**Greetings!**

Thank you for applying to have Thorne Nature Experience’s In-school Program at your school! The In-School Program is an elementary level, natural science program that brings hands-on activities into your classroom through three progressive visits and an optional field trip. All programs are correlated to Colorado Content Standards in Science. To ensure access to all students, especially low-income and minority students who often have the least access to nature and score the lowest on science testing, Thorne provides schools with a sliding fee scale based on need. Please fill out the application as accurately as possible and after reviewing your application, we will contact you to schedule your in-school programs.

**Thorne In-School Programs are filled on a first come first served basis**, please apply early for the best chance at receiving programming on your preferred dates. **Funding assistance is awarded based on need.** While applications are accepted throughout the year, schools in need of funding assistance have the best chance of receiving discounted or free programming if they apply before September for the subsequent school year.

**Contact Information:**

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| **Name of School** |  |
| **School Phone Number** |  |
| **Additional Phone Number in case of day-of emergency** |  |
| **School Address** |  |
| **School Distance from Thorne site**  **Boulder:** 1466 N. 63rd St, Boulder 80303  **Littleton:** 11250 Waterton Canyon Rd, Littleton 80125  **\*Please use google maps to check distance** |  |
| **Name and email of School Representative**  (main contact for In-School Program) |  |
| **Name of school Bookkeeper**  (contact for invoices) |  |

**Contact Information for all Teachers interested in Thorne In-School programs- this is needed for correspondence and evaluation (or attach contact sheet with email addresses):**

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| **Grade level (add rows if needed)** | **Name of Teachers** | **Email Addresses** |
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*After looking at attached brochure for class descriptions, please list your preferred classes and schedule:*

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| **In-School Program Title** | **Grade Level** | **# of Classrooms at each grade level** | **Preferred Schedule** |
| Choose an item. | Choose an item. | Choose an item. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **1st Choice** | **2nd Choice** | | **Time of Year** | Choose an item. | Choose an item. | | **Day of Week** | Choose an item. | Choose an item. | | **Class Times** | Choose an item. | Choose an item. | |
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\*For additional grade levels, please cut and paste rows into the table above

**Program Information:**How many total In-School programs (# classrooms) is your school applying for? 

**Additional Programs:**

1. Would your school be interested in a field trip program? 
2. Does your school provide transportation? 
3. Would your school be interested in a special event or music assembly? ****

**Demographics:**

1. What percentage of your school’s students:
   1. Participate in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program? 
   2. Are minorities? 
2. Are you a Title 1 school? 
3. Are you a bilingual school? 
   1. If so, what language do you prefer the Thorne In-School program to be taught in? ****

**Program Fees/Funding:**

**Reminder: funding assistance is available based on need and on a first come, first served basis**

# of Classrooms participating in Thorne’s In-School programs  x $500 = $ 

# of Students participating in a field trip  x $10 = $ 

**TOTAL Program Cost: $ **

**Thorne also provides programs at Special Events (Outdoor Ed, Music Assemblies, Earth Day, etc) but cost varies based on Staff time- please contact Thorne for more details**

1. Is your school applying for funding assistance from Thorne Nature Experience? 
2. If yes, for how much? 

**Total Program Cost **

**- Thorne Funding Assistance **

**= Amount the school Pays **

1. Is the amount your school will pay for Thorne In-School programs pending or secured? 
2. Where does your school’s funding for the In-School program come from? 

**Other:**

1. Is your school in need of science support? Why?
2. How can Thorne’s In-School program support your science curriculum?
3. Has your school participated in Thorne programs in the past? 
4. How many years? 
5. Which program(s)? (In-School, Field Trip, Summer Camp, Special Events)
6. Does your school work with other Environmental Education organizations? 
7. Which ones? 
8. Which grade levels? 
9. How will your school build upon what students learn through Thorne’s In-School program after the class in completed?

**Photo Release-** Thorne staff takes photos of students to create In-School Program eBooks (student-authored books about what they have learned) and publications. Please let the Thorne Instructor know if parents do not want photos taken of certain students the first day of the Thorne program, by visually pointing out each student to the Thorne Instructor.

Please initial here your acknowledgement of our photo release procedure: 

**Please return form electronically if possible, or contact with any questions or concerns at:**

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