



Keystone
Science School

2022 CAMP FINAL REPORT

OVERNIGHT CAMP PROGRAMS



DISCOVERY

Discovery Camp is Keystone Science School's traditional overnight camp experience with a mix of Science, Adventure, FUN! These weeklong sessions give campers the opportunity to sleep in our dorms or canvas tents while enjoying core activities and adventures with a different science twist each week.



ADVENTURES

Overnight Adventure Camp is the extension of our overnight camp program. These field-based adventures provide campers with a sense of independence, leadership opportunities, and true connection with the outdoors. Overnight Adventure Programs foster outdoor skills, appreciation for the natural world around us, and lifelong friendships.

DAY CAMP PROGRAMS



DAY CAMP

Merging of Day Camp & Summit Day Camp - A longstanding dream has been to bring Summit Day Camp onto KSS's historic 23-acre campus to build more connections with our on-campus Day Camp Program. We are thrilled to share that this summer we achieved this vision. Our Staff and key partners at Summit School District all collaborated to make this possible. This step is an important way for our KSS family to connect our communities and join together during the Year of Community at Keystone Science School.

PATHFINDERS

Specifically designed for Middle School aged campers, Keystone Science School offers an adventure-focused day option. Campers travel around Summit County and surrounding areas to enjoy outdoor recreational opportunities. Each week follows an adventure theme. Each session includes team-building and leadership activities that will encourage collaboration, responsibility, and problem solving.

SUMMIT DAY CAMP

(formerly known as Summer CATCH Camp)

Summit Day Camp is an enriching day camp program exclusive to students enrolled in the Summit School District (SSD). Since its inception in 2015, Keystone Science School has been serving approximately 75 students per week and offers the program on a sliding fee scale.

All families qualify for a sliding fee scale rate. Annually, up to 40% of families qualify for significantly reduced programming by qualifying for Free and Reduced Lunch (F&RL) or Child Health Plan+ (CHP+).

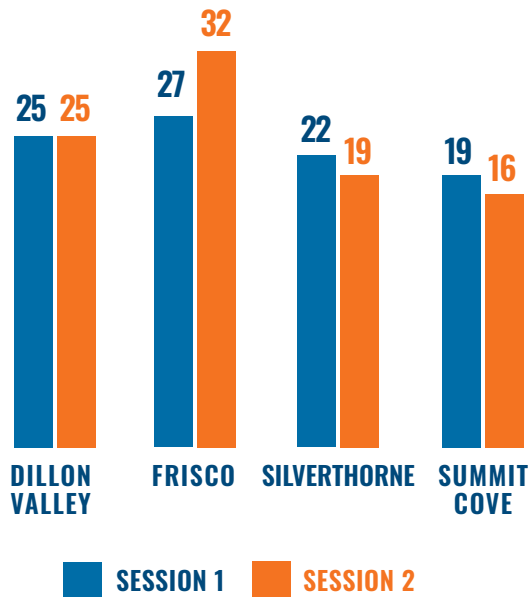
52,240

Total Contact Hours

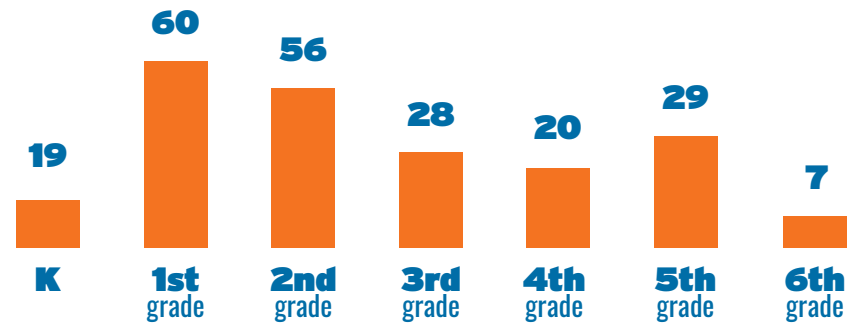
= over 400 contact hours for each camper

A contact hour represents an hour of instruction given to students.

