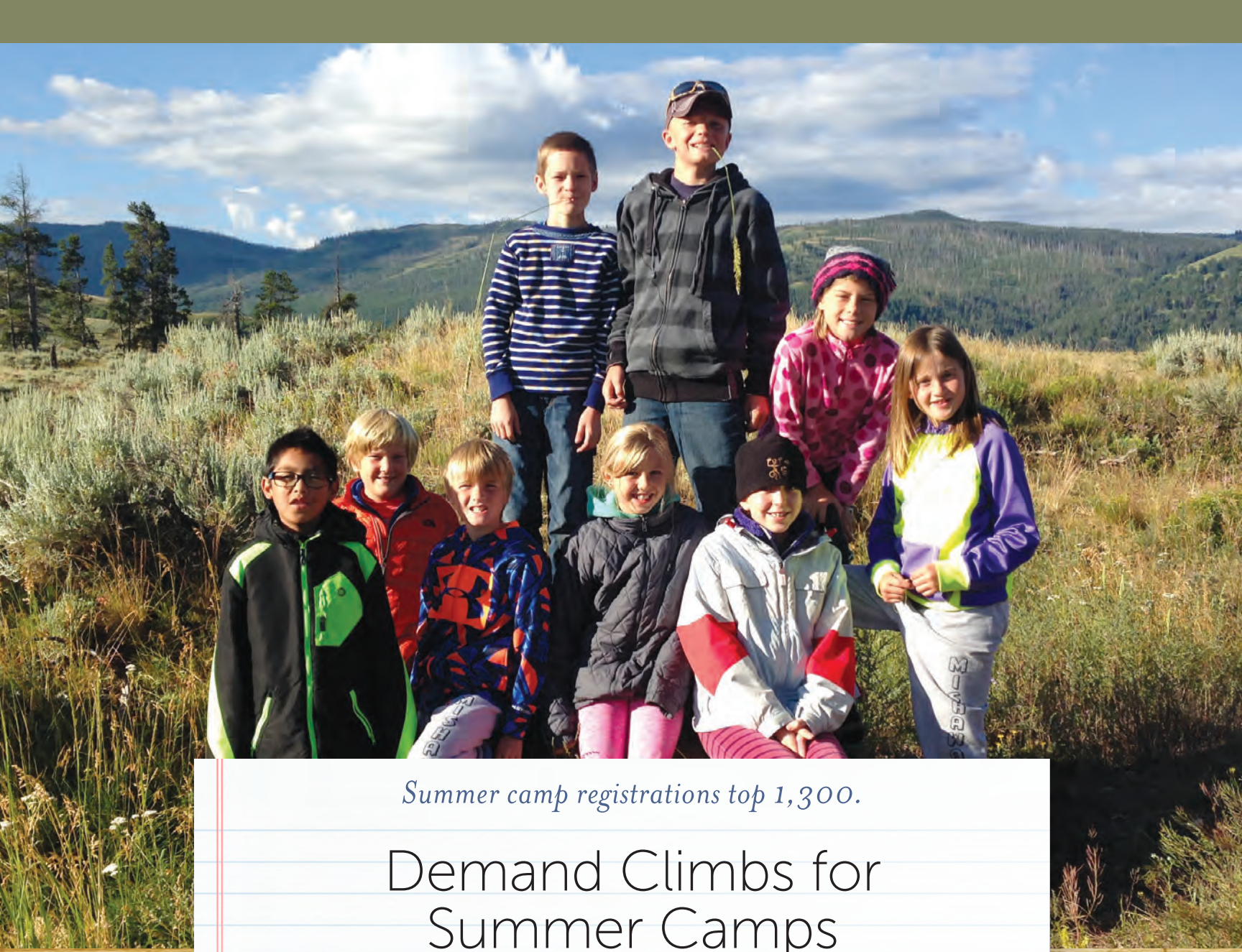




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Summer camp registrations top 1,300.

Demand Climbs for Summer Camps

With your support, our mission continues as we provided 85 camps to youth across three campuses.

In 1967 Ted Major offered one camp for 12 high school students. This summer we offered 85 camps to more than 1,300 participants, in two states, from Pre-K through 12th grade.

Many of these youth had a wonderful summer experience because of scholarships you provided.

