

A young boy with dark hair, seen from the back, stands on a rocky outcrop. He is wearing a red and black jacket, blue jeans, and brown hiking boots. He has a blue and black Under Armour backpack with a white water bottle attached. He is looking out over a vast, scenic mountain valley with dense green forests and snow-capped peaks in the distance under a clear blue sky.

ANNUAL REPORT
2017-2018

We couldn't meet new heights without each other...



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CHAMPIONS



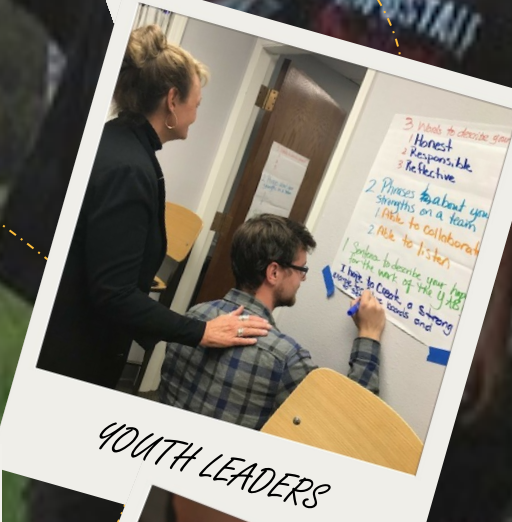
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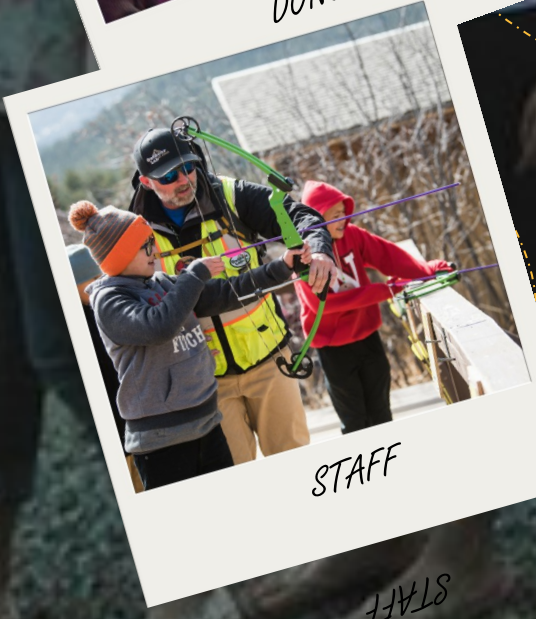
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INTERNS



YOUTH LEADERS



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COMMUNITY



STUDENTS

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We all walk the same trail...

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but leave different footprints...

In 2017-18 we saw
new victories of...

40

Interns who trained & taught...

988

High School Leaders who inspired
& forever impacted ...

5,347

Sixth Grade Students...

Who attended Outdoor Lab from

90

Different Schools!



“Ring, Ring, Ring.” A story from this year...

Every Thursday this past year, the phone would ring, but it was not a call that anyone would dread, especially Mr. Carranza, an intern at Windy Peak Outdoor Lab.

A group of students from Arvada K-8, an impacted school in the Jefferson County community, attended Windy Peak Outdoor Lab this past year. Mr. Carranza came from a very similar background from many of these students, so instantly he was able to make lifelong connections with a vast majority of them.

Like many other weeks at Outdoor Lab, Mr. Carranza bonded with a student, but on a level no one expected. Throughout the week the bond continued to grow between the two of them and everyone could see that this program not only changed the life of the student he taught, it changed Mr. Carranza’s life as well.

As the end of the week rolled around, as it always does, goodbyes began. Many interns refer to it as, *Friday Cry Day*. The student who formed such an amazing bond with Mr. Carranza was crying and hugging everyone. Interns, staff and high school leaders could all see the impact the program had on this young man.

When this student reached Mr. Carranza, there were no tears, instead, the student asked for Windy Peak’s phone number. Each week, for the rest of the semester, this student would call Mr. Carranza **every** Thursday afternoon to talk to him. The phone calls the student made were purely just to check up on Mr. Carranza, see how his day was, and of course, Mr. Carranza would do the same. This was home for him, and Mr. Carranza was part of his family.

Stewardship of oneself, others and the environment are key values that are taken away week after week with each student that walks through this incredible program. Mr. Carranza, as all interns do, showcases stewardship of the community and others far beyond expectations.

Thank you for being a part of this beloved program... YOU make stories like this happen.

