











Corporate Programs

## About the program

Outdoor Lab is one of the most memorable experiences students get to have in Jeffco. Beyond the lessons in outdoor skills, natural history, communication, teamwork, and leadership that are a vital part of the experience, there is an underlying process through which the experience is rendered meaningful and remembered forever by the participants

Outdoor Lab engages all Jefferson County sixth-grade students (approximately 6,000 per year) in an immersive residential camp experience in the mountains. The program builds on the fundamental tenets of experiential learning and is tied into the core curricula set forth by Jeffco Public Schools. It is a rite of passage that has woven through generations of JeffCo families.



Research shows that experiences in nature reduce stress, improve physical health, improve education outcomes, and build civic mindedness. Unfortunately, not every young person has the same opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and are unable to take in all the benefits of being connected to nature in an equitable way.

It is at this intersection that Jeffco's Outdoor Lab Program has operated since 1963.

## Our 2020-2021 Accomplishments

- 1. Advocated for the re-opening of Outdoor Lab to start the schoolyear.
- 2. Supported **5,000+ students** attended a two-day Outdoor Lab Program
- 3. **Contributed \$215,000** for tuition assistance to **35 neighborhood schools** to ensure as many students as possible across the district had the resources needed to attend Outdoor Lab.
- 4. **Supported 40 interns** through a \$20,000 contribution to the Outdoor Lab Intern Stipend Program
- Outfitted 500 High School Leaders with Outdoor Lab Uniforms
- 6. Delivered three \$2,000 scholarships to High School Leaders to pursue post-secondary education.

#### Outdoor Lab operates out of two mountain locations

Located 9 miles outside of Bailey, Colorado, Windy Peak is nestled on 225 acres adjacent to Wellington Lake, the Pike National Forest, and the Colorado Trail.

Situated on 525 acres outside of Evergreen, Colorado, Mount Evans sits at the end of Bear Creek Road on a historic property originally known as the Dodge Ranch. It abuts the Arapaho National Forest and the Mt Evans Wilderness Area.

# The Outdoor Lab Foundation has 4 Strategic Initiatives

- 1- Bolstering our Tuition Assistance Program to make sure every student, regardless of their ability to pay, can attend Outdoor Lab. The Foundation will specifically allocate funds based on each school's free and reduced lunch populations and the associated tuition gaps each school faces as a result.
- 2- **Growing our High School Leaders Program** which is comprised of a scholarship fund and other material incentives to support our young adult mentors during their volunteerism on site.
- 3- Funding our Intern Stipend Program which makes the internship experience more attractive and relevant for more students to enhance their resumes. Each site engages 10 interns per semester 40 total interns who receive a \$1,000 stipend at the end of their service.

4- **Building our Gear Program** so that teachers have the materials and supplies to implement fun and impactful programming, and that the Site Clinics have the outerwear and resources they need to keep every student warm, dry, safe, and feeling welcome on site.



### How to Get Involved!

## Become a Corporate Sponsor

- General support
- Sponsor a specific school
- Sponsor a specific project on one of our campuses

#### Sponsor Our Signature Event, After Dark

- Sponsor the event
- Donate an item for our live and silent auction
- Buy tickets and invite your friends

# Host the Foundation at your office & engage your employees

- Host a presentation
- Organize a virtual cal
- Run a fund drive
- Match employee contributions
- Participate in a volunteer projec





### Donate products to support students

We are always in need of outdoor gear to make sure the students feel warm, dry, safe, and

## Highlight the Foundation on your channels

Share your passion for getting youth outside by featuring the Outdoor Lab Foundation in your communications and social media.

### Donate your professional services

There are many professional services that could benefit the Foundation and Schools. Offer your expertise pro-bono.









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