

DURANGO NATURE STUDIES

2016 Annual Report

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Mission:

Founded in 1994, Durango Nature Studies is a 501(C)(3) non-profit dedicated to providing nature, science, and environmental education to the students and communities of the Four Corners.

Vision:

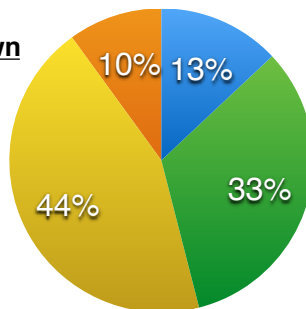
As an integral member of our community, Durango Nature Studies inspires a positive personal relationship with our natural world through outdoor learning, thereby promoting enhanced respect for nature.

2016 Financial Information

\$227,334 annual budget, 11% general and administrative expenses

Revenue Breakdown

- Memberships and Individual Donations
- Grants and Corporate Donations
- Program Income
- Events

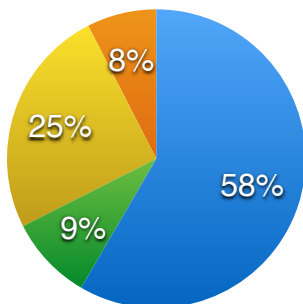


2016 Participant Numbers

9,620 Individuals Served

Program Breakdown

- School
- Misc Youth
- Community
- Summer

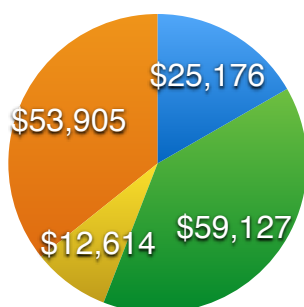


2016 Year-End Accounts

2016 ended with a surplus of \$18,682 and total savings of \$150,822

Savings Breakdown

**with Community Foundation Serving SW



- General Operating
- General Savings
- Goal Savings
- Endowment**

Staff

Executive Director - Sally Shuffield
 Program Director - Andrea Owens
 Program Facilitator- Emily Schaeffen
 Program Facilitator - Anthony Reinert
 Educator - Grace Gordon
 Bookkeeper - Shelley Gundry
 Interns - Rachel Horton, Paul Ramseth, Sierra Jeffers

Board of Directors

Andy Hawk - President
 Robert Gooden - Vice President
 Brian Rose - Treasurer
 Marcey Olajos - Secretary
 Sue Agranoff
 Sylvester Allred
 Ross Douglas
 Paul Kosnik
 Rick Routh
 Aimee Way
 Jake West

Senior Volunteer Educators

Sue Abernathy
 Luanne Andrew
 John Buting
 Karen Carver
 Ginny Chandler
 Jan Collins
 Gail Grossman
 Kira Quirk
 Linda Sency

Educational Advisory Committee

Suzanne Cash
 Libby DeHaan
 Bri Dilley
 Leigh Gillette
 Kimi Hanson
 Debbie Harris
 Donna Krupa
 Laura Leland
 Charlie Love
 Dave McKeever
 Alan Morris
 Karen Morris
 Gina Ott
 Anne Philips
 Hannah Squire

School Partners

Durango School District 9R
 (K-12th grades)
 Ignacio School District 11JT
 (K-5th grades)
 Bayfield School District 10JT
 (K-5th Grades)
 Riverhouse Children's Center
 Durango Home School Coalition
 Individual Classes in:
 Farmington, NM
 Silverton, CO
 Aztec, NM
 Dolores, CO
 Cortez, CO
 Bloomfield, NM
 Mancos, CO

Organizational Partners

Aztec Ruins
City of Durango
Durango Arts Center
Durango Public Library
Fort Lewis College
Get Outdoors Durango
Garden Project
Grace Church
Green Drinks
KSUT
La Plata Open Space Conserv.
NRCS
Old Fort Research Station
Telluride Mountain Film
Trails 2000, US Forest Service
St. Francis Wildlife Rehab
Water Information Program
Week of the Young Child
Winter Wildlands Alliance
Wolfwood

Inkind Business Partners

Brainstorm Internet
Durango Motor Company
Gaia Creative
Mac Source Durango
McAlvaney Group
Powerhouse
Rapp Corral

Event Sponsors

4 Corners River Sports
Alpine Bank
Animas Brewing
Animas Trading Company
AquaHab
Backcountry Experience
Blueline Reprographics
Bopp and Reynolds
Brown's Sport Shoe
Carver Brewing Company
Chinook Medical Gear
City Market
Durango Kids' Pediatric Dentistry
Durango Motorless Transit
Eolus Restaurant
Fired Up Pizza
Gervaise & Assoc.
Hanson Honda
Hesperus Ski Patrol
Homeslice Pizza
Hot Tomatoes
Katzin Music
Kling Mountain Guides
Leland House
LPEA
Outdoor Exchange
Pediatric Partners of the SW
PG Band
Pine Needle Mountaineering
Running Out of Road
SolarWorks
Sunnyside Meats
The Assortment
The Wells Group
Zia Taqueria

Private and Corporate Grants:

Adolf Coors Foundation, Alpine Bank, Ballantine Family Foundation, BP America, Community Foundation Serving SW Colorado, Coutts and Clark, El Pomar Foundation, Katz Foundation, LPEA Educational Grant, Martin Family Fund, Ruth H. Brown Foundation, Vantiv Payment Systems

Individual and Business Donations (over \$500):

Backcountry Experience, Tom Barron, Boots and Sharona Brown, Gail Hanson, Marcey Olajos, Ray Pierotti, Peg Rogers and Steve Boos, Duncan Rothwell and Marjorie Cristol, Rick Routh, John and Aline Schwob, Sherron Shuffield, Jake and Julie West

Individual and Business Donations (over \$250):

Kathleen Adams, Sue Agranoff, Michael Barth, Frank Burns, Ken and Lois Carpenter, Ross and Sarah Douglas, Durango and Silverton Railroad, Missy Gosney, Gay and Dick Grossman, Charles and Ruth Guarino, Shelley and Glenn Gundrey, Carla Harned, Andy and Heather Hawk, Paul and Renee Kosnik, Caroline and Jeff Munger, Kathleen O'Connor, Penny O'Keefe, Peak Energy, Kim Priebe, Mick Souder and Linda Schwinghammer, Dale Suran, The Wells Group, Mitch and Leslie Wyss



2016 Highlights

- Lead the state of Colorado as a model for partnering with school districts
- 400 Business and Member Households
- Own and operate 15 seat Durango Nature Studies' van
- Own and operate 140 acre Nature Center along the Florida River. Learning laboratory for most of our programs.
- Completed nesting bird box habitat walk at Nature Center
- Nature Center open to public on Saturdays May - October. Welcome Building at Nature Center staffed each Saturday by volunteer docents
- Column published each month in the Durango Herald
- Expanded Middle School "Exploring Science in Nature," standards based program in 9R middle schools.
- Expanded after school Nature Clubs at all 6 elementary schools
- Created sense of community by continuing to host four annual anticipated events: Backcountry Film, Earth Day Festival and 5K, Summer's End Music Festival, and Mountain Film on Tour
- Member of the SW Regional Environmental Literacy Council
- Started high school field science scholar program
- Expanded summer camp and day programs by 25%
- 3,856 Volunteer Hours valued at \$86,490 by the Independent Sector
- Gave away \$6,625 in scholarships
- Served 9,620 individuals

