

Dear Community,

This year, the Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (GARNA) was able to provide place-based nature programming to over 3,500 public participants including 1,700 K-12th grade youths in Salida, Buena Vista and Leadville, who experienced an average of 5 hours of environmental education on topics like stream ecology, forest health, wildlife, and fire ecology. GARNA conservation projects, such as the Upper Arkansas Wilderness Volunteers and Friends of Fourmile, and partner projects, such as the Salida Trail Ecological Restoration Project, also received the help of 165 dedicated volunteers committing thousands of hours towards restoration, wilderness monitoring and preserving our public lands spaces for future generations.

Our partners and supporters allow GARNA to continue providing excellent public education, creating a well-informed citizenry and encouraging stewardship practices and responsible recreation in our region. GARNA extends our deepest appreciation to our partners and supporters including Chaffee County, the Salida, Buena Vista and Lake County School Districts, Chaffee County Boys and Girls Club, the Cities of Salida and Buena Vista, the US Forest Service Salida and Leadville Ranger Districts, the Bureau of Land Management, Colorado Parks and Wildlife & Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area State Park, Get Outdoors Leadville, Chaffee METAB, the National Environmental Education Foundation Hands on the Land program, New Belgium Philanthropy, High Country Bank, Full Circle Lake County, Arkansas River Outfitters Association, Collegiate Peaks Chapter of Trout Unlimited, River Runners, Independent Whitewater, Salida Mountain Sports, Salida Walking Tours, Monarch Community Outreach, Moonlight Pizza, Eddyline Pizza and Brewpub, the Surf Hotel, 50 Burger, Soulcraft Brewing, Alpine Achievers Initiative, Colorado Central Magazine, Salida Sunrise Rotary, Dvorak Expeditions and all the donors and members who gave over \$5,000 on Colorado Gives Day and more throughout the year. You are the heroes that help us continue to educate the public and advocate for conservation and stewardship along the Upper Arkansas River.

GARNA is 100% community driven and we are proud to be a part of the Upper Arkansas Valley community. Thanks again for your support of GARNA and being a conservation hero to our local public lands and outdoor spaces. Stay tuned to hear about exciting new initiatives in January, 2019



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