NEWS & NOTEWORTHY EVENTS OF 2017-2018

- Mount Evans and Windy Peak Outdoor Lab are both set to welcome students into their greenhouse classrooms this fall semester. The stewardship and sustainability curriculum will continue to set Outdoor Lab as a national leader in outdoor education. Students will understand and experience the task of growing their own food, develop tools to minimize food waste and realize the impact of their work as they eat the food inside of the dining hall.
- This year we were able to increase funds in program support to both Outdoor Lab schools. Program support goes to vital needs for the site. These include clinic supplies crucial to provide safety for every student, supplies for leaders to allow them to successfully complete their week as a high school leader and vital site needs to do their day to day work.
- We refined our mission and vision. We are all thrilled to showcase it. Read more on page 6.
- The Outdoor Lab Foundation Youth Advisory Board and Legacy Society are up and running and are inspiring support throughout our community. It is truly incredible to not only grow young leaders of Outdoor Lab but celebrate champions that continue to make this program possible year after year. Learn more on page 8.
- Through generous community support from groups like the Kiwanis Club of Arvada Jefferson, Kiwanis Club of Columbine, Wheat Ridge Rotary Club and individual donations, we were able to fund gear and gas stipends for interns at both sites. The intern program continues to set the Outdoor Lab program on the radar for other programs around the country, while providing a true leadership opportunity for the generation of tomorrow right here in Jefferson County.
- A generous donor made it possible for high school leaders to receive a free sweatshirt from the Foundation. This initiative will continue next year and will be available to **all** high school leaders to help build community with these volunteers. Learn more about the high school leader experience and their impact on page 8.
- Did you notice we updated our website? The new website launched in August! Be sure to visit us online to see the fresh look. www.outdoorlabfoundation.org
- In staffing news: We added a new team member, Lindsay Clark as our new marketing and administrative coordinator! Lindsay, an Ohio native, has marketing experience in the corporate retail sector and is fond of the positive impact she received from her very own sixth grade camp experience. She is excited to be a part of the team to continue to share her passion for education and the outdoors. Meet the whole Foundation team and the Board of Directors on page 7.





Outdoor Lab

WE ARE champions of experiential outdoor learning as a base for stewardship of oneself, others and the environment.

WE BELIEVE Outdoor Lab creates the path of lifelong learning.

OUR MISSION: Inspire community support and advocate for the Outdoor Lab Schools.

OUR VISION: Enduring program, inspired students, cherished sites.

Outdoor Lab is a week-long residential experiential learning program that every Jeffco student attends in the Colorado wilderness. This 61-year old program has over 385,000 alumni and impacts 7,000 Jefferson County students each year.

The Outdoor Lab Foundation

supports this vital program through advocacy, financial support and strategic projects, making this a leading national program that begins a lifetime of learning on the trail.



Outdoor Lab Foundation staff, board members and community members work on the mission and vision statement.

OUTDOOR LAB FOUNDATION

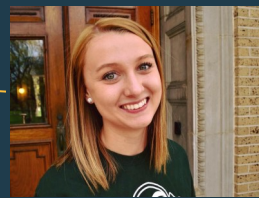
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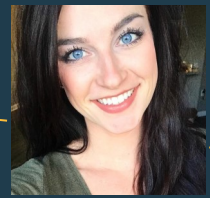
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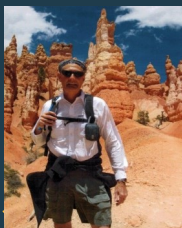


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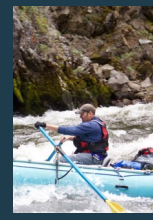
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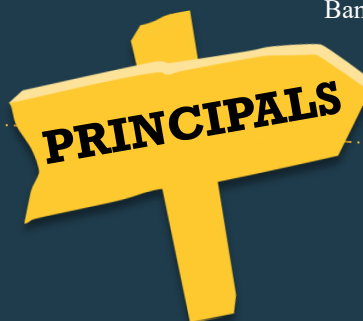
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The 'Lifetime Trail' of Outdoor Lab Continues for All

The Outdoor Lab Foundation Inducted the Inaugural Class of Legacy Society Members in May

This year, we extended the Outdoor Lab reach by celebrating true champions of the program. Twenty-three inaugural members were inducted into the Outdoor Lab Foundation Legacy Society. These stewards of our community continue to make Outdoor Lab a national leader for outdoor science education.

