Our Mission

Raise funds and provide resources to advance awareness and appreciation of nature through photography
The Impact of Your Funding

- Protecting habitats while encouraging nature photography
- Rewarding the use of photography in conservation efforts
- Changing lives of high school students interested in nature photography
- Encouraging the study of photography in higher education
Protecting Habitats - Photo Blind Grants

The NANPA Foundation awards grants up to $1,500 to build photo blinds in public, natural areas.

Sketch of photo blind being built at Gem of the Hills Activity Center in Blanco, Texas. Construction has been hampered by COVID-19, but still on track as soon as possible.
Protecting Habitats - Photo Blind Grants

The NANPA Foundation has helped fund more than 40 photo blind grants.

Visit one today!
Foundation supporters give 10 high school students the chance to spend a week in the Great Smoky Mountains learning nature photography from top nature photographers. The curriculum includes sessions on topics you’d expect such as composition, camera settings and file management.
NANPA’s program goes far beyond the basics by teaching students how to photograph ethically and to be aware of how their presence impacts their subjects. Students also learn about post-production techniques.

They utilize their photos taken in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to create a story that they present at the end of the week.

View the students’ work

Photo by Karen Schuenemann
Leaders of the 2019 program were Alena Ebeling-Schuld, Tom Haxby, JP Lawrence and Karen Schuenemann in addition to Todd Pierson and Todd Amacker who served as pros for the day.

High School Participants Included:
Andrew Beamer - California
Grace Biltz - Texas
Sam Clay - Texas
Gavin Greenberg - North Carolina
Bryan Hagenbarth - Michigan
Sydney Haney - Virginia
Daphne Perlich - California
Zachary Ramirez - Texas
Emanuel Soza-Foias - Massachusetts
Ann Stalvey - Florida

Photo by Karen Schuenemann
Clay Bolt’s study of the effect of climate change on bumble bees in the Sky Islands received the 2019 Philip Hyde Conservation Grant.

Bolt is using the $2,500 award to conduct photographic research tying the effects of climate change to future bumble bee decline and raise alarm that, without regulation, species will go extinct. Bumble bees are being forced to move even higher in elevation to remain in a comfortable zone as temperatures rise.

He’s hoping to wrap up the 5-year project in 2021.
The NANPA Foundation’s $1,000 Janie Moore Greene grant was awarded at the end of 2019 to Nickolas Warner. He began his undergraduate studies in photography last year at the Arizona State University.

Warner is from Papillion, Nebraska.
Income & Expenses

**FY’20 Income**
- Fund the Foundation: 43%
- College Program: 10%
- High School Program: 8%
- Philip Hyde Grant: 5%
- Janie Moore Greene Grant: 0%
- Photo Blind Grants: 0%
- Other Restricted Gifts: 2%
- AmazonSmile Program: 1%
- Jane Kinne Endowment Interest: 2%

**FY’20 Expenses**
- High School Program: 40%
- Janie Moore Greene Grant: 12%
- Philip Hyde Grant: 12%
- Photo Blinds: 8%
- Operations: 4%
- Fundraising: 3%
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