



Thorne

NATURE

Experience

# 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

## 2014 was a memorable year for Thorne Nature Experience.

Thorne celebrated its 60th Anniversary by connecting more than 12,500 youth to nature. The Field Trip and In-School Programs reached record numbers of youth through partnerships with Front Range elementary schools, and Thorne's Summer Camp in Boulder and Littleton engaged the highest number of students since its inception in 1957. Thorne also offered Summer Camp in Longmont for the first time ever. For the sixth year in a row, revenues increased and the cost per student served decreased. Of special note, as part of its 60th Anniversary celebration, Thorne raised \$1 million in bequests, pledges, and direct gifts for the Oak Thorne Vision Fund, a new endowment that will provide seed funding for future, innovative Thorne projects.

Thorne is also proud to have completed a new five-year strategic plan that will ensure the organization continues to grow and expand to meet its mission. Of course, none of these accomplishments would have been possible without the generous support of Thorne's contributors, the leadership of Thorne's Board of Trustees, the guidance and wisdom of Thorne's Founder, Dr. Oakleigh Thorne II, and the hard work and dedication of Thorne's staff, which is led by Executive Director Keith Desrosiers.

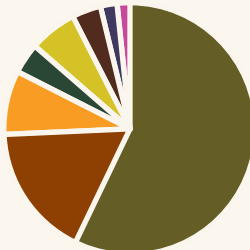


## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Assets

Fiscal Year 2014 (Ended 12/31/14)

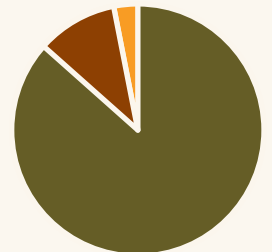
### OPERATING REVENUES

● Earned Income 57%	\$426,606
● Foundation 18%	\$130,170
● Government 8%	\$61,291
● Individual 6%	\$46,091
● Corporate 4%	\$30,359
● In-Kind Support 3.5%	\$27,585
● Special Events 2.5%	\$17,845
● Endowment Distribution 1%	\$8,471
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$748,418</b>



### OPERATING EXPENDITURES

● Programs 87%	\$634,659
● Fundraising 10%	\$77,106
● Administration 3%	\$21,816
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$733,581</b>



Operating Revenue Less Expenditures	\$14,837
Change In Perm. Restricted Assets (endowment)	\$(341)
New Donations to Perm. Restricted Assets	\$258,725
Change In Temp. Restricted Assets	\$(17,554)

<b>Net Assets Start of Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$577,439</b>
<b>Net Assets End of Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$833,106</b>

# Program Report

School Year 2013/14 and Summer 2014



## IN-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The In-School Program reached 7,791 elementary students (130% increase since 2009/10 School Year). The Program expanded students' knowledge in the areas of science and literacy through a three class series of lessons that involved interactive explorations, inquiry-based experiments, scientific instruments and specimens, and writing a picture book. A twelve-week After-School Program was offered at six low-income schools.



## SUMMER CAMP

Thorne's summer camp reached 2,100 youth through field-based classes for kids ages 3-15 (93% increase since 2010). Popular classes like Mud Mucking, At Home in the Woods, and Bird Banding utilized local prairie grasslands, evergreen forests, and wetland habitats as a classroom and enabled youth to connect with and learn about nature.



## THE BVSD FIELD TRIP PROGRAM

The Field Trip Program engaged 1,857 fourth graders in a day-long field trip to the 45-acre Sombrero Marsh Environmental Education Center (55% increase since 2009/10 School Year). At the Marsh, students learned about wetland ecology while hiking on boardwalks, viewing birds from a bird blind, and undertaking experiments in a laboratory.



## 2014 PROGRAM FACTS

- 96% of parents felt their child is more connected with nature after attending Thorne's summer camp.
- 17% of Thorne's summer camp participants received tuition assistance totaling \$93,230 during 2014 (more than 6 times the amount awarded in 2010).
- 89% of teachers felt the In-School Program had "a lot of value" in correlation to school district science standards (9% "some value").
- 57% of In-School Program students participated in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program and 53% were minorities.

## 2014 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