The Outdoor Lab Legacy Society is built upon three categories of commitment to Outdoor Lab: time, talent and treasure. The candidates who were inducted met two of these three areas of commitment to Outdoor Lab, proving a lifetime of giving and passion for the program. These inaugural Outdoor Lab Foundation Legacy Society members include those who have provided support for the program through ongoing donations, planned giving (bequests, charitable remainder trusts and other life income gifts) and through extensive volunteerism and work with the program and Foundation. This diverse group of advocates include retired teachers, administrators, Outdoor Lab principals and the creators of the Outdoor Lab Foundation, who then served on the first board of directors.

FIRST EDITION VOLUME 1 No. 1 **Outdoor Lab Trailblazer** WEATHER BEAUTIFUL, RAIN OR SHINE

BECAUSE OF YOU BREAKFAST WEDNESDAY, MAY 16TH 2018 THE ARBOR, HOLEE

EXTRA! EXTRA!

BECAUSE OF YOU BREAKFAST

2018 Outdoor Lab Foundation Legacy Society **INDUCTEES**

Sue and Chris Blakeslee	8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Arrival of all inductees and guests, breakfast begins
Ed Bohn	8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Program begins
Alex Caspell	Welcome... Outdoor Lab Foundation Executive Director, Shannon Hancock
Karen Cravens	Special words... Jefferson County Superintendent, Dr. Jason Glass
Louise Colvert	Program update... Outdoor Lab Principals, David Bpp and Robb Gustaf
Barb Fuller	Induction of members
Dave Harris	Closing Remarks... Outdoor Lab Foundation Executive Director, Shannon Hancock
Judith Hill	9:30 a.m.-10 a.m. Mingling and celebration
PEGGY and Terry Horton	
Bianche Kapushin	
Sandra and Jack Kellogg	
E.J. and Harold Meadows	
Leonard Nelson	
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Barbara and Layle Hobb	
Sue Shuzard	
Robert and Kathy Weiss	

High School Leader Cultivation and Impact...

A generous donor bought high school leaders a sweatshirt from the Foundation as a symbol of gratitude for everything they do for this program. Each high school leader donates over 110 hours of their time during their week at Outdoor Lab. High school leaders and their families will be celebrated this year in new ways thanks to the Outdoor Lab Foundation Youth Advisory Board and generous donors like you. A free hoodie will be available to all high school leaders symbolizing a way to build community and thank them for their service.



First Leaders of The Outdoor Lab Foundation Youth Advisory Board Selected...

Blake Armitage, Ben Kusnetzky and Tyler Houston were selected in January as the leadership team to guide the Outdoor Lab Foundation Youth Advisory Board through it's inaugural first year. Their term will end in June of 2019 with many goals, projects and visions ahead. The Youth Advisory Board's mission is to empower the community, specifically high school leaders, **before, during and after** Outdoor Lab. This group of 12 young leaders have big initiatives on their radar, including the development of a high school leader cord to be seen and worn at all graduations in Jefferson County. Cords will be awarded to all high school leaders at an end of year appreciation event, for the friends, family and the community to attend. Learn more and follow these young leaders on their journey at...

www.outdoorlabfoundation.org/youthadvisoryboard



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\$2.35M

DONATED OVER SEVEN YEARS

2017-18

School Year Snapshot

1,582

Sixth grade students aided

82

Jefferson County Schools, who participated in the Lab Card Program

On average, each school received a donation of

\$3,380

2,987

K-5 families enrolled in the Lab Card Program for the 2018-19 school year.

LAB CARDS PROGRAM

A huge thank you to King Soopers and Safeway for their continued support through our Lab Cards Program. The program finished strong this year with a total of **\$274,891.39** donated to local Jeffco schools for Outdoor Lab student tuition support. In all, since this program began in 2011, it has accumulated **\$2,547,298.45** in donations from King Soopers and Safeway to support our families and local schools to cover the cost of Outdoor Lab tuition. We are thrilled to continue this program in partnership with our local middle schools.

The 2017/18 school year:

- **1,582** participating 6th grade families.
- Average donation per 6th grade student was **\$192.59** to go toward their student's tuition.
- **82 Schools participated:**
 - ⇒ 1 School received donations over \$20,000
 - ⇒ 5 School received donations between \$10,000-20,000
 - ⇒ 15 School received donations between \$5,000-10,000
 - ⇒ 15 School received donations between \$5,000-10,000
 - ⇒ 33 School received donations between \$1,000-5,000

"There is no easy way to plan for Outdoor Lab fees. Starting with the Lab Cards program when our grandkids were in first grade, we were able to quickly to earn tuition without even giving it a second thought. It is incredible that this offered to all Jefferson County families."

