

DURANGO NATURE STUDIES

2015 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:

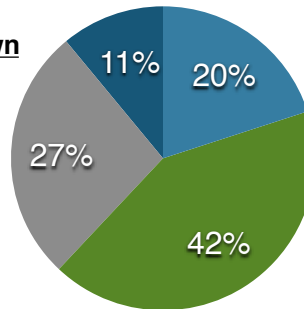
As an integral member of our community, Durango Nature Studies inspires a positive personal relationship with our natural world through outdoor learning, thereby promoting enhanced respect for nature.

2015 Financial Information

\$230,800 annual budget, 15% general and administrative expenses

Revenue Breakdown

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

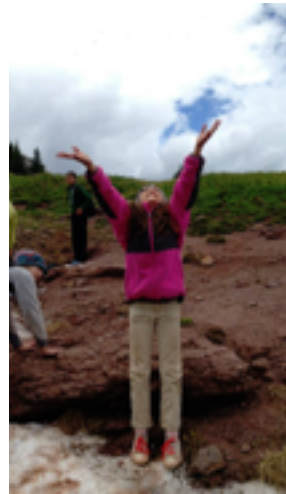
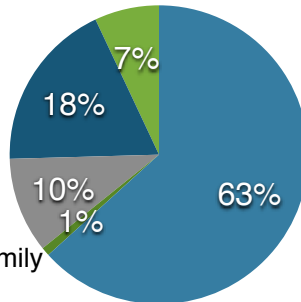


2015 Participant Numbers

9,133 Individuals Served

Program Breakdown

- School
- Trainings
- Misc Youth
- Workshops & Family
- Summer

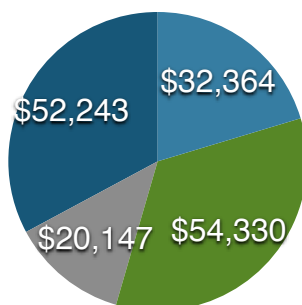


2015 Year-End Accounts

2015 ended with a surplus of \$19,935, that was added to our savings

Savings Breakdown

**with Community Foundation Serving SW



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

Staff

Executive Director - Sally Shuffield
 Program Director - John Duwe
 Program Facilitator - Rob Else
 Program Facilitator - Andrea Owens
 Educator - Emily Schefgen
 Bookkeeper - Shelley Gundrey
 Interns - Anthony Reinert
 Caitlin Herasimchuk

Board of Directors

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

Senior Volunteer Educators

Luanne Andrew
 John Buting
 Karen Carver
 Ginny Chandler
 Jan Collins
 Gail Grossman
 Carol Hotchkiss
 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

Animas Valley Anglers
Animas Watershed Project
Boys and Girls Club
CO Alliance for Environmental Ed
CO Parks and Wildlife
Durango Arts Center
Durango Maker Lab
Durango Public Library
For the Birds
Fort Lewis College
Four Corners Native Plant Society
Get Outdoors Durango
Green Drinks
KSUT
NRCS
Powerhouse Science Center
Rapp Corral
San Juan Mountain Assoc.
Southern Ute Tribe
Telluride Institute
Telluride Mountain Film
Trails 2000
US Forest Service
Water Information Program
Waterfall Ranch
Winter Wildlands Alliance

Event Sponsors

4 Corners River Sports
6th Street Liquor
Alpine Bank
Animas Brewing
Animas Trading Company
AquaHab
Backcountry Experience
Bandwagon Music
Basin Printing
Blueline Reprographics
Brown's Sport Shoe
Carver Brewing Company
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
LPEA
Maple Range
Natural Grocers
Outdoor Exchange
Pediatric Partners of the SW
PG Band
Pine Needle Mountaineering
Running Out of Road
Serious TX BBQ
Steamworks Brewing
Sunnyside Meats
The Wells Group
Zia Taqueria
Zuberfizz

Private and Corporate Grants:

Alpine Bank, Ballantine Family Foundation, BP America, Community Foundation Serving SW Colorado, Durango Motor Company, First National Bank of Durango, Kinder Morgan Foundation, LPEA Roundup Foundation, Martin Family Fund, Mercury Payment Systems, New Belgium Brewing Company, Ruth H. Brown Foundation, S.B. Foundation, SW Water Conservation District, Wells Fargo Community Assistance Fund



Individual and Business Donations (over \$500):

Kathleen Adams, Sue Agranoff, Backcountry Experience, Tom Barron, James Cunningham, McAlvany Financial Group, Chet Olajos, Marcey Olajos, Tom and Mary Orsini, Peg Rogers and Steve Boos, Judy Schaefer, John and Aline Schwob, Sherron Shuffield, John and Angie Wolgamott

Individual and Business Donations (over \$250):

Frank Burns, Al Harper, Bert Fingerhut, Mary Gillam, Carla Harned, Andy and Heather Hawk, Jason and Heather Hooton, Eilene Lyon, Maynes Bradford, Shipps and Sheffel LLP, Caroline and Jeff Munger, Penny O'Keefe, Nancy and Jim Ottman, Michael Schultz, Peter Skartvedt, Dale Suran, The Wells Group



2015 Highlights

- Lead the state of Colorado as a model for partnering with school districts
- 446 Business and Member Households
- Purchased 15 seat Durango Nature Studies' van
- Own and operate 140 acre Nature Center along the Florida River. Learning laboratory for most of our programs.
- 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
- Began Middle School "Exploring Science in Nature," standards based program in 9R middle schools.
- Expanded our after school Nature Clubs by 50%
- Created sense of community by continuing to host three annual anticipated events: Earth Day Festival and 5K, Summer's End Music Festival, and Mountain Film on Tour
- Member of the SW Regional Environmental Literacy Council
- Taught continuing education class for teachers: "Teaching Outside the Classroom"
- 2,796 Volunteer Hours valued at \$65,874 by the Independent Sector
- Gave away \$7,925 in scholarships

