

Environmental Education Resource Guide For Southwestern Colorado



Mountain Studies Institute and the Southwestern Environmental Education Leadership Council are pleased to present the Environmental Education Resource Guide and Nature Journal for Southwestern Colorado.

This guide includes information on non-profit organizations that offer environmental education resources for educators, students, and the public. Use this guide to contact organizations and supplement your environmental education curriculum this school year or enhance your child's summer!

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“We do not see nature with our eyes, but with our understandings and our hearts” – William Hazlitt



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*“In the Spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.”
 – Margaret Atwood*

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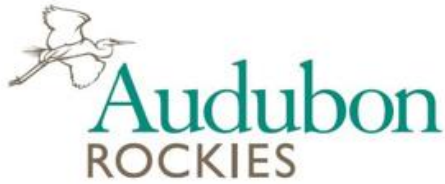
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The organizations in this guide all believe that cultivating a relationship with the natural world is essential for the development of a successful, happy, and well informed citizen. Schools with environmental education programs score higher on standardized testing in math, reading, and writing. Exposure to environmental education significantly increases student performance on tests of their critical thinking skills. Please join these organizations in fostering an connection to the natural world for students, teachers, and the greater community.

Volunteers are essential to the sustainability of non-profit organizations. The environmental education resources that are offered by non-profits would not be possible without the help of volunteers and a receptive audience.

Thank you!

*“One touch of nature makes the whole world kin”
 – William Shakespeare*



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Audubon Rockies is a regional representation of the National Audubon Society with a main office in Ft. Collins and satellite offices with educators in WY and CO focused on bird conservation, ecological citizen science projects, protecting western rivers, and re-establishing pollinator habitat. Audubon Rockies focuses specifically on offering programs that bring the whole family into rediscovering the natural world .

Serving Archuleta, La Plata in CO, and students of Rio Arriba Co., NM

- In-class Activities
- Teacher Training
- Elementary
- Traveling Trunks
- Field Trips
- Middle School
- Adult Education
- Citizen Science
- High School



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Founded in 1994, **Durango Nature Studies** is dedicated to providing nature, science, and environmental education to the students and communities of the Four Corners. As an integral member of our community, Durango Nature Studies inspires a positive personal relationship with our natural world through outdoor learning, thereby promoting enhanced respect for nature.

Serving Durango, CO to Cortez, CO and Silverton, CO to Farmington, NM

- Families
- Nature Center
- Teacher Trainings
- Elementary
- Field trips
- Summer programs
- Middle School
- In-class Activities
- College Internships

*“Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.”
 – Albert Einstein*

Summer Programs	After School Programs	Field Trips	In-classroom Activities	Online Content	Citizen Science	Volunteer Opportunity	Professional Development
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“You’re off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so... get on your way!” - Dr. Seuss

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	Pre-K	Elementary	Middle School	High School	Adult Education
Audubon Rockies	X	X	X	X	X
Durango Nature Studies	X	X	X	X	X
Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Inc	X	X	X	X	X
Montezuma Land Conservancy		X	X	X	X
Montezuma School to Farm Project	X	X	X	X	
Mountain Roots Food Project	X	X	X	X	X
Mountain Studies Institute		X	X	X	X
Nature Center at Butler Corner	X	X	X	X	X
Powerhouse Science Center	X	X	X	X	
Riverwatch Colorado		X	X	X	X
San Juan Mountains Association	X	X	X	X	X
Wildfire Adaptive Partnership	X	X	X	X	X

“We don’t inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.” - Native American proverb

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The **Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership** operates a botanic park and three geothermal greenhouses on the San Juan River Walk in downtown Pagosa Springs. GGP hosts classes and workshops in 21st century sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, water conservation and environmental awareness. GGP became a 501c3 educational organization in 2013 and its third greenhouse is being completed in 2018.