-Grandparent of Jefferson County student



A huge thank you to both King Soopers and Safeway for their continued support with this program!



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2017-2018 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Open House

September 16, 2017

Windy Peak Outdoor Lab and Mount Evans Outdoor Lab

This year's Open House was a milestone in Outdoor Lab history. Mount Evans Outdoor Lab hosted the "hard hat" ribbon cutting of the aquaponic greenhouse classroom with over 1,000 students and their families at the site. Attendees traveled to Windy Peak and Mount Evans for Open House, while some even made it to both sites this year. The day included students, parents and alumni enjoying tours and lunch at the historic properties.

Mark your calendar for Saturday September 15, 2018 to join us this year.



After Dark

September 30, 2017

Denver, CO

Our signature fundraiser, Outdoor Lab After Dark, moved into town this year to bring Outdoor Lab to YOU. Raising over \$135,000, the night featured two live bands, including the official After Dark band and crowd favorite, Mount Evans' very own, Jason Harding and Original Recipe. One of Denver's most popular bands, Thumpin', headlined as over 300 people danced the night away with drinks provided by Breakthru Beverage and the much-anticipated food from the Lowry Beer Garden food truck.



Because of You Breakfast

May 16th, 2017

Golden, CO

The all new *Because of You Breakfast* celebrated the first class of the Outdoor Lab Foundation Legacy Society. With over 20 inductees in attendance and a packed room of community members, including elected officials, school board members and Outdoor Lab alumni and staff, it was an event that celebrated the time, talent and treasure gifted to Outdoor Lab over the decades.

Special words from Superintendent Dr. Jason Glass reminded inductees and attendees the true value the Jefferson County Outdoor Lab program brings to our community and the importance of the generational learning it represents. It's the feather in Jeffco's cap because of these incredible leaders.



WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUTDOOR LAB

Colorado Gives Day

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 4th, 2018 and give back to Outdoor Lab on Colorado's most philanthropic day of the year. You can create your fundraising page today at www.coloradogives.org to help the Foundation make Outdoor Lab **thrive**. Last year we raised over \$35,000 for Outdoor Lab. Funds went to advocacy for the program in the community and direct support to the sites. Will you help us get to our \$38,000 goal this year? Stay tuned through our monthly e-newsletter and social media channels to receive all real-time updates about Colorado Gives Day and track the impact you are making.

Gear Overview 2017-2018

Outdoor Lab gear worn by our students, teachers, leaders and families creates community and support for Outdoor Lab. The familiar design of the Colorado flag and the addition of a water bottle and a beanie show our love for this vital program. Gear is only available as a gift with your donation, **and YOU made this our biggest year yet.**

This year, the exclusive high school leader hoodie brought a heightened sense of community to these irreplaceable leaders and their fellow peers. Thanks to the generosity of Alex Campbell, we were able to offer it to every leader for **free** this last spring. This offer will continue this next year as a sign of support to these special students. Thank you for making this yet another incredible year.

Monthly Giving... It's Trending

Monthly giving is the easiest and best way to make a difference for Outdoor Lab, and our newest monthly giving club, the \$5 Club, has been **BUZZING**. A recurring gift of \$5 a month allows us to fund vital supplies for student programs and creates a whole new meaning of community for YOU. When you join the \$5 club you get access into a private Facebook group which holds real-time updates about the Outdoor Lab program, discounts to events like After Dark and contact with a community that is making Outdoor Lab thrive. What are you waiting for? Club members are making a **true** difference.

www.outdoorlabfoundation.org/5club



The retail program had it's
BIGGEST year yet!

\$44,000

In donations
for gear

Greenhouse Classrooms

Are Ready and Set For LEARNING!

This year history was made at the sites, as we completed a longtime dream of both the Foundation and the Outdoor Lab schools. Both greenhouses at Mount Evans and Windy Peak will be home to more than 6,000 sixth-grade students this year and 1,000 high school leaders. All students will have the opportunity to be a part of first-class science and environmental learning inside of these classrooms.

The stewardship and sustainability program will allow students to dive into the truths about food waste and how they can continue stewardship of the environment in their very own community when they return home from Outdoor Lab.

A huge thank you to Brian Sipes of Sipes Architects for designing these innovative classrooms! Jenkins Construction has been our contractor on this project and it could not have happened without Jason and his team.

Be sure to follow us on social media and sign up for our monthly e-newsletter to receive updates on the greenhouse classrooms and the impact they will be making on ALL sixth-grade students this year. Want to see them firsthand? Join us for Open House on September 15th. More information will be provided in upcoming communication. It is because of people like YOU that this **dream became a reality**.



