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ABOUT EUREKA!

EUREKA! is so much more than a science museum! We offer **over 270 events** each year including:

- Nearly 100 week-long STEAM programs at EUREKA! and outdoor expeditions every summer!
- STEAM programs on all No School Days and Holidays during the school year.
- Science & physical activity-based after school programs at 5 Title I schools in Mesa County.
- Math tutoring in Middle School.
- Half-day Pre-K programs during the school year.
- 2-hour organized school field trips for over 50 schools!
- Birthday parties with experiments in the museum!
- A dozen day and overnight 55+ adult exploration trips.



Pre-K - 10th grade STEAM

EUREKA! served 3,611 youth Pre-K through 10th grade in day and week-long STEAM programs in 2020!



1,652 youth attended 99 science programs at EUREKA! this summer, and another 1,435 attended programs during the school year!

442 Pre-K children attended summer science programs and Little Learners or Science Sprouts during the school year!

Our physical activity and science-based after school program served 144 students at 4 Title I schools in Mesa County.



Environmental Institute



EUREKA!'s Environmental Institute (EI) grew to 20 unique programs in 2020 and served 202 students in field-based scientific expeditions! EI programs serve 3rd - 10th grade students in outdoor exploration to combine recreation and scientific study.

From day trips spent climbing, hiking, and mountain biking in the desert, overnight trips rafting on the Colorado River, to full week-long expeditions backpacking in the mountains, our goals are to introduce students to wilderness adventure and foster a sense of exploration in our future leaders and scientists!



Community

With school field trips postponed, the museum closed to visitors during the week, and strict social distancing measures in place, our volunteers still helped out from home on museum signage and during quiet times at the museum building new exhibits this year! We couldn't be more grateful for our **53 volunteers who donated 2,237 hours of their time in 2020!**



Monument Corridor Restoration Project

A new partnership between the CO West Land Trust and EUREKA! brought students and volunteers together to weed and plant new native plants along the bike path near the Lunch Loops parking lot. **Over 60 new plants** have been planted, and loads of invasive weeds removed!



STEAM Internships

EUREKA! is one of the largest internship employers on the Western Slope! We **employ over 20 college students** in internship positions year-round, and hire **another 20 during the summer!**



Interns at EUREKA! **work on engineering design** and museum exhibit projects, **lead students in after school and day lessons** during the school year, and are **classroom instructors** for youth all summer long!

COVID-19

The global pandemic hit EUREKA!, like everywhere else, hard and suddenly. The week of Spring Break, EUREKA! closed the museum, cancelled all programs, field trips, and after school activities for the remainder of the school year, and staff moved to remote work.

Thanks to efforts across Mesa County to keep businesses open as much as possible, EUREKA! was able to re-open in May for **emergency day programs for 266 youth**, and summer programs went ahead safely at EUREKA! with over **1,650 youth in week-long STEAM camps!**



We continue to operate with additional measures in place to keep our students and visitors as safe as possible. In-person field trips are trickling back in, and while we continue to remain closed to the public when youth programs are in session, we see more visitors back in the exhibit hall each month.

Donors and Partners

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, we rely on the generous support from our community donors, local businesses, and foundations that help fund our programs.

With your support, we raised over **\$35,000 for youth scholarships!** This is merely a partial list of our generous donors in 2020.

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