Serving the greater Four Corners region of CO, NM, AZ, and UT

- River Access
- Community Garden
- Renewable Energy
- Workshops
- Adult Education
- Field Trips
- Pre-K - College
- Amphitheatre
- Volunteer

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Montezuma Land Conservancy is a not-for-profit Southwest Colorado land trust located in Cortez, CO established in 1998 to conserve special lands in our community. MLC works cooperatively with willing landowners in and around Montezuma and Dolores counties who choose to restrict development on their private property

Serving Montezuma, Dolores, and San Miguel counties

- Colorado Land Trust
- Fozzie’s Farm
- Middle School
- Special Events
- Special Events
- In-class Activities
- Land Easements
- Field Trips
- Volunteer

“Nature is not a place to visit. It is home” – Gary Snyder



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The Montezuma School to Farm Project unites our local agricultural heritage with our growing future by engaging students at the crossroads of sustainable agriculture, resource conservation, health, and economics through educational experiences in outdoor garden classes, on field trips, through youth farmers markets, and in summer farm camp.

Serving Montezuma County and surrounding communities

- School Gardens
- Elementary
- Teacher Training
- After school programs
- Middle School
- Summer programs
- Learning Lab
- High School
- Field Trips



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Mountain Roots is a community-driven grass roots food systems initiative with a mission to cultivate a resilient food system in the Gunnison Valley by enhancing healthy connections between food, earth, and community. Mountain Roots operates a Community Farm and CSA, school gardens & education programs, summer camps, afterschool garden & cooking classes, and other opportunities.

Serving the Gunnison and Crested Butte region

- Elementary
- School Gardens
- Cooking Classes
- Middle School
- After-school Programs
- Community Farm
- High School
- Summer Programs
- CSA Farm Share

"The poetry of the Earth is never dead." – John Keats

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"Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you."

– Monet

Make a plan to use the resources offered in this journal and watch your students grow!



2018 – 2019 Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2018							OCTOBER 2018						
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"In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks" – John Muir

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Mountain Studies Institute (MSI) was established in 2002 in Silverton, Colorado. A sustaining premise of MSI is that collaborations among researchers, educators and policy makers with an interest in the San Juan Mountains and other mountain areas can provide increased knowledge and understanding of mountain environments and communities and the issues that affect them.

Serving the San Juan Mountain region and surrounding communities

- In-class Activities
- Professional Development
- Community Events
- Elementary
- Middle School
- High School
- Citizen Science
- Summer programs
- Volunteering

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Kathie Butler started **The Nature Center at Butler Corner** on her three-generation ranch in August 2016 after 31 years of teaching and twelve years as a children's librarian. The vision of the NCBC is to get children and adults outside, enjoying, caring for, and learning about the world around them.

Serving the greater Southwestern Colorado region

- Field Trips
- Story Time
- Nature Walks
- 6+ miles of trails
- Family Friendly
- Weavers Studio
- Elementary
- Middle School
- High School

"Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience." – Ralph Waldo Emerson



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The **Powerhouse Science Center** presents a wide range of programs, exhibits, and activities designed to provide an entertaining and inspiring look at science — past, present, and future. The Powerhouse Science Center is Southwest Colorado’s premier hands-on, interactive science center for all ages. Open year-round, the science center is a dynamic place for family adventures, school field trips, early childhood learning, special events, and just plain geeking out.

Serving the greater Southwestern Colorado region

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Field Trips | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maker Lab | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Events |
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River Watch is a statewide volunteer water quality-monitoring program operated by the non profit 501©3 Earth Force in cooperation with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW). Our mission is to work with voluntary stewards to monitor water quality and other indicators of watershed health and utilize this high quality data to educate citizens and inform decision makers about the condition of Colorado’s waters.

Serving the state of Colorado

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teacher training | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watershed Reports | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Recording |

*“Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit.”
– Edward Abbey*

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San Juan Mountains
Association

The **San Juan Mountains Association** was created in 1988 to assist the San Juan National Forest in providing education and interpretation of public lands in Southwest Colorado. SJMA promotes responsible care of natural and cultural resources through education and hands-on involvement that inspires respect and reverence for our lands.

Serving the greater Southwestern Colorado region

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teacher training | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Summer programs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |

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Wildfire Adaptive Partnership inspires, motivates, educates and serves individuals, organizations and communities joining together to protect lives and property from wildfire. We have been providing support for wildfire preparedness since 2003, formerly as FireWise of Southwest Colorado.

Serving Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan Counties

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“I go to nature o be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put in order.” – John Burroughs