



Thorne
NATURE
Experience



**Ensuring NATURE FOR ALL
is more important now than ever!**

Thanks to Thorne, Nature has remained open for ALL Boulder County youth during the COVID-19 pandemic. The mental and physical health of our children has been significantly challenged by school moving from the classroom to the computer, recess being cancelled, and parks and playgrounds being shuttered.

Thanks to the generosity of its donors, Thorne was well positioned when the pandemic hit to quickly pivot its staff and resources to support those most vulnerable in our community through nature activity kits, virtual curriculum, small group size camps, and the Outside EVERYDAY campaign!

With your continued support, we will continue this work throughout the pandemic to ensure that ALL youth in our community have access to the benefits of nature.



Nature Activity Kits

Due to the economic impact of COVID-19, many Boulder County families lacked the resources to safely get their kids outside. Thorne helped families overcome this barrier by distributing 540 Nature Activity Kits. Thorne provided low-income families with \$20,000 worth of nature play materials, sidewalk chalk, backyard camping tents, gardening supplies, trail snacks, and of course face masks.



Let's Get Started!
¡Empecemos!



<p>Learning Targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will learn the characteristics (parts) that make insects special. <p>Objetivos de aprendizaje:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Los estudiantes aprenderán las características (partes) que hacen que los insectos sean especiales. 	 <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Insect Bodies</div> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Cuerpos de Insectos</div> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Facts</div> <div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Insect Song</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;">     </div>
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Virtual Curriculum

Teachers and parents were not prepared for the switch to home learning caused by COVID-19. Thorne helped support educators by translating 100% of its curriculum into high quality, virtual programs which included links to videos, activities and resources. To ensure access for ALL, each program was made available in English and Spanish. And, each program included an opportunity to GET OUTSIDE!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Leaf Art  Create a leaf rubbing	Rocks  Create a rock tower	Quiet moment  Sit quietly in nature	Picnic  Eat lunch outside	Insect  Go on a bug hunt	Bird  Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day by watching a bird	Rest  Take a deep breath

Post your photos online using #OutsideEveryDay



Outside Everyday Campaign

Many Boulder County families lack the knowledge and experience to get their kids outside and into nature. Thorne created the #OutsideEveryday/#CadaDiaAfuera social media campaign and developed a series of parent nature resources. Through weekly emails, social media posts, and videos, Thorne promotes simple outdoor activities, tips for staying safe and having fun, and places to explore in nature.



Small Group Size Camps

Most summer youth programs closed in response to COVID-19. Thorne instead pivoted to a safer small groups size camp model (5 children to 1 instructor). To help support families struggling due to the economic impacts of COVID-19, we maintained our traditional pricing despite this model being more expensive for Thorne. We also maintained our ratio of giving a full scholarship to 1 in every 4 campers.

Nature Learning Pods



School's home learning programs have left families and their children in need of academic support, childcare and enrichment activities. In response, Thorne created its Nature Learning Pods program. The best part is that 66% of the 35 enrolled students are participating for free! Thorne is offering \$250,000 in scholarships to provide low-income families with 30 hours/week of academic support and nature programming.



Supporting Partner Organizations

Many of our community's environmental education providers are struggling financially during these challenging times. To help support our friends and provide programming that meets the emergent needs of low-income families, Thorne has awarded more than \$250,000 in grants to collaborators participating in the Nature Kids Lafayette program. Science Discovery, Cal-Wood, the Cottonwood Institute and Wildlands Restoration Volunteers are receiving funds to provide nature based after school enrichment, paid employment, and career development opportunities for youth from grades 1 through 12.



With your generous support during this unprecedented moment in history, Thorne will continue to adapt its programs to be of service to those most vulnerable in our community and ensure NATURE FOR ALL.

While none of us can predict the future, we can depend on nature - and community - to get us through challenging times.

Thanks to incredible support from donors like you, Thorne has been an important part of the fabric of our Boulder community for more than 65 years. **Your support now will help us weather the financial challenges placed on our organization by the pandemic and ensure we remain strong long after the COVID-19 crisis has ended.**