



FRIENDS OF  
CAMP COLTON

# Annual Report | 2021-2022

## Your Support Made Camp Experiences Even Better

Along with generous assistance from the Arizona Community Foundation of Flagstaff, the GeoFamily Foundation, United Way of Northern Arizona, and W. L. Gore & Associates, your support made it possible to hire Jackson Carranco as the Camp Colton Program Coordinator. A former middle school science teacher who worked at Camp Colton while earning his Master's degree in Science Education, Jackson is perfectly suited to help students connect with nature and develop skills and relationships to last a lifetime.

2021-2022 was also a banner year for general donations and school tax credit donations. You made the Program Coordinator position sustainable and helped us reach more kids through Camp programs. Thank you for sustaining our roots, growing our programs, and making the magic of Camp possible.



/// Jackson is a great leader because he is supportive to everyone, helpful, kind, answers questions, and is basically just a trustworthy person. He woke us up with the chicken song and made all the activities at Camp Colton fun. ///

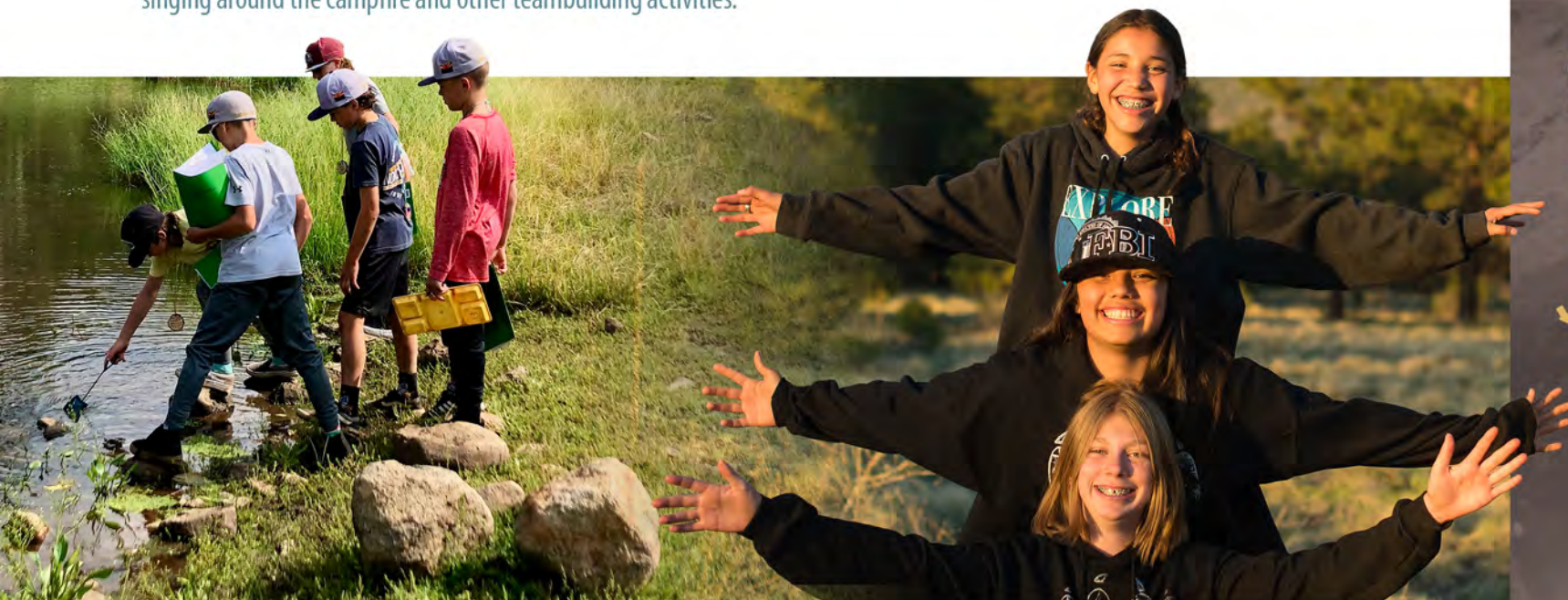
– Donovan, 6th Grade Camper





## SEED Gives 77 Students the Ultimate Summer Camp Experience

The STEM Environmental Enrichment and Discovery (SEED) Summer Experience expanded in 2022 to reach double the number of students thanks to generous support from the GeoFamily Foundation, the Stone Soup Foundation, the APS Foundation, and individual donors. In addition to directing their own environmental research projects, kids enjoyed hiking, outdoor games, singing around the campfire and other teambuilding activities.