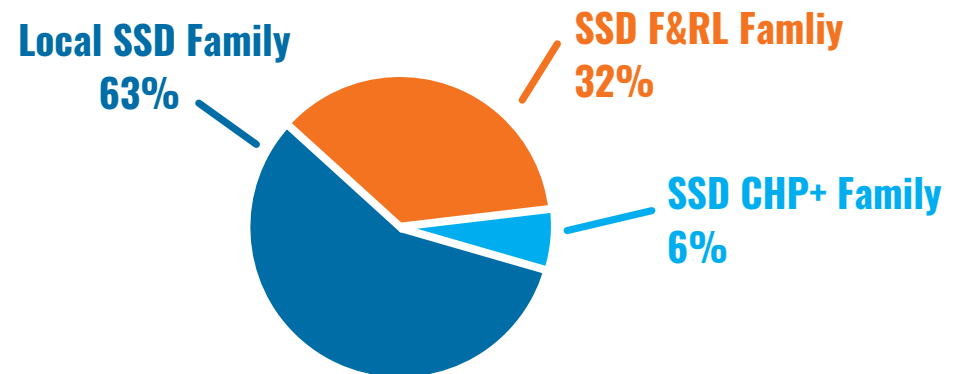
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS PER SCHOOL



SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT - GRADE OF STUDENTS SERVED



TOTAL UNIQUE STUDENTS BY PAY RATE



QUOTES FROM DAY CAMP PARENTS

"I don't know what else I would do if this wasn't a summer option for our kids. I have to work full-time Monday through Friday and need options for my daughter, this is perfect for her to get out into nature, work with great staff, and have a ton of fun!"

"{Summit Day Camp} enables both parents to work."

"[Summit Day Camp] provides our child an opportunity to do fun activities while learning all summer"

"She gets to explore a lot of things that otherwise we as parents wouldn't be able to provide and otherwise she would be in a home daycare not doing anything."

\$184,057

funded the sliding fee scale thanks to our generous funders

\$6,800

in additional scholarships given to families by KSS's Scholarship Fund

\$74,445

is KSS's In-Kind contribution, based on filling the program exclusively at a full pay rate

OUR FUNDERS



? DINNER TABLE QUESTIONS

For each camp program we provide "dinner table questions" for each camper to take home after camp. These questions are meant to facilitate discussion of what they learned that week at camp. Here are some examples:

What is your favorite moment from your time at KSS?

What is the continental divide?

Was the stream or body of water that you tested healthy?

What were three types of trees you learned about?

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

The Camp Scholarship Program's applications open annually in early November and close on the 1st of April. Recipients are notified of scholarship decisions in mid-April. Keystone Science School received 228 applications for programs in summer of 2022.

**Keystone Science School
offered a total of**

**105
scholarships**

to campers for Summit Day Camp,
Pathfinders Camp, Discovery Camp, and
Adventure Camp.

**Total Camp Scholarship
Program awards in 2022**

\$58,696



OUR GREATEST STRENGTH: OUR STAFF



CAMPER TURNED COUNSELOR: TATUM BOUSE-EATON

Tatum Bouse-Eaton was a KSS camper for 10 years. They continued their KSS journey by joining us as a camp counselor. They shared how honored they are to work at KSS, saying that KSS is a place like no other, "From the people, to the land, to the curriculum, Keystone Science School has magic that has been alive for 45 years. I can't wait to see what we do with the next 45!"

57 SUMMER
COUNSELORS

COUNSELORS ARE FROM

17
DIFFERENT STATES
ACROSS THE USA

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

1,278 INDIVIDUAL CAMPERS

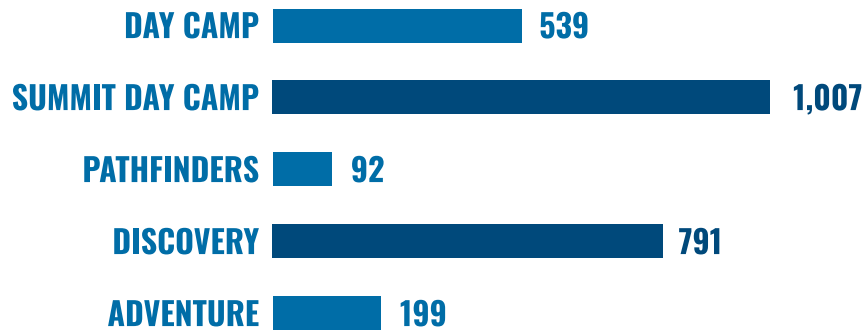
2,783 TOTAL SUMMER REGISTRATIONS

152,640

TOTAL CONTACT HOURS

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS X TOTAL CONTACT HOURS PER REGISTRATION