At the Jackson Campus the Field Education faculty and staff ran camps for nine weeks for kindergarteners through 9th graders. Some of these were day camps; others included camping and backpacking experiences. Journeys School offered the Innovation Academy focusing on STEM topics of design, robotics and programming. Kelly Campus offered longer programs of 14-28 days, including our flagship program Jackson Hole Science Expedition.

In Victor, ID, Teton Valley Community School offered day and week-long camps for toddlers to 6th graders.

The camps focused on developing scientific literacy, leadership and connection to place through fun and active exploration in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.



Letter from Chris

Chris Agnew
Executive Director

For years I have admired Teton Science Schools' rigorous curriculum in engaging indoor and outdoor classrooms across a breadth of age groups and lengths of programming. After joining TSS in August of this year, I am deeply humbled by the opportunity to facilitate this exceptional organization's transition into its sixth decade.

This October, The Murie Center integrated into Teton Science Schools. The Murie Center, and Olaus and Mardy Murie, tell an important story of conservation in America. Through a disciplined analysis aligning mission, program, and financials, it was clear integration would amplify our future impact. We connect with our roots through the Murie Center while maintaining a focused eye to the future. In the last year we've expanded snow coach permits in Yellowstone National Park, begun work to help our students connect to place through technology, and welcomed a new Head of School at Journeys School. We continue to broaden reach through increased summer programming and over \$1.2 million in yearly scholarships.

In a world of rapid change and increasing technology, TSS provides toddlers to seniors rigorous education in nature, helping individuals understand themselves through making connections to their surroundings. Your energy, support, and financial contributions make these stories possible and enabled over 15,000 students on TSS programming in the last year. Our mission is more important now than ever. Please join us as we round out our first 50 years of engaging place-based education, and plan for our next 50 years.





TSS awarded 10 year snowcoach contract.

Snowcoach Operation Drives TSS Mission into Wintry Yellowstone

**From the warm comfort of a snowcoach,
Yellowstone is a singular experience.**

The snow squeaks underfoot, the crisp air tingles and the distinct fragrance of sulfur rises from the clear blue pool. The Wildlife Expeditions' guide leads the group along a path in Yellowstone on a quiet, pristine morning. Beginning last December, Wildlife Expeditions became an Official Concessionaire of Yellowstone National Park. We offer daily trips to either Old Faithful or Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone in comfortable Mercedes-Benz Sprinter snowcoaches. Nearly 550 people traveled with us last winter. Our tours allow all program areas of Teton Science Schools the opportunity to experience, teach and inspire guests in the world's first National Park year round.

We can't wait to share this amazing experience with you. Visit us at www.wildlifeexpeditions.org to book your trip.



Innovative student driven project leads the way in Idaho.

TVCS Students Teach Travelers about Teton Valley

**Your support helped students work with a technology
company to create a history & geology tour app.**

"How can we, as historians and geologists, use technology to teach visitors about our valley?" This is the question Teton Valley Community School students posed on the way home from a field trip last year. Teachers and students turned the question into an educational project that combined history, geology, design, research, writing, community involvement and technology. The result was a GPS based driving tour of Teton Valley, created in collaboration with the company TravelStorysGPS. It is the first such tour created by students, and the first in Idaho.

Laurel Loveland, Head of School, said "At TVCS, students learn through projects that allow them to experience and solve real-world problems. This project, combining the students hard work with the expertise and guidance of TravelStorysGPS, shows us just how real-world these projects can become."

An article about this student project was also published in the George Lucas Educational Foundation's Edutopia blog which highlights what works in education. Read the article at: www.edutopia.org/blog/technology-pbl-place-based-education-hannah-orcutt





Hundreds converge on the Jackson Campus to experience Wyoming's first Mini Maker Faire.

Maker Movement Alive at Teton Science Schools

Students from Journeys School and Teton Valley Community School show off robots, inventions and more, as TSS highlights innovation in Jackson Hole.

The strings of brightly colored flags fluttered in the warm breeze, the fresh popcorn smelled wonderful, the presenters nervously adjusted their tables, but would any one show up? It's never been done before in Jackson, were people interested? Did the community care about a Mini Maker Faire?

The answer was a resounding "YES!" We welcomed more than 500 people to the Jackson Campus for Jackson's - and Wyoming's - first ever Mini Maker Faire in May. The 20 Maker booths shared a variety of innovative ideas and cutting edge technologies. Kids and adults pounded, built and dissected at the five play zones. Partnerships with Teton County School District, Silicon Couloir, and Jackson Hole Children's Museum solidified the community event.

