)

Upcoming Events

(Sign up for events on the Tierra Seca website)

Field Tech Assistant Position with PhD student Maddie Wallace

Working with/in the Rachel Mitchell Lab.

Data collection, transect and plant counts. Will get plant ecology, plant ID, fieldwork experience and independent project credit. Potential payment in the future.

Where/When: Santa Rita Experimental Range 7am-4pm.

Contact: maddiewallace@arizona.edu for more info.

Tierra Seca Pint Night

October 4th- 4pm-8pm

Where: Borderlands Brewing Company, 119 E Toole Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701, USA (for a shindig get together fun time)

Fundraising event Downtown! Every beer sold contributes \$1 to the club!

We will also be tabling and selling Tierra Seca Pint glasses and merch. People table in shifts (4-6pm, 6-8pm shift)

(Went well, pictures and discussion next meeting (10/15/24))



Open House Even at Bar V Ranch

October 5th- 2pm-6pm

Where: Bar V Ranch, 16901 Charolais Rd, Vail, AZ 85641, USA

Community Outreach Open House Event. Hosted by County and Pima Extension.

A ranch tour, range, conservation and wildlife-related demonstration tables, picnic dinner, and barn dance. (We are not tabling) (Social event)

Range Day (Burning Range!!)

Oct 12, 2024, 5:00 AM – Oct 13, 2024, 3:00 PM

Where: Santa Rita Experimental Range Sahuarita, AZ 85629, USA

Get hands-on inventorying and monitoring experience as you help student range technicians



run transects (sampling methods for production: point ground, frequency, DWR (dry weight rank), canopy cover). Make sure you bring water and sun protection, long pants, and work shoes. After working, we will eat and camp out at the Florida Station SRER Headquarters. BYOB, snacks, and camp gear. Bring your friends. Great experience

Elkhorn Monitoring

November 1st- 7am-3pm

Where: 27000 W Elk Horn Ranch Rd, Tucson, AZ 85736, USA

This is the Annual Elk horn ranch monitoring event with the Altar Valley Conservation Alliance. We will be doing Photo Imaging Monitoring (photo points). We will be getting Deans excuses for anyone missing classes. We will meet and drive together to the ranch. Very cool and great experience for the club to meet AVCA and NRCS people, and this may lead to continued partnering and work for the club with AVCA . (Fundraising Opportunity)

Cornhole Tournament with Fish and Wildlife Club

November 2nd- ~5pm

Location: Reid Park (specific location TBD)

Tierra Seca sponsored cornhole tournament, BYOB, prize will be any one item from the merch (excluding the field shirt, Carhartt shirt, or sweater). Social event

50/50 Raffle Competition with Fish and Wildlife Club

From now until Dec. 10

Tickets are \$1 for 1 and \$5 for 6. Whichever club makes more money, wins the competition. Loser may be getting a tattoo?! Need first and last name and phone number for every ticket sold, bring sold tickets and money to Philly.

Farther out/In-the-Works Events

RISE (Research Insights in Semi-Arid Ecosystems)

Nov. 9th- 8:30am-3:30pm

This is an Academic conference. There will be speakers and posters and interesting research. W Gultch and SRER conference. We will table and serve coffee and pastries. We'll tell people what we are and what we do. (You have to register online FREE get your name in if you want to go to the conference)

Steer Raffle

Still finalizing (join the Fundraising Committee to be apart of the action)
Winners will be drawn at the end of Fall 2024
More info later...

Golf Tournament

Dec 15th- 9am

More info to come...

Table to sell merchandise

Fun and easy way to support and make the club \$\$.

Will need to wear a polo...potential club fund if you need one.

Society of Range Management Annual Meeting prep

Feb. 8th-14th

Where: Spokane, Washington

Flights: Feb 9th and 14th.

Bringing 12 ppl. We will have a finalized list by Dec. 18th.

Read and Sign the SRM contracts emailed to you. Sign by Oct. 29th

Fundraising Committee and Banquet Committee

We need people to sign up!

The Fundraising Committee helps ideas actually get set up and can vote for fundraising events the club will actually pursue. (check groupchat for meeting times)

The Banquet Committee will focus on the End of the Year BBQ Banquet. Being on the committee will give you more of a say of what the club does. (Meets in Bio Sci East building 124 12/12:15)

End of the year BBQ Banquet

This is a big goal for this year. We want this to become an annual event.

Date: TBD either May 17th or 18th (graduation is the 16th..)

Reach out to 4 ranchers. They will bring their meat. We can prepare and serve it to guests while the ranchers talk about their ranch/product. Live auction/prizes from local businesses, Live music, bags/games. We will do shout outs/thank yous to ranchers, sponsors, faculty, mentors, advisors, SRM awards, student and teacher of the year. Invite ranchers, families, club members, Pima County, agencies... that's the idea.

Currently figuring out venues (Seth and Noah recently did a walk through and got estimates for Mission Gardens) Also currently trying to secure a liquor license (cash bar)

Let us know if you know anyone who would want to auction something.

Tonto Monitoring Project

Still in the works. Will be very cool. Ashley Hall, TC's main point of contact for the tonto monitoring project, will be coming to speak at our Oct. 15th meeting to talk about the project!! She works for Arizona cooperative extension and the Forest Service contracted out Hall with extension.

SNRE (School of Natural Resources and the Environment) 50th Anniversary

We will keep an eye out for events throughout the year.

YPC- Young Producers Conclave

Valuable social network for SRM participants, they want to hear our ideas for activities at SRM. Knot tying, horseback riding? Send us your ideas!

Miscellaneous Ideas??? Share Your Ideas!

Have a pint night at Mavericks to Line Dance./Bag Tournament, Bars with Pool tables for Tournaments. Either 10% goes to the club or every pint sale goes to the club. Sell Merch and/or do a 50/50 raffle..??? Contact CALES Alumni, Arizona Cattlemen, Cow Bells, any Rangeland Organizations, Rodeo Club, Young Farmers and Ranchers, Animal Science Club. Find Sponsors/businesses. Ask like Chipotle for a Tierra Seca Night. Donate 10% to the club. (this is what we brainstorm and try to finalize during Fundraiser Committee Meetings)

Previous Event

BIOBLITZ (Sept. 20th-22nd)

This was a Fish and Wildlife Society club event that some Tierra Seca members went to to participate and/or assist in driving ect. Saw and/or caught scorpions, snakes, lizards, insects, bats, birds, and a lot of grass, trees, forbes, ect. Camped out and traversed around the Santa Rita Experimental Range.

Merch Orders Available

We have merch!

www.uaztierraseca.org/merch

Give us your ideas, wants, and desires...

No large bags. No using U of A block A.

Jobs/Internships

I will add to this, emails, and the group chat for opportunities when they come.

Doing any cool and interesting RANGE-related activities?

Take pictures and send them to officers, with a little description so we can do a spotlight post on instagram.

Webinar Series

Doan is doing a webinar series on aspects of range management and club spotlights!!

Officers

President: Seth

Vice President: Maddie

Secretary: Ezra

Treasurer-Fundraising Chair: Philly

**Dues can be paid in cash, PayPal
(uofatierraseca), or Venmo**

Club Dues: \$15/semester or \$30/year

Balance: \$2,250.09

(Still waiting on reimbursement for SRM Summer meeting Breakfast and \$2,000 with AZSRM and ASUA so we will have more)

Connect with Us!

Email: uofatierraseca@gmail.com

GroupMe: https://groupme.com/join_group/38156015/nWJ5vk

Website: <https://www.uaztierraseca.org/donatecontact>

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/uatierraseca/?hl=en>

(@uatierraseca) **Me**

