



**KEYSTONE
SCIENCE SCHOOL**

**2023 IMPACT REPORT
SUMMER CAMP**



OVERNIGHT CAMP PROGRAMS



DISCOVERY CAMP

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

ADVENTURES

KSS Adventures are an extension of our Discovery Camp. These field-based adventures provide students with a sense of independence, leadership opportunities, and true connection with the outdoors. Adventure Programs foster outdoor skills, appreciation for the natural world around us, and lifelong friendships.

DAY CAMP PROGRAMS



DAY CAMP

Offered in week-long sessions for K-5th grade students, our KSS campus day camp utilizes our 23-acre campus and surrounding areas to instill an appreciation for nature and the outdoors. Each session follows the same core activities and adventures with a different science theme hidden in each week.

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.

KEYSTONE SCIENCE SCHOOL & SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

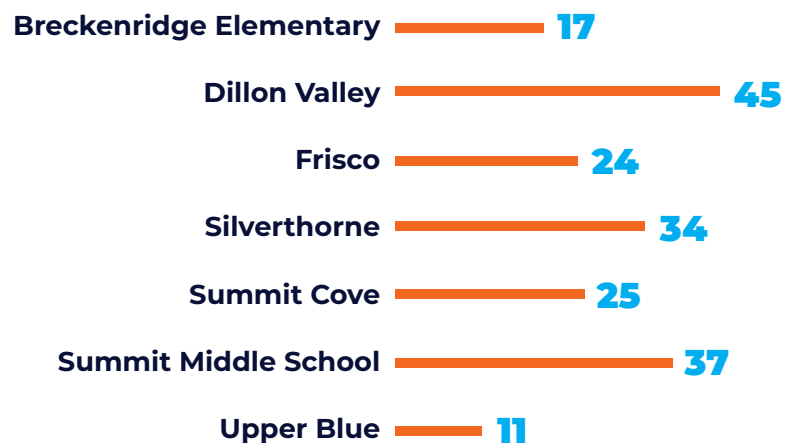


Summit Day Camp is an enriching day camp program exclusive to students enrolled in the Summit School District (SSD). Since its inception in 2015, Keystone Science School has been serving approximately 75 students per week and offers the program on a sliding fee scale.

All families qualify for a sliding fee scale rate. In 2023, over 40% of our enrollments are from families that qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch (F&R Lunch) or Child Health Plan + (CHP+), receiving significantly reduced cost programming.

KSS also offers 8 weeks of our Pathfinders Day Camp program for middle school students, and 37 SSD students attended Pathfinders this summer. Local SSD middle school students that qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch receive this program at a significantly reduced cost.

SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT CAMPERS BY SCHOOL



193

SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT CAMPERS

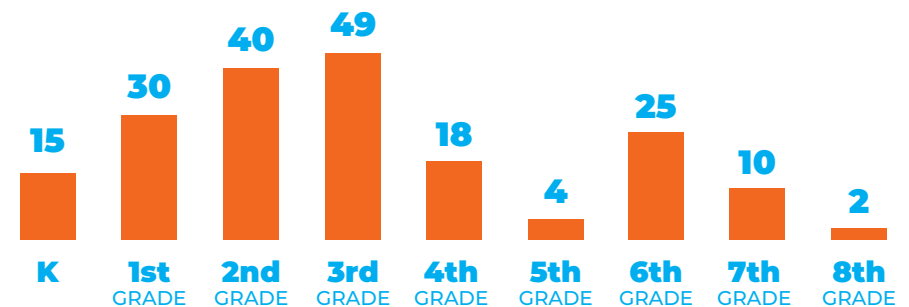
CONTACT HOURS

33,520
Total Contact Hours

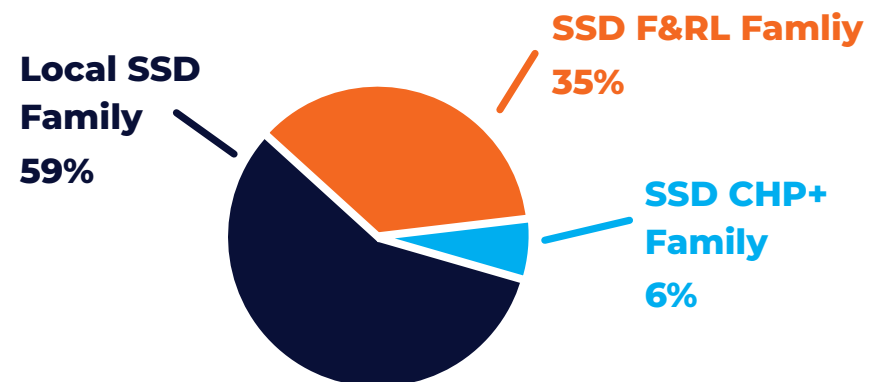
= over 170 contact hours for each camper

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

SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADE OF STUDENTS SERVED



TOTAL UNIQUE STUDENTS BY PAY RATE



QUOTES FROM DAY CAMP PARENTS

“She gains valuable social skills and learns a lot about science and nature. We love that she gets to play in the dirt and have experiences she would otherwise not have access to. We also appreciate that she gets consistency from having a lot of the same great camp counselors from week to week.”

