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Fact Sheet
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What We Do

Durango Nature Studies, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is dedicated to providing nature, science, and environmental education to students and communities of the Four Corners. DNS programs promote awareness, knowledge, and respect for the natural world through hands-on, experiential learning opportunities. Our school programs conform to national, state, and local education standards.

DNS Facts

- Own & operate the 140-acre Durango Nature Center
- Administrative offices in downtown Durango
- 13th anniversary in 2007
- Average of 7,000 people served annually
- 250 + member households
- Member of the Durango School District 9-R Science Curriculum Review Committee

Programming

- School field trips
- Classroom outreach
- Naturalist-led hikes
- Outdoor nature workshops
- Volunteer naturalist trainings
- Nature film series
- Summer camps
- Monthly Durango Herald column

Human Resources

- 14 member volunteer Board of Directors
- 3 paid staff members
- 190 volunteers in 2006, with 5,100 hours served (\$93,483 in-kind contribution)

Visitor Demographics

- 6,796 people served
- 75% school audiences (includes teachers, students, volunteers, and chaperones)
- 25% adult/family audiences
- Geographic range from Silverton to Farmington & Cortez to Pagosa Springs (60 mile radius around Durango)

Financial Information

- **\$147,300 annual budget (2007)**
 - 72% for program expense
 - 28% for general & administrative expense
- **80% Contributed Revenue**
 - 40% Individuals (includes members)
 - 29% Private foundations
 - 18% Corporations
 - 13% Government
- **20% Earned Revenue**
 - 50% Program fees
 - 44% Special events
 - 8% Merchandise sales & interest
- **Endowment Fund**
 - Managed by the Community Foundation
 - Serving Southwest Colorado

Awards

- 2004 Citizen/Community Award from CAEE
- 1999 Partnership Award from CAEE