“My favorite part of the SEED Summer Experience was pretending to be lost with the search and rescue crew and driving to fire sites to explore, collect data and make comparisons between different fires. I made so many memories with new friends, played new games and had an amazing time.”

— Zach, SEED Camper



## 2021-2022 Session Highlights

### By the Numbers



Total Number of Students Reached: **1,508**



**615** 6th Graders from 9 schools: Traditional residential program



**44** Kinsey 5th Graders: Culminating Project residential program



**307** 1st & 2nd Graders from 8 schools : Day expeditions



**420** 8th Graders from 2 schools explored the environmental impacts of uranium mining on Navajo Nation in the classroom



**77** 7th & 8th Graders from 6 schools: SEED Summer Experience



**2** Graduating seniors receive inaugural \$500 Friends of Camp Colton Scholarships



**45** Mit-E 7th Graders: Astronomy residential program

“I loved being outside all day at Camp Colton. There is always more cool stuff to learn! I had fun coring trees and figuring out how old they were, laughing, making jokes, and talking and getting to know new friends.”

— Ava, 6th Grade Camper

## 2022 GORE-TEX Kahtoola Uphill Our Most Successful Ever

The GORE-TEX Kahtoola Uphill came back from the pandemic bigger and better than ever, raising an all-time high of more than \$57,000 to ensure more northern Arizona children develop a love for science, nature, and environmental stewardship. Thank you for your support and all our amazing community sponsors, especially Kahtoola, W. L. Gore & Associates, and Lumberyard Brewing Company. 364 racers, including 46 Camp Colton alumni, took one of three courses up and down Arizona Snowbowl. Whether running, walking or on snowshoes or skis, people from ages 3 to 73 united to raise money for our great cause.



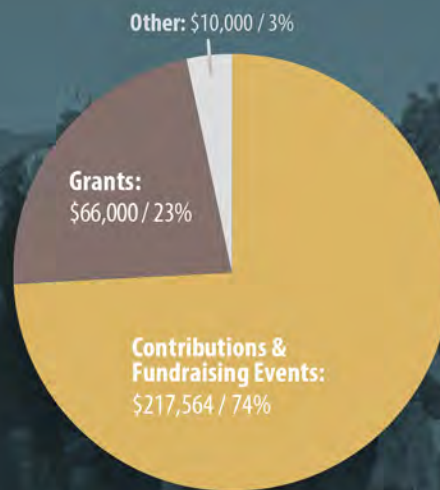
## Bond to Raise \$5 Million for Camp

Part of the \$100 million FUSD school bond on the ballot in the 2022 Nov. 8 election is earmarked for Camp Colton facilities and infrastructure — sustaining and elevating the Camp experience for another 50 years. The total master plan cost for Camp Colton is \$10 million, with Friends of Camp Colton planning a capital campaign to match the bond. Stay tuned for details, and plan to vote YES in November!

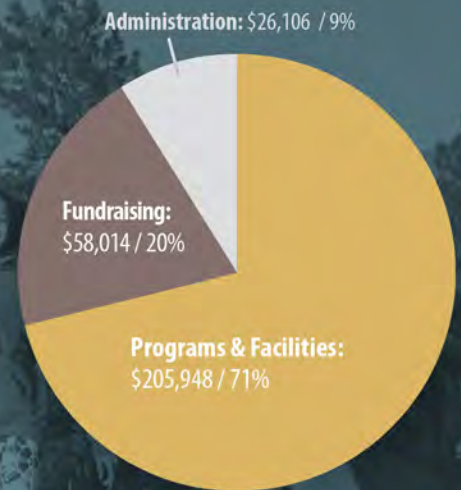


## Financial Snapshot

*Note: Financial reports will be audited in October 2022.*



**Revenue and Support: \$293,564**



**Expenses: \$290,068**

## Thank You to Our Major Supporters and Partners



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