The event helps unite TSS's strong history of education with forward looking innovation and creativity.



Nate McClennen wraps up 14 years at Journeys School.

Baton Passes to New Head of Journeys School

Nancy Lang applies 22 years of experience to lead Journeys School.

The morning chill hints of autumn, leaves begin to yellow and sounds fill the hall as faces, familiar and new, begin another year at Journeys School. One new face among them is Nancy Lang, who takes over as Head of School this year. Nancy brings 22 years of experience as a faculty member and administrator at Phillips Academy Andover.

Nate McClennen, previous Head of School, has shifted his attention to developing new opportunities for TSS as VP for Education and Innovation. Nate spent 14 years with Journeys School, first as faculty then, for nine years, as Head of School. Nate has a long list of accomplishments during his tenure. He also has confidence in the future: "Journeys School is in good hands with a strong faculty and an exceptional new Head of School in Nancy."

You are an important partner as well. Through your support, Journeys School continues to be a model of excellence in independent schools.





A year in Wyoming opens eyes of La Paz graduate student.

Graduate Program Has International Impact, Again

You make scholarships possible for worthy students to multiply our impact on a global scale.

For this woman from La Paz, Mexico, sunrise on the Tetons is a breath-stealing sight. Aracely recently completed a year in our Graduate Program, and plans to transfer the knowledge she gained here into opportunities for youth back home in La Paz. "It has been a year full of excitement, challenges and learning experiences that I will use to help others understand their place in the world and how to help take care of it. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to study with TSS."

Your scholarship support gives students like Aracely the chance to spend a year here, learn about the impact of place-based education, and apply it back home to multiply the number of students that are connected to our mission. Previous graduate students have hailed from Bhutan, Costa Rica, and across the US.

Teacher Learning Center shares our place-based teaching model.

Empowering St. Louis Teachers

You help TSS expand national impact by training teachers to help students learn about their place.

The Teacher Learning Center is expanding the impact and reach of Teton Science Schools' mission through a nationally focused professional development consulting model. For years you've supported the Teacher Learning Center's efforts to train local and regional teachers to learn how to teach place-based education to their students. Leslie Cook, Nate McClennen and Joe Petrick traveled to Parkway Southwest Middle School in St. Louis, MO twice this past year, and led two-day, Place-Based Education Professional Development Workshops for a group of middle and high school teachers. In addition, teachers from other St. Louis schools attended to see the potential for their faculty. Both left inspired to establish our training program in their schools as well.

Of the training, one teacher wrote: "This was a powerful experience for us, and hopefully for the rest of our school. They provided a wealth of instructional and management strategies that were modeled throughout. These provided easy slices that we could implement immediately into our classrooms."





Your donations DO make a difference.

He Didn't Enjoy the Outdoors, Until He Met Us

You provide life-changing experiences for students.

William "Buck" Gwaltney has attended two summer programs at TSS: "Explorations in Nature & Art", and our flagship program "JH Science Expeditions". Of his experience here Buck says: "Coming to this place for the first time was really incredible. I didn't really enjoy myself in the outdoors, but this place made the outdoors someplace I really fell in love with. It also made education, and learning, something I could connect with, and enjoy, for the first time in my life. I think Teton Science Schools is what made me into a better student. At Teton Science Schools they teach you not only how to learn, but how to enjoy learning."

*TSS provides an environment
to help families heal.*

National Military Families Reconnect at TSS

Spending time in nature gives
service families quality
time together and creates
lasting memories.

When mom or dad has just come back from a deployment, it can be hard to get back to a "normal" life. The National Military Family Association's Operation Purple family retreat, at our Jackson Campus, helps military families do just that. It's one of the most inspirational weeks of the year, and with your support programs like this can continue for years to come.

"This program allowed us to step outside our normal lives, unplug, and be surrounded by other amazing military families and the best staff imaginable. We were able to bond and focus on each other. Thank you so much for this opportunity."

- Military parent





Nine Camps and Still Hungry for More

You gave this child an opportunity.

Alan Carrillo-Hernandez has attended Teton Science Schools' programs since 1st grade, nine to date. Of his experiences at the programs he says: "I've enjoyed every one. Every time I come to a TSS program, I learn more and more." Your support provides tuition assistance for children to attend TSS programs.

After completing this summer's three-week Sustainability and Leadership camp, we asked if he would want to attend any more TSS programs. With a warm, genuine smile he said "Definitely!"



