INTERNSHIP RECAP

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RNR 497

ABOUT ME

Name: Lamley “L” Andrews

Education: 4th year undergraduate student majoring in geoscience with an emphasis in the Earth, its oceans and climate

Skills and Interests: Graphic design, field research, marketing, public relations, film and art

Partnership: Sonoran Institute

ABOUT SONORAN INSTITUTE

Their **mission** is to connect people and communities with the natural resources that nourish and sustain them.

They focus on the Santa Cruz River with conservation and education about the river. Through funding, research, and community and governmental action they preserve and restore the Santa Cruz river.

Achivements

TRASH CLEANUPS

Assisting in data entry, doing field surveys, participating in trash cleanup

EVENT ASSISTANCE

Assisting with the dragonfly festival, community trash cleanups, conference events, and field surveys

REPORT WRITING

Digitizing written reports

TRASH CLEANUPS

The primary work that I did was assisting in trash cleanups. There were various tasks:

Trash Surveys

- Going to a site, measuring a cross section, documenting the types of trash found in areas and in installed river trash traps

Community Cleanups

- Hosting with setup and teardown of community trash pickups
- At community cleanups, recording the mass of trash collected

I'm behind the camera in this picture

EVENT ASSISTANCE

The Sonoran Institute does plenty of outreach some events that I assisted at were:

- Dragonfly Festival
- Tucson Festival of Books
- Research Days
- Community Cleanups
- Field Research
- El Tour De Tucson

REPORT WRITING

- With trash cleanups and surveys most reports are hand written then need to be digitized

- They make yearly reports and this was the first year they wanted to digitize it and make it more interactive

Dragonfly Festival Analytics 2025

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Events Held	Bilingual Events	Total Participants*
11	5	3807

Interactions Per Event

Bioblitz	53
*Landing Place Art Installation**	1026
Dragonflies: The Early Years Presentation	180
Sonoran Sashay	300
Bugs & Bites	44
Nogales Tour	18
River Explorers	37
Damsel and Dragons Virtual Presentation	158
Tucson Tours	138
Family Dragonfly Nature Art	367
Dragonfly Kits	1486

*Conservative estimate based on tour attendees

SANTA CRUZ RIVER DRAGONFLY FESTIVAL

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Thank you to the University of Arizona Earth Grant for pairing me with the Sonoran Institute and providing such valuable intern experience. I had such a wonderful time meeting everyone and contributing to the longevity of the Santa Cruz River!