

Durango Nature Studies • 2003 Annual Report

Nature is an educational stimulus of rare force. The crumbling cliff, the glacial landscape, the wild, free clouds, birds and trees compel children—old and young—to observe and think. They bring development and sympathy. They build the brain.
 — Enos Mills, Father of Rocky Mt. National Park

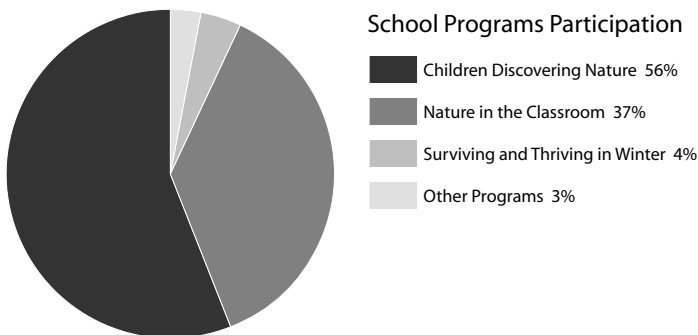
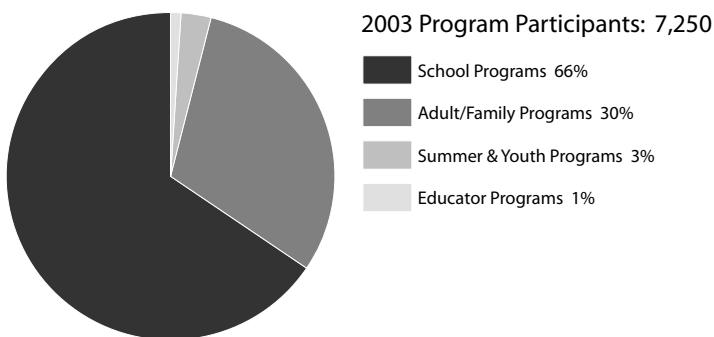
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The educational programming offered by Durango Nature Studies continued to grow in 2003 with 7,250 people served during 18,620 contact hours. Workshop attendance increased by 79%, with 15 different topic offerings. Our flagship program, *Children Discovering Nature*, also saw considerable growth in 2003, with 13% more participants than the previous year.

Several dynamic new programs were offered in 2003. Weekly nature slideshows at Colorado Trails Ranch educated nearly 200 visitors about the unique flora and fauna of our region. More than 460 people learned about fire's importance in our ecosystem through a newly developed wildfire curriculum. Fresh approaches for reaching the community at large included a monthly *Durango Herald* column penned by Durango Nature Studies naturalists and a

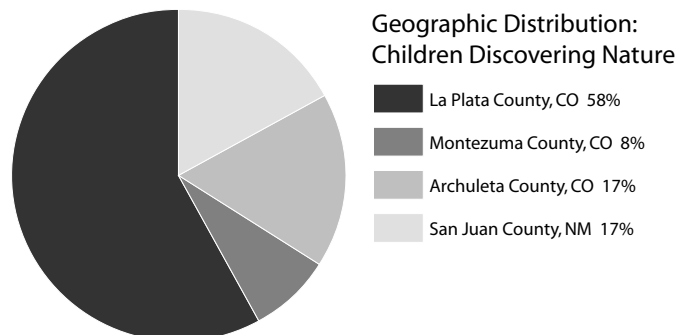


Children exploring the wonders of nature at Durango Nature Center



nature film series that kicked off with two sold-out screenings of the award winning film *Winged Migration*.

One of our greatest achievements in 2003 was the successful implementation of a Pagosa Springs pilot of the *Children Discovering Nature* program at Four Mile Ranch. Through this pilot, DNS offered 350 children—the entire second, third and fourth grades at Pagosa Elementary—the exciting opportunity to learn about insects, water, and animal signs up close and personal through nature walks and hands-on activities.



DURANGO NATURE CENTER

The 140 acre Durango Nature Center continued to flourish in 2003, serving as an outdoor learning lab for school groups and workshop participants alike. It also proved an ideal location for research, as bird banding was conducted by biologists from the U.S. Forest Service and Colorado Division of Wildlife and bat surveys were conducted by Colorado Natural Heritage Program scientists.

Improvements to the site included ongoing trail maintenance and weed abatement along with the development of new interpretive signage, which will be unveiled in 2004 and will include the new Durango Nature Studies logo. Significant work was completed on the Habitat Play Space, including the installment of an adobe anthill climbing structure and a larger-than-life wooden snake designed to help our young visitors develop their gross motor skills.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Durango Nature Studies is privileged to have an extraordinary circle of 140 active volunteers. In 2003, DNS trained 40 new Volunteer Naturalists, and was gifted with nearly 3,000 hours of service that otherwise would have been unavailable.

Durango Nature Studies would like to acknowledge and thank these volunteers for their invaluable contributions of time, energy, and talent. We couldn't do it without you!