Your support now helps the Murie Legacy thrive.

The Murie Center Merges with Teton Science Schools

Mardy Murie's connection to Teton Science Schools runs deep.

Mardy Murie was one of a group of friends of Ted and Joan Major who strongly supported their efforts to found the Teton Science Schools to give students educational opportunities in the outdoors. When TSS became a non-profit in 1970, Mardy served on the first board of trustees and as board chair through the late 1970s.

Perhaps the most profound connection was the one Mardy forged with TSS students during their annual summer visits to her home in Moose. From [The Teton Science School: An Experiment that Works \(1988\)](#):

I'm sure it was Ted [Major] who had the idea about bringing the six week class to my house for an afternoon. In the big study, I laid out some of Olaus's watercolors, showed them how he kept his notes and data and let them browse through his photo albums. Through all these years, I have watched sixteen teenagers marching up my path, and wondered if perhaps there would be one or two who were just going to be bored. But that has never happened. They listened, they looked and they asked good questions. I dare to predict that from these young folk will come some of the leaders in their hometown, their states, their country.



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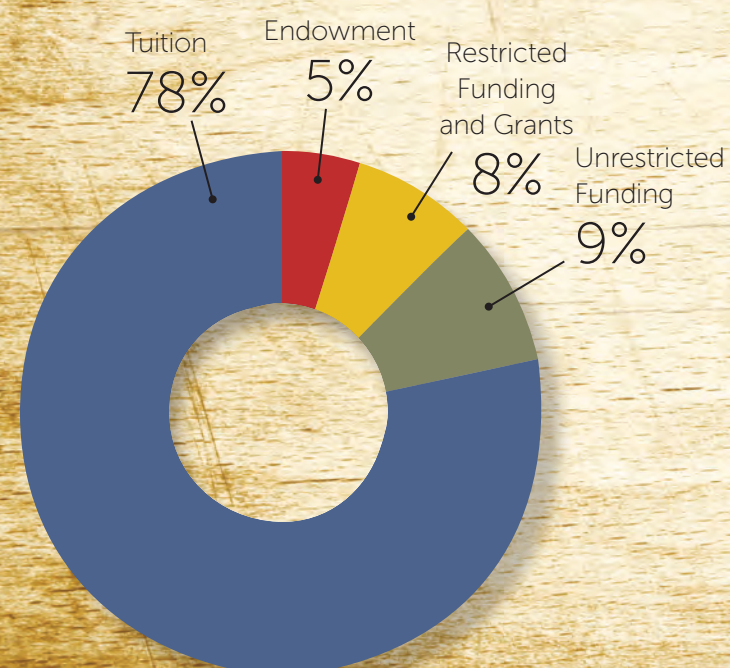
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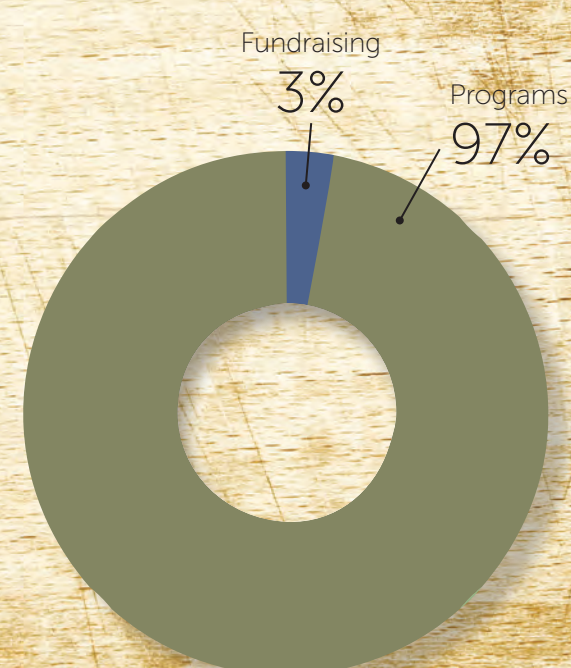
These 1st & 2nd grade Trail Trekkers take a break on the way to Bradley-Taggart Lakes. They spent the week hiking in GTNP as they learned to use maps, compass and GPS navigation.

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Cover: Students learn to identify plants while on a hike in the mountains. As participants in Kings of the Mountains summer camp, they learn science, teamwork and leadership as they explore the Tetons.

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