

Turn Your Taxes into Treasure for the Trekking Rattlers

The Trekking Rattlers is a Tucson middle school hiking and birding club that would love to have your **charitable tax credit dollars**.

What the heck are charitable tax credit dollars?

If you owe Arizona state tax, you can designate \$400 (\$800 for couples filing jointly) to go directly to the charitable organization—or school—of your choice instead of to the IRS, **at no extra cost to you**. It's about as close to free money as anyone will ever get—and in this case, your tax credit dollars can directly support the Trekking Rattlers of Billy Lane Lauffer Middle School.

What the heck is a Trekking Rattler?

Trekking Rattlers are middle school students from **Billy Lane Lauffer Middle School** in the Sunnyside School District who venture out into the wilds of Arizona monthly in search of birds, bugs, trees, creeks, clouds and a good time for all. The crew is headed up by Tucson Audubon volunteer Deb Vath. Any student can tag along and the transportation is paid for by your tax credit dollars.

If it's that simple, why the heck didn't you say so?

Follow these 4 simple steps:

1. Send your charitable tax credit to the Trekking Rattlers. For a Sunnyside school district tax credit designation form go to: <https://public.susd12.org/taxdonation.aspx> Select Billy Lane Lauffer Middle School, Athletics, **then write in Trekking Rattlers under specific Activities**.
2. The link to the paper form is: https://www.susd12.org/sites/default/files/District_Pdfs/taxcredit_form_2016_eng.pdf If you use the paper form, you **must** write in "Trekking Rattlers Hiking and Birding Club" next to the name of the school (Billy Lane Lauffer Middle School) directly on the paper.
3. Also send a quick note to Tucson Audubon (dvath@hotmail.com) to let us know that you have designated your funds.
4. You will receive an official tax credit voucher to submit with your taxes instead of paying money.

Urban Tucson kids will get a chance to step outside and explore the natural wonders of Arizona, some for the very first time. **You will have found a way to turn taxes into treasure.**