



**KEYSTONE
SCIENCE SCHOOL**

2023 IMPACT REPORT
KEYSTONE SCIENCE SCHOOL
— AND —
SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT
PARTNERSHIP

Since 2015, Keystone Science School has partnered with Summit School District (SSD) to offer 10 consecutive weeks of summer programming to Summit County students. Summit School District provides transportation to and from our 23-acre campus, lunch, and resources on reading and social-emotional learning curriculum. KSS provides Science, Adventure, and Fun!

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2023 marked another successful summer for Summit Day Camp and Pathfinders programs at Keystone Science School! This was the second season that KSS hosted Summit School District (SSD) campers on our historic campus, and the partnership between SSD and KSS is stronger than ever. KSS is pleased to report that 156 SSD students attended Summit Day camp and 37 SSD students participated in the Pathfinders programs. 66% of these students were returning campers!

Our Day Camp options for SSD students continue to positively impact our community by offering consistent, high quality and affordable childcare for working families in Summit County. In providing this critical service to families, local businesses benefit from the retention and sustainability of their workforce. KSS offers a sliding fee scale rate to Summit County families and significantly reduces registration fees to those eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch or Child Health Plan+. With the support of our donors, KSS was able to support an additional \$10,600 in scholarships to SSD campers and we will keep working hard to continue this support and more!



193
SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT CAMPERS

Summit School District Campers by School



By offering 10 full weeks of summer camp to SSD elementary students and 8 weeks to middle school students, they gain instructional hours they would not have had otherwise, as most parents report that their child would not be in another program if they did not attend this camp. Students benefit from weekly social-emotional learning lessons, daily reading time, and traditional KSS outdoor education. Literacy experts and educators have consistently found that one of the most important keys to building strong literacy skills in readers of all ages is the ability of the reader to have a vast array of background knowledge in a variety of different areas.

The experiences that nature immersion programs such as KSS provide to children who are developing literacy skills is a highly impactful way to develop and strengthen background knowledge that readers can later apply to academics. The counselors at KSS provide ample opportunities to engage students in both direct and indirect vocabulary and science learning through the naming and classification of natural objects through engagement in geology and forest and aquatic ecology that can naturally take place through outdoor dialogue in specific settings.

We're grateful to our generous donors and community partners for making this summer possible!

"I have never been able to afford summer camps or activities for my son and this would be an experience that he could treasure for life." – Summit Day Camp Parent



HPG SIGHTINGS THIS SUMMER

OUR
LEGENDARY
MASCOT



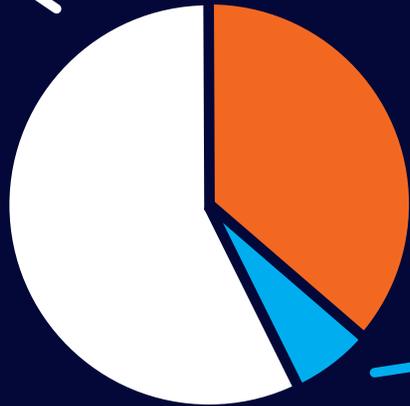
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“She gains valuable social skills and learns a lot about science and nature. We love that she gets to play in the dirt and have experiences she would otherwise not have access to. We also appreciate that she gets consistency from having a lot of the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

Day Camp Parent

TOTAL UNIQUE STUDENTS BY PAY RATE

Local SSD
Family
59%



SSD F&RL
Family
35%

SSD CHP+
Family
6%

SESSION COST

Full price, non-local **\$499**

Local SSD **\$325**

Child Health Plan+ **\$175**

SSD Free & Reduced **\$50**



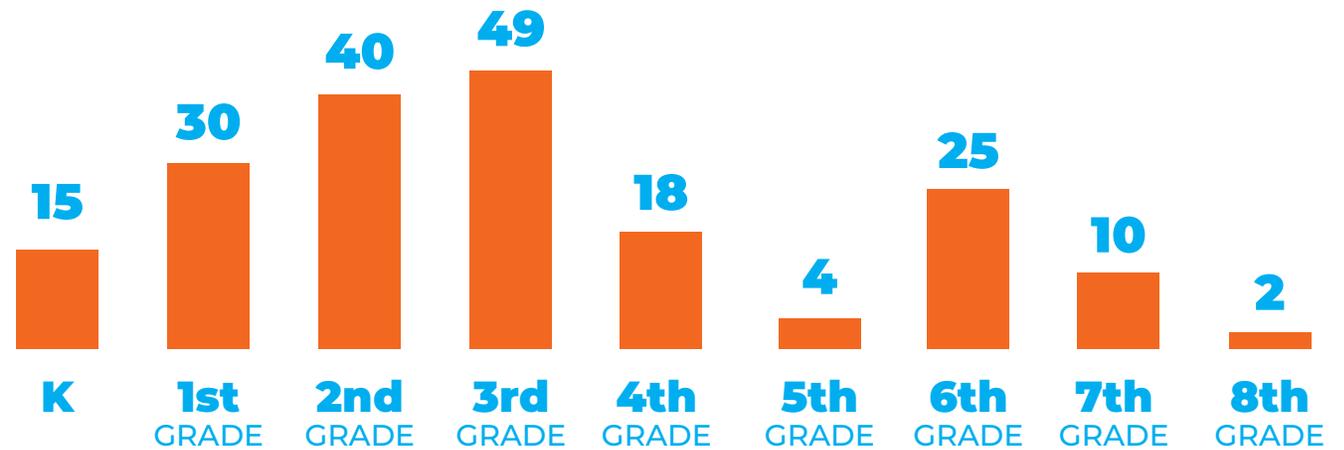
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“Summit Day Camp
enables both parents
to work.”

Day Camp Parent



SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADE OF STUDENTS SERVED



33,520

Total Contact Hours

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over 170 contact hours for each camper

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

“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!”

Day Camp Parent

FUNDING & SCHOLARSHIPS

\$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

OUR FUNDERS



AND MANY GENEROUS INDIVIDUAL DONORS

CAMPER SURVEYS

85% of surveyed campers said they learned something new during their week of camp.

98% of surveyed campers said they would return to camp the following year if given the opportunity.

100% of surveyed campers said they would recommend KSS to a friend.

“I learned that science can be fun!”





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THANK YOU