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS BY PROGRAM

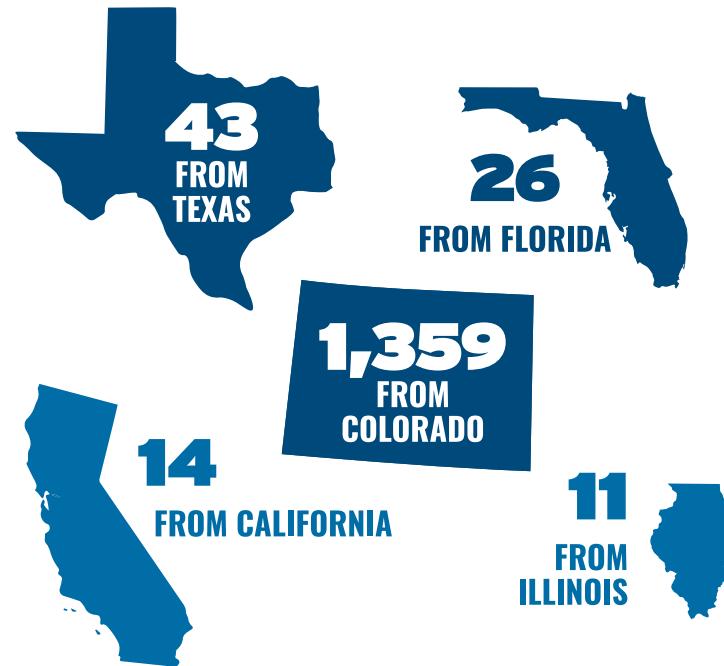


NEW VS RETURNING CAMPERS

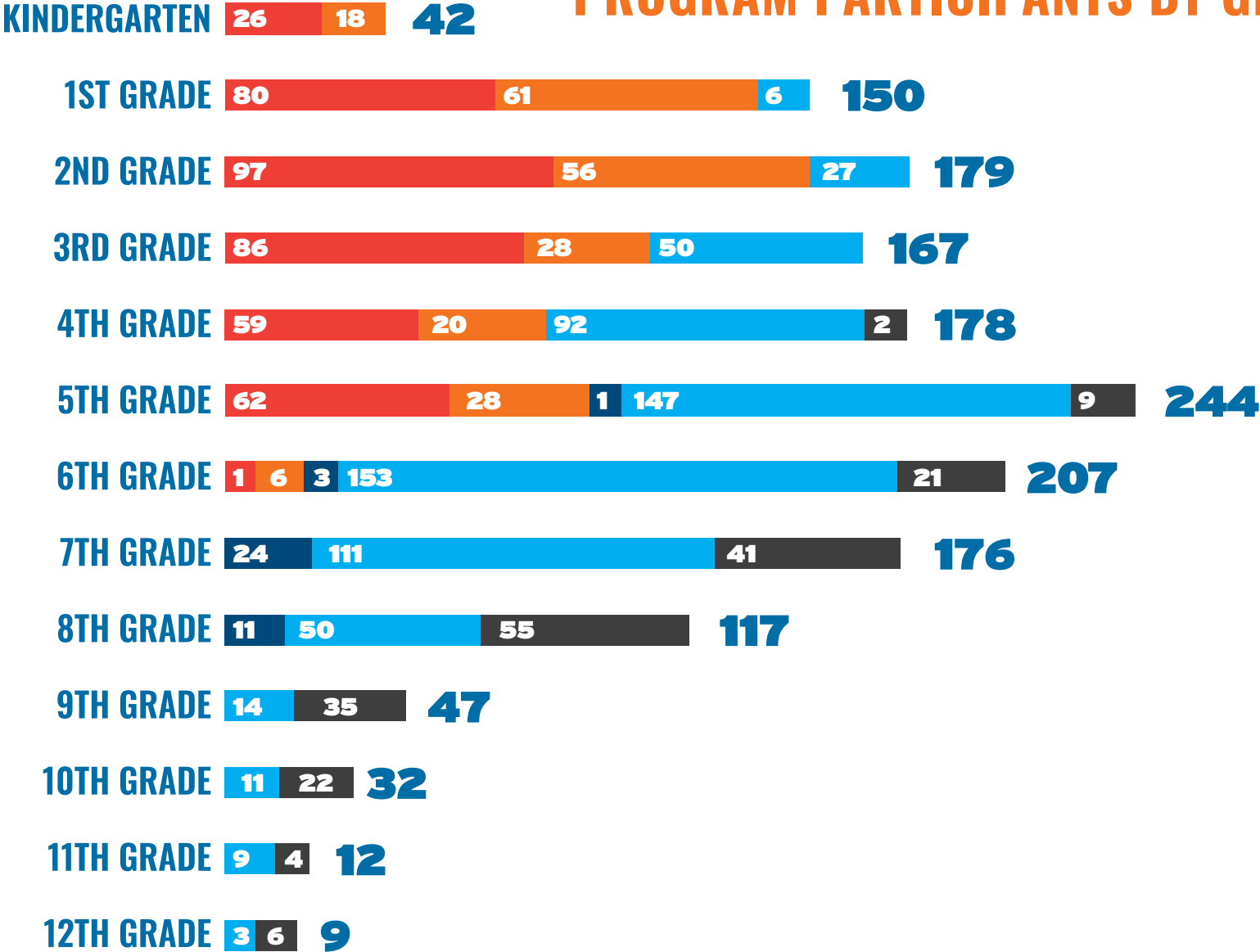
1036 NEW CAMPERS

535 RETURNING

CAMPERS & HOME STATE TOTAL REGISTRATIONS



PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS BY GRADE





CAMPER SURVEYS



Did you try something new this week?

100% of surveyed campers said they tried something new during their week of camp.

Would you return to camp?

100% of surveyed campers said they would return to camp the following year if given the opportunity.

When Campers were asked what they learned about nature, others and yourself, they responded with:

“I learned that there are people with other stories and that you should always respect them. I also learned that you should always do the best you can with your life because you only get one.”

“I learned a lot about my friends and how to survive in the wilderness. I learned to be more independent.”

When campers were asked about their favorite/least favorite part of KSS camp they responded:

“I think something kind of hard for me was just getting used to being away from my parents but, everyone at camp is so friendly and it was easy to make friends and I felt better with the support of everyone”

“I love that KSS goes above and beyond, doing things that blow all the other camps out of the water!”

“My favorite part was all the counselors and my bunk mates. Everyone was so kind and supportive, even though I got homesick a couple times.”



PARENT SURVEYS



Would you recommend to your friends?

Summit County Parents would recommend KSS Day camp to others **at a 94% rate.**