75+ HOURS

Liz Cahill
Rose Chilcoat
Billie Dawson
Andy Gibbs
Gay Grossman
Inez Martinez
Ann Rilling
Carrie Whitley

50+ HOURS

Ali Baird
Pam Briley
Erin Collick
Gabe Eggers
Annie Elliott
Ron Hager
Samantha Hua
Chris Hughes
Timothy Krayer
Ryan Osborne
Scott Pendleton
Brett Ramey
Dearle Ann Ricker
Marian Townsend

25+ HOURS

Robert Aspen
Aleph Baumbach
Bob Bigelow

Tami Bradshaw
Suzanne Coe
Jim Cole
JJ Colman
Rachel Cooper
Phyllis Decker
Sarah Douglas
Paul Ebert
Alan Farrow
Autumn Frickel
Emma Hallowell
Bill Hesford
High Noon Rotary
Janet Kenna
Kevin Kolb
Linda Newberry
Mary Nickels
Brandy Randall
Amy Schwarzbach
Merida Short
Christine Siodla
Kathy Steventon
Dave Travieso

UP TO 24 HOURS

Susan Allerton
Chester Anderson
Joanna Baker
Jean Behr
Ben Bellorado



A school group enjoys a nature walk at Durango Nature Center

Lavonne Boyle
Klemens Branner
Lisa Branner
Sue Bruckner
Karen Carver
Peg Christian
Cathy Cowles
Geoff Craig
Deborah Demme
Peter Derven
Linda Eastwood
Geri Elio
Amy Felker
Michael Francis
Sandy Friedly
Maggie Fuller
Amy Fury
Leigh Gillette
Michelle Hall
Michelle Herringer
Mona Hill
Katie Holmdahl
Pip Howard
Sue Kaplan
Kate Kearns
Maureen Keilty
Charlie Kiene
Amy Kraft

Ruth Lambert
Wes Leland
Matt Marvullo
Clayton McIntyre
Dick Moseley
Paige Newman
Shawna Off
Crystal Osthoff
Allison Pease
Arthur Post
Lucy Richards
Laura Ryan
Chris Schults
Lisa Schwinghammer
Jenn Shewmake
Pete Skartvedt
Carrie Slubowski
Marta Snow
Mick Souder
Cynthia Stengel
Kip Stransky
Jan Tankersley
Christopher van Dyck
Sarah Wakefield
Cheryl Wiescamp
Tim White
Priscilla Wilder

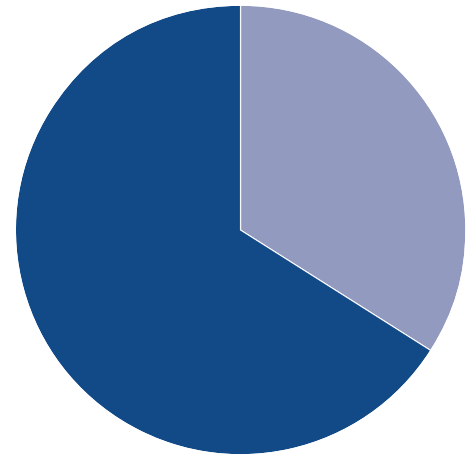
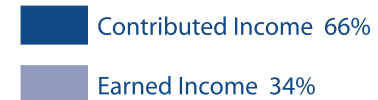
FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES REVENUE & OTHER SUPPORT

Year Ended December 31, 2003

Contributions	
Corporate	4,283.93
Foundation	45,250.00
Individual	13,240.13
Government	25,250.00
Other	907.00
Earned Income	
Program Fees	16,036.75
Membership Dues	15,761.00
Special Events	20,836.48
Merchandise Sales	329.00
Interest Income	2,514.61
Miscellaneous	750.00
Transfer from Restricted Site Fund	14,988.65
TOTAL REVENUE & OTHER SUPPORT	160,147.55
EXPENDITURES	
Program Services/Nature Center	93,327.43
Supporting Services	
Management & General	54,441.00
Fundraising	7,777.29
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	155,545.72
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSES	4,601.83

2004 Revenues

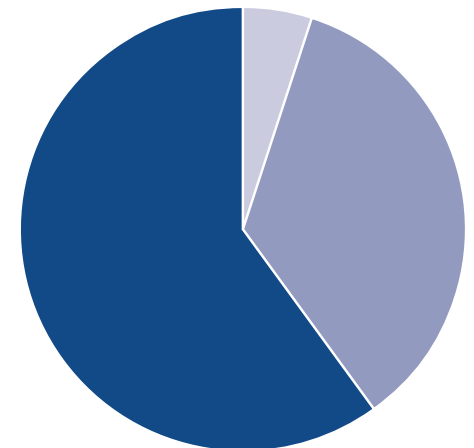


STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION ASSETS

December 31, 2003

Current Assets	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	79,863.80
Promises to Give	4,500.00
Inventory	1,510.30
Other	2,203.25
Fixed Assets	
Equipment	8,945.00
Improvements	40,130.45
Nature Center Site	271,500.00
Accumulated Depreciation	<22,108.81>
Community Foundation Endowment	12,246.27
TOTAL ASSETS	398,790.26
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	1,565.00
Payroll Liabilities	4,073.16
Sales Tax Payable	10.89
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,649.05
EQUITY	
Fund Balance	384,509.58
Restricted Funds	32,788.77
Retained Earnings	<28,758.97>
Net Income	4,601.83
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	398,790.26