“{Summit Day Camp} enables both parents to work.”

“We are grateful to have a world class program like this right in our backyard. The importance of children spending time in nature, developing a sense of wonder, and becoming stewards of our environment cannot be overstated at this day in age. Thank you!”



? 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:

Why should we do our best to protect nature?

What kind of trees are in Summit County?

How did it feel to step outside of your comfort zone?



DAY CAMP FUNDERS



\$269,913

funded the sliding fee scale thanks to our generous funders

\$10,600

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



CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Through generous donations made by individual donors, corporations, and foundations we are able to offer financial aid to those who qualify.

Keystone Science School received 315 applications for programs in summer of 2023, and offered scholarships to 56% (198) of these applications.

KSS awarded a total of

118 scholarships

**to campers for Summit Day Camp,
Pathfinders Camp, Discovery Camp,
and Adventures**

**Total Camp Scholarship
Program awards in 2023**

Over \$50,000



OUR GREATEST STRENGTH: OUR STAFF

53 SUMMER
COUNSELORS

3 INTERNATIONAL
STAFF

16 DIFFERENT U.S.
STATES

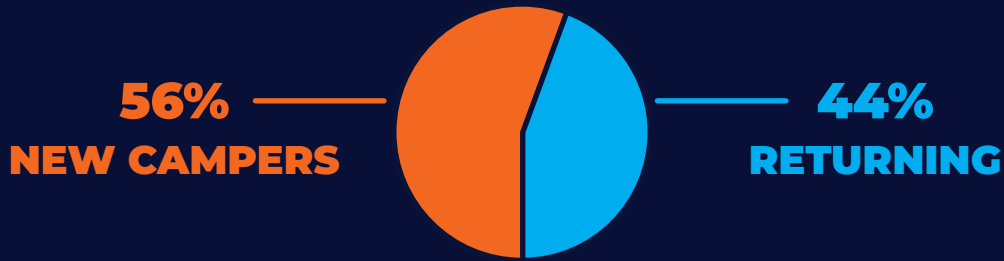


IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

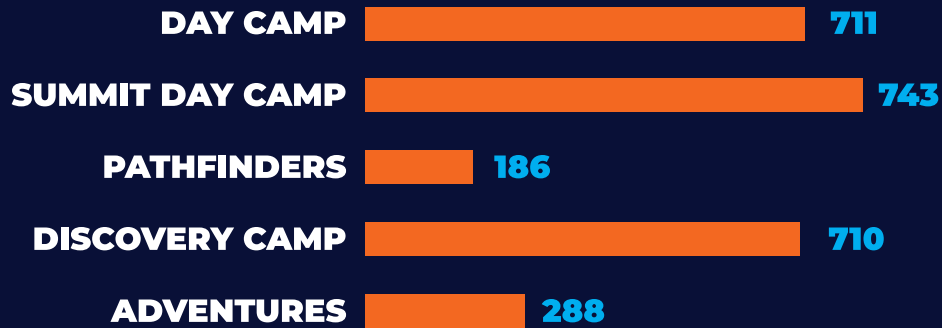
1,641 INDIVIDUAL CAMPERS

2,638 TOTAL SUMMER REGISTRATIONS

NEW VS RETURNING CAMPERS



TOTAL REGISTRATIONS BY PROGRAM



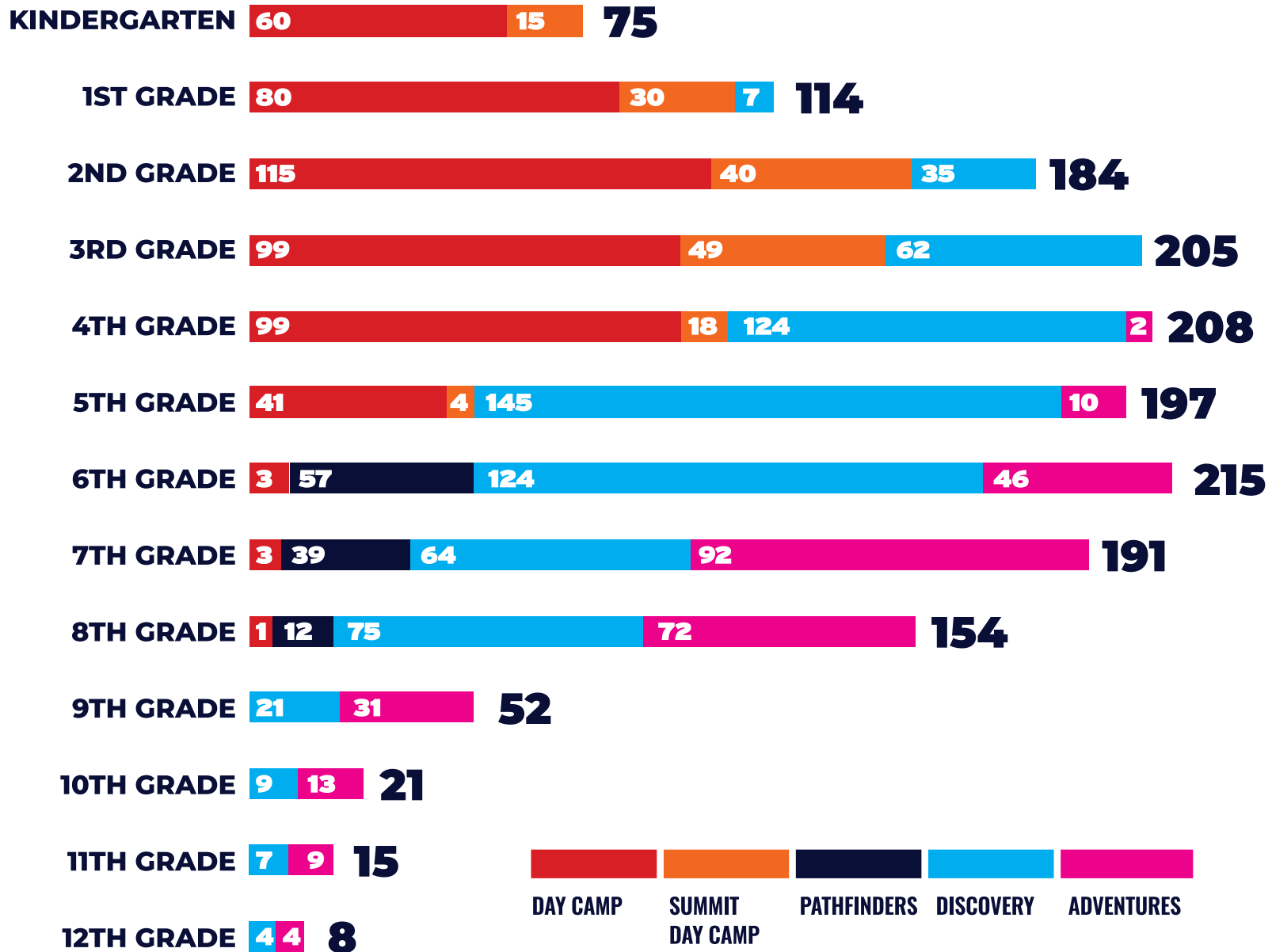
164,944

TOTAL CONTACT HOURS

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS X CONTACT HOURS PER CAMPER



PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS BY GRADE





CAMPER SURVEYS



92% of campers said they learned something new