Non Summit County parents would recommend KSS Day camp **at a 96% rate.**

Summit County parents and non Summit county parents would recommend KSS overnight camp **at a 95% rate.**

In the words of camper parents:

“We love KSS. The growth our kids have each summer is priceless. Thank you for all the hard work, planning and everything (heart) that goes into what you do!”

“Camp opens up new experiences that she otherwise wouldn’t have, gives her more exposure with different peer sets, and expands her problem solving. I’ve never seen her so tired!”

“Our son loves going to camp everyday and is excited to attend every week. Which means a lot since he is there all summer long. The friendships he has formed with team leaders and kids are amazing and he is full of information when he comes home. We can trust that the camp will take care of our kid and not have us worry at work.”

“My son loves coming to camp everyday during the summer. He loves showing off everything he has learned and every bead he has earned. I know he is going to be in good hands while I am at work and can depend on care that is going to be staffed daily and with friendly faces.”

“My kid looks forward to this every year! It is so important for her to get out of her usual routine and meet new people and get a chance to be on her own.”

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A scenic mountain landscape with a white goat in the foreground. The goat is standing on a rocky, grassy slope, looking towards the left. The background features a vast mountain range with dense evergreen forests and rugged peaks under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

**2023 SUMMER CAMP
REGISTRATION OPENING**

**NOVEMBER 29TH
AT 10AM**

