



# ELK STATS

Our 15<sup>th</sup> Year

Put a Little Wildlife  
In a Child's Life™

# 2011

## ELK Demographics: "Who We Serve"

- 50% African American
- 40% Latino
- 10% Asian/White/Other
- 52% Female and 48% Male

 19,849 youth and families were served in 2010

 ELK maintains a 96% retention rate among their primary and secondary students

 ELK achieved a 100% high school graduation rate in 2010

 ELK serves 14 schools within 4 districts along Colorado's front range

 In 2010, ELK organized and conducted 78 educational program days

 Currently 50 of ELK's alumni are either in college, college graduates or in the military

 60% of ELK alumni are studying or working in a science related field Over 114,000 youth

 and families have been served since the founding of ELK

 As of 2010, we have raised \$423,000 in college scholarships and have had 3 Daniels Scholarship recipients



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**Mission:** Environmental Learning for Kids mission is to cultivate a passion in science, leadership, and service in a diverse community of learners. Through year-long and multiple-year educational experiences, ELK kids (ages 5-25) and their families develop a strong knowledge of science, natural resources, and various careers that are available in the field.

**Vision:** We envision a world in which all people are caretakers of themselves, each other, and the natural world. ELK believes that every child and their family should have the right to self-determine their future – utilizing education, the environment, and their culture to live a high quality, healthy life. ELK values life-long learning, diversity and inclusivity, direct experiences in the outdoors and development of human potential.

**History:** ELK was established in 1996 by two wildlife biologists who saw a growing need to introduce and educate Colorado's urban youth about science, leadership and careers. Co-founders, Scott and Stacie Gilmore are alumni of a program that Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar started during his tenure at the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. Secretary Salazar continues to support ELK through serving on the organization's Advisory Board.

Since ELK's founding, over 114,000 youth and families of color have been introduced to and immersed in science education, with many youth going on to become first generation high school graduates and college students. Fifteen years later, ELK continues to provide strong educational support, good role models, and opportunities for positive community action for youth and their families, helping them to become engaged, productive, and successful members of society.



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