94% said they would recommend KSS to a friend

93% said they would return to camp the following year if given the opportunity

89% said they went outside of their comfort zone at camp



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

“I grew. I realized that I could do things that I didn’t think I could. It was my first time being away from my family for that long and I got homesick. But it made me grow mentally.”

“I made some new friends and became more of a leader.”

“My head counselor did AMAZING for the whole time! She was very helpful and mature and kind. And she is someone I’ll never forget and gave me a life changing experience.”

“I have learned a lot about leadership and confidence.”

“I think that I have become more empathetic towards other people.”

“I feel that camp has made me more daring and sure of myself.”

“I feel like I have grown so much at this camp and I LOVE it.”



PARENT SURVEYS



“My son LOVES his KSS experiences. He always learns so much and comes back home more confident and independent than when he left.”



“My son has gained so much confidence in himself and realizes he can do hard things.”

“Camper is shy but loves to be active and I have found that this program has helped him overcome a lot of insecurities over the last couple of years. He always has so many amazing stories to share and confidence.”



“Thank you for an amazing camp experience. The counselors enthusiasm, care and genuine concern for each camper was palatable. One could feel it at the closing ceremony.”

“I like that through experiences you work to provide kids the opportunity to connect with, respect, and love nature, while having fun and making friends in the process.”

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JANUARY 10TH





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