

2020 SCHOOL PROGRAM REPORT

JANUARY - MARCH 2020

Program Description

- 3 days/2 night nature immersion at Cal-Wood
- Customized to meet each school's academic, social, and language needs
- Hands-on, field-based exploration
- 26 hours of environmental education per child

Impact

- 742 students
- 344 low-income students (46%)
- \$17,691 in scholarships distributed

We were on track to meet all 2020 goals.



MARCH - MAY 2020

All school programs were canceled. Cal-Wood partnered with some schools to offer virtual programs including a virtual campfire experience, educational videos, and activities to do at home.



AUGUST - DECEMBER 2020

Because school programs were not able to come to Cal-Wood in 2020 (or spring 2021) due to remote learning and field trip restrictions, we adapted our program to **engage families of school-age children.**

Impact

- 232 family members
- More than 75% are from low-income families

Cal-Wood instructors engage the kids and their parents in science and environmental education (1 instructor for 2 families) in a program customized to meet academic and social goals. Nature Kids Lafayette committed to funding this program for a 5th grade Lafayette families during every weekend of 2020. We also offered this opportunity for other families in Boulder and beyond.

2020 SUMMER CAMPS

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We had to cancel our 2020 season of summer camps due to COVID restrictions.

For the first time ever, we offered day camps in Lafayette (in partnership with Nature Kids Lafayette) and at Cal-Wood. Topics included rock climbing, archery, fishing, mountain biking, orienteering, and much more.



NEW: CAL-WOOD DAY CAMPS

- Opportunity promoted to our community
- 9 days of camps at Cal-Wood
- 157 day camp experiences provided

NEW: DAY CAMPS IN LAFAYETTE

- Partnered with Nature Kids Lafayette
- 14 days of day camps at Waneka Lake
- 250 day camp experiences provided
- 90% of students are from low-income families



**407
DAY CAMP
EXPERIENCES
PROVIDED**

2020 LATINO FAMILY CAMP

As of March 2020, we had organized a full season of Latino Family Camp weekend programs to be held every weekend in June-August. Because of COVID, we canceled all the family camps (6) that were scheduled at the RMNP and state parks.

We started offering family camps at Cal-Wood in July (no June programs) and implemented 11 weekend camps in total. To reduce the spread of COVID, we reduced the size of each camp from 12 to 7 families. We rented portable bathrooms so each family had their own. Each family brought their own food, but we provided a cooking stove. They also have to bring their own gear or purchase it from us at heavy discount. Many families have chosen to buy the gear. Every camp was full, and we had to turn families away.



2020 IMPACT

- 308 family members
- 77 families
- 11 weekend long camps held at Cal-Wood

PROGRAM ADAPTATIONS

Our staff and programming was amended to be more like campsite hosts by showing the families what they could do individually, from hikes, to fishing, and to fill out an outdoor exploration journal. If the families finished filling out the journal, they earned a hydration backpack (donated to Cal-Wood with a value of \$164.00). Because of this incentive, all the families explored the outdoors a lot more.



OTHER 2020 ACHIEVEMENTS

NEW: FAMILY CAMPING FUNDRAISER

This summer, 85 families (350 people!) camped on our beautiful 1,200 acre mountain top. Families raved about the experience, especially immersing nature and feeling like they had the mountain to themselves. So far, we have raised \$32,000 through donations!

We are going to keep offering this amazing opportunity through October.



FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

We are using this time to improve Cal-Wood's facilities, trails and land so that we are ready to provide an even better experience to our community once it is safe to welcome you back.

We have improved all the trails that connect our buildings, recreation areas, and the campfire circle. The bench circle and the campfire circle have been repaired, sanded and refinished. One of the biggest projects we've undertaken is the lodge and cabin exterior renovation - they have all been sanded, stained, and we installed all new metal railings.

