By Danny Freeman

The fifth annual Arizona Youth Conservation Camp last June was very successful. It was held in the “high country,” at beautiful Point of Pines. This annual affair is sponsored by The University of Arizona’s Agricultural Extension Service, the Arizona Association of Soil Conservation Districts and the Soil Conservation Division of the State Land Department.

The camp is open to boys 15 to 21 years old, regardless of race, creed or color. They are selected by local committees. This year 45 boys from all parts of the state attended the first week of camp, and 65 the second week—the highest total yet. The previous high was 90.

Top Instructors Furnished

The purpose of the camp is to arouse the normal curiosity of youth of the state’s natural resources and how to use them wisely and properly. Resource instructors, drawn from state and federal agencies, are experts in their fields and know how to teach young people.

Camp Director is Barry Freeman, a graduate of The U of A and presently serving the university as Range Management Extension Specialist.

Classes are taught right out under the tall pines, where the air is delightful. Field trips are taken and movies are shown, but there is still plenty of free time for the boys to use for games, hiking, swimming and fishing.

To the credit of the camp, Americanism is practiced and especially observed twice a day as the flag of our country is raised and lowered by the boys themselves.

Anthropology Storehouse

Point of Pines is located in the extreme northeast corner of the vast San Carlos Indian Reservation about 100 miles east of Globe, over a very primitive road. At this same spot is a former University of Arizona archeology camp where students studied and excavated Indian ruins of people living here a thousand years ago.

Instructors for this year’s camp were furnished by The University of Arizona, State Game and Fish Department, Soil Conservation Service, Bureau of Land Management, Salt River Project, Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Western Pine Sales Corporation.

It takes $25 to sponsor a boy for a week at camp. These scholarships are furnished by Soil Conservation Districts, sportsmen’s clubs, civic clubs, Farm Bureau locals, banks, commercial firms, livestock associations, Indian Tribal Councils, FFA chapters, Salt River Project, professional societies, the Darwin Anderson Memorial, and individuals.