A special thank you to Sipes Architects, Lithos Engineering and KL&A Engineers and Builders for your generous donations to this project.

This would not have been made possible without our generous donors. A big thank you to Rod and Ruth Greiner, American Zang Education Preservation Foundation, Golden Civic Foundation, Evergreen Rotary Club, Alex Campbell and Darl Hobson.



2017-2018 SUPPORTERS & VOLUNTEERS

We rely heavily on the support of our volunteers, whether the work is administrative, building a trail or helping to plan a successful event. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers this past year! You made a huge difference and we are so appreciative of all that you do.

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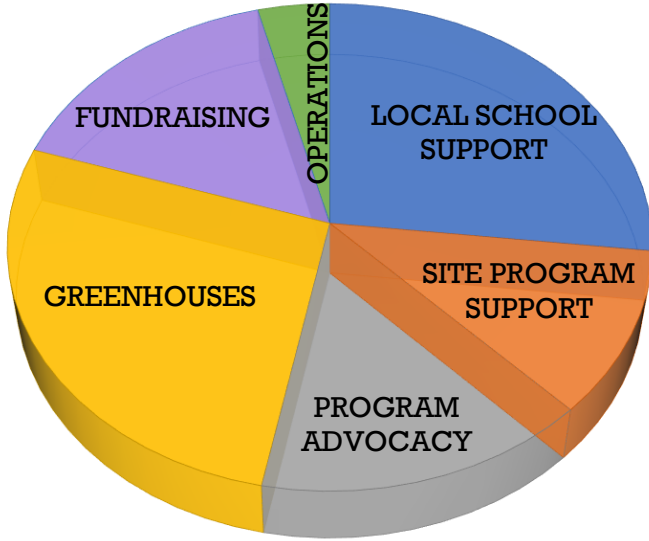


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2017-2018 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

THE STORY OF NUMBERS...

2017-2018 EXPENSES



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Program*	\$910,916.58
• Local School Support	\$304,876.39
• Site Program Support	\$124,549.49
• Program Advocacy	\$174,580.70
• Greenhouses	\$307,000.00
Fundraising	\$181,650.54
Operations	\$45,128.79

TOTAL \$1,137,695.91

*Program support broken down by impact

2017-2018 Income

Income	\$1,021,431.46
Savings used for greenhouse	\$189,135.00

2016-2017 Assets

Unrestricted	\$474,969.53
Reserved	\$420,659.58
Endowments (<i>Permanent Reserve</i>)	\$50,868.80
TOTAL	\$946,497.91

“It kind of all made it all come together for me - I viewed science as science, math as math, etc. Outdoor Lab showed me how the subjects intertwined and were actually all relative to each other.” –Alum



Students getting ready for their daily adventure, practicing stewardship of themselves, others and the environment at Outdoor Lab.



Students enjoying a day on the trails.

LOOKING AHEAD WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends:

If you are like me, the years seem to fly by and the days creep slowly. As I write this, another year at Outdoor Lab has concluded and new memories have been sealed into the hearts of another 6,000 students. This was no ordinary year and it was because of YOU that Outdoor Lab is rising to new heights. We are proud of the new greenhouse classrooms you built with us, we are proud that a third of all students are assisted with their tuition to be able to attend thanks to community partners and we are thrilled that we have the resources to augment the work of this vital program and the people who make it all possible: the staff, interns and high school leaders.

BECAUSE OF YOU, we were able to provide almost a million dollars in support to Outdoor Lab this year. From having the biggest Colorado Gives Day EVER, raising over \$35,000, to inducting the first class of champions of Outdoor Lab into the Outdoor Lab Foundation Legacy Society, we could continue to write about how amazed we are with this past year. What truly matters is, as we list accomplishments like this, including grossing the highest amount of donations in Outdoor Lab history at this year's After Dark, growing our group of generous supporters and sponsors, to electing our first class of leaders to guide the Outdoor Lab Youth Advisory Board, we truly reflect and realize it is all because of you.

We are excited to embark on new journeys this year. We will be focusing on supporting our local middle schools and their tuition needs during the sixth-grade transition, we will continue to partner with local businesses to maintain the historic sites, including an added focus on staff housing, and finally, we will focus even more heavily empowering our youth through the intern program and the Youth Advisory Board.

Now more than ever, our work in supporting, sustaining and advocating for Outdoor Lab is necessary and urgent. You can make a difference in the lives of our students and with this program by helping us do this vital work.

*Let's all go leave some **footprints**,*

Shannon Hancock

Executive Director





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