



Thorne  
NATURE  
Experience

# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

## 2018 was a record year for Thorne Nature Experience.

Not only did Thorne connect more than 12,500 youth to nature through school programs and summer camp, but we also expanded our efforts to both deliver programming to underserved youth and to work in collaboration with other organizations to advance environmental education within Boulder County. Our NATURE FOR ALL Initiative, provided more than \$400,000 in scholarships to ensure that all youth, regardless of their school or family's financial situation, have the opportunity to connect with nature. On the collaborative front, Thorne continued its leadership role



with the Nature Kids/Jovenes de la Naturaleza Lafayette (NKJN) program. Thorne is the backbone agency for NKJN, and is leading more than 30 organizations in a collective impact project to provide backyard to backcountry, pre-k to high school, and family integrated environmental education and outdoor recreation experiences for underserved youth living in Lafayette. During its first full year of operation (through May 31, 2019), NKJN programs reached 11,914 participants. Also in 2018, Thorne completed planning and design for a new Nature Preschool which will open in the Fall of 2019. Of course, none of Thorne's 2018 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 (who turned 90 this past year), and the hard work and dedication of Thorne's staff, led by Executive Director Keith Desrosiers.

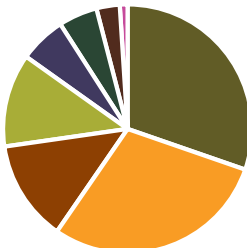


## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Assets

Fiscal Year 2018 (Ended 12/31/18)

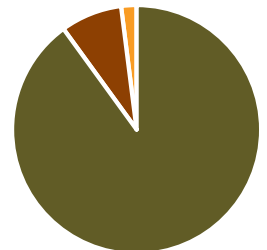
### OPERATING REVENUES

● Earned Income 30%	\$533,209
● Government 29%	\$515,028
● Foundation 13%	\$230,207
● Individual 12%	\$206,555
● In-Kind Support 6%	\$99,235
● Special Events 5%	\$83,353
● Corporate 3%	\$48,085
● Endowment Distribution 1%	\$39,705
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,755,377</b>



### OPERATING EXPENDITURES

● Programs 90%	\$1,550,825
● Fundraising 7%	\$126,629
● Administration 3%	\$46,573
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,724,027</b>



Operating Revenue Less Expenditures	\$31,350
Change In Perm. Restricted Assets (endowment)	(\$97,308)
Change In Temp. Restricted Assets	\$97,018

<b>Net Assets Start of Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$2,135,943</b>
<b>Net Assets End of Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$2,167,003</b>

# Program Report

School Year 2017/18 and Summer 2018



## SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Thorne's school-year programs reached 10,000 students. The majority of these youth (5,879) participated in Thorne's In-School program, which provides students with a three class series of lessons that involves interactive explorations, inquiry-based experiments, and writing a picture book. Another 3,556 youth received a full-day nature field trip. A record 565 students also participated in our most immersive school program, a 12-week after-school program that allows participants to grow their connection to nature by exploring in and around their schoolyard with mentors.



## SUMMER CAMP

Thorne's summer camp reached 2,587 youth through field-based classes for youth ages 3-15 (double the number of campers we reached 5 years ago). 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.



## NATURE FOR ALL

Thorne awarded more than \$400,000 in scholarships for summer camp and school programs. These scholarships enabled 464 youth to participate in summer camp and allowed Thorne to deliver its Nature Immersion Program (NIP) at nine Title 1 schools. NIP ensures that every student at our community's lowest income elementary school receives a minimum of 23 hours of nature programming during grades 1-5 and the opportunity to participate in an additional 198 hours of summer camp and after school programming if they want to further expand their connection to nature and the outdoors.



## 2018 PROGRAM FACTS

- 96% of parents felt their child is more connected with nature after attending Thorne's summer camp.
- 18% of Thorne's summer camp participants received tuition assistance.
- 98% of teachers felt the In-School Program had "a lot of value" in correlation to school district science standards.
- 56% of In-School Program students participated in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program and 62% were students of color.

## 2018 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

