

PROSPECTIVE FALCONER INFORMATION PACKET

This packet is provided to help you determine whether you wish to pursue falconry, and if so, to start you on your way to becoming a falconer in Arizona. Falconry is a time consuming and expensive activity and few people are active participants.

On January 1, 2013, the State of Arizona assumed federal delegated authority over falconry. A federal permit is no longer required to practice falconry in Arizona; only a valid state license is required.

If after reviewing this information you wish to learn more about falconry, you should contact local falconers and plan to spend time with them. This will enable you to learn more about the birds and the sport, and also help you find a sponsor. As an apprentice, you are required to work with a sponsor for at least the first two years as a falconer.

To get going, visit online resources (see “Useful Falconry Websites” in this packet) and contact the appropriate falconry coordinator:

Region I, Pinetop, Dan Groebner, 928-367-4281, dgroebner@azgfd.gov

Region II, Flagstaff, Brandon Foley, 928-214-1250, bfoley@azgfd.gov

Region III, Kingman, Carley Weideman, 928-263-8859, cweideman@azgfd.gov

Region IV, Yuma, Ryan Dow, 928-243-8962, rdow@azgfd.gov

Region V, Tucson, Tracey McCarthy, 520-388-4449, tmccarthey@azgfd.gov

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