2004 Expenditures



2003 DONORS

Durango Nature Studies' success is built upon a strong foundation of support from the local community and surrounding region. The generous contributions of a variety of foundations, corporations, government entities, and individuals have helped DNS provide high-quality environmental education to a wide regional audience for a decade. We extend our deepest thanks to the following cash and in-kind contributors for their support in 2003.

CASH CONTRIBUTORS

\$15,000 +
Colorado Wildlife Heritage Foundation

\$10,000 +
Anonymous
U.S. Forest Service

\$5,000 +
La Plata County
Ruth Brown Foundation
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

\$2,500 +
Ballantine Family Fund
H.O. Peet Foundation
Terese Hershey

\$1,000 +
La Plata Electric Association

\$500 +
El Pomar Found. EPYCS/Bayfield H.S.
Kearns Family Foundation
La Plata Energy Council
Wal-Mart
The WIT Company

\$250 +
Bob's Johns
Colorado Trails Ranch
Community Bank Fund
Ecosphere Environmental Services
Maria's Bookshop
Maynes, Bradford, Shipp's & Sheftel
Moreno Surveying and Geographics
Kiwanis Club of Durango
Windom Ranch

\$100 +
City Market Cares Program

Durango Dental Ceramics
Harris Water Engineering
Hawkeye Graphics
Interpretive Design
Top Hat Hearth & Home
The Wells Group
Witt & Sons, Inc.
Wright Water Engineers

Up to \$99
Brainstorm Internet
Colorado Land Title Company
Four Corners Bird Club
Hanson Honda
Nature's Oasis
San Juan Hand Therapy Inc.
Southern Ute Growth Fund
Southwest Water Conservation District
Tarpley RV
Trails 2000

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTORS

6th Street Salon
A Shared Blanket
Alpine Greenhouse and Nursery
Animas Museum
Apple Orchard Inn
Applebees
Arianos
Artesanos
Backcountry Experience
Ali Baird
Susan Balas Whitfield
Bank of Colorado
Bar D Chuckwagon
Bayfield Gardens
Bayfield Liquors
Jean Behr
Paul Bendt
Big O Tires
The Boarding Haus
Ed Bolster
Blue Lake Ranch
Bradley's
Tami Bradshaw
Brainstorm Internet
Lisa & Klemens Branner
Brown's Shoe Fit
Café of Life
Canyon Music Woodworks
Karen Carver
Carvers
Chaco Sandals
Rose Chilcoat
Cliffrose
Colvig Silver Camp
Continental Divide
Don Cooke
Geoffrey Craig
Creature Comforts
Crimson Paintbrush Art School
Cypress Café
Dietz Market
Doubletree
Duranglers
Durango Animal Hospital
Durango Coffee Company
Durango Community Recreation Center
Durango Kid
Durango Herald
Durango Mountain Resort
Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge
Durango Sports Club
Pam & Jim Dyer
Earthen Vessel
East by Southwest
El Dorado Hotel
Stanton Englehart
Fire Ready
Flooring America
Charlie Foster
Four Corners Folk Festival

Four Corners River Sports
Fulcrum Publishing
Gallery Ultima
Garcia Family Chiropractic Center
Gardenschwartz
Leigh Gillette
Tom Gillette
Great Old Broads for Wilderness
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Joy's Inc.
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Le Rendezvous
Leland House/Rochester Hotel
Bill Levy
Lewis True Value Mercantile
Main Avenue Marketplace
Mandala Magic Coaching
Maria's Bookshop
Martin & Roll Gallery
May Palace
Robert McDaniel
Mountain Bike Specialists
Mountain Treasures
Jeff Nelson
Nini's Taqueria
Norton's Catering
PCS

David Petersen
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Palace Restaurant
Pine Needle Mountaineering
Precious Earth
Puppy Love
Howard Rachlin
Red Snapper
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San Juan Mountain Nursery
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Ski Barn
Snow Monsters
Sorrel Sky
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Southwest Sound
Star Liquor
Steaming Bean
Strater Hotel
Toh-Atin
Valley of the Gods B&B
Vectra Bank
Wagon Wheel Liquors
WalMart

NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

Durango Nature Studies is honored that in 2003, more than 230 families and individuals chose to support nature education in the Four Corners community. Their contributions and involvement play a vital role in DNS's continued excellence and success. We extend our sincere appreciation to our members.

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Needham 4th Grade Girls Soccer Team,
in honor of Allison Pease
Carl & Barbara Rasmussen,
in memory of Robert Young

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Please call us with corrections.