

2021

ANNUAL REPORT



ENOR
ENVIRONMENTAL DISCOVERY CAMP

HAPPY TRAILS...AGAIN!

During the summer of 2021, ENOR campers hit the trails again, happy to be outside with peers hiking and exploring the outdoors.

ENOR camp was in a unique position to easily phase back into live summer camps for the summer of 2021. Having already restructured the camp to smaller group sizes to align with the county budget, the program was set-up to effortlessly adjust to changing COVID restrictions, allowing for in-person camps to take place.

Positive impacts of smaller camp size:

- ▷ More personal instruction
- ▷ More time for activities on the trail
- ▷ Less impact on already over-used parks and trails



2021 Camp Stats

275 happy campers
7 teen volunteers contributing
320 hours of service
12 scholarship recipients

CAMPER IMPACTS

After a week at ENOR, 89% of 4th-6th grade campers feel inspired and prepared to do their part to care for the environment and were able to cite an example of an action they would take.

Camp parents share their thoughts:

"My camper has not had a lot of interest in the outdoors recently. The learning associated with this camp has piqued her interest again. She has learned a lot and taught us a lot, which is great!"

"This camp helped [my kid] realize being outside in the fresh air learning about our environment is healthier than being on tech."

"She hiked many miles with a full backpack & had a chance to see her own strength."

"She had so much fun in the 6th grade camp. She loved the leaders, and she was definitely challenged by the length of the hikes, the activities during the day, and the material discussed. She returned talking about homesteads, watersheds, sustainability, and climate change. WOW!"

"After having the collective trauma of COVID 19 - this was healing for her!"

"The challenging physical aspect of the week was something our 4th grader had to work through. A great practice in mental and physical perseverance."

"[My kid] came home happy and full of knowledge each day after camp. He has been educating us on rock colors (minerals), flowers, trees and wildlife."



Campers share their thoughts:

"Eagle's Nest has opened my eyes to the beauty of nature with its majestic hikes."

"I loved hiking to the lookouts and peaks and seeing the breathtaking views and really getting a perspective on how small I am."

"The best part of this week was making new friends because it made the hard parts easier."

"I want to take care of the environment because I want my kid to be able to see the stuff I see."



TEENS IN THE WILD

Special Report: Teen Camp Pilot

Despite the difficulties of the past year, a one-week pilot teen program debuted summer of 2021. The focus of the program was to give 7th - 9th graders an opportunity to connect with peers and encourage each other on challenging hikes to beautiful places. The youth also participated in teamwork and environmental games, and self-guided learning activities throughout the day.

Teen Camp Stats

30 participants
40+ campers on the waitlist
16 age eligible campers participated in the Falcon camp as an alternative

Based on the interest level, there is clearly a need for summer programs for this age group. Two one-week camps are being planned for the summer of 2022.



TEEN CAMPER IMPACTS

96% Strongly agree or agree - I feel I gained skills that I can use to persevere through challenges in other areas in my life.

88% Strongly agree or agree - I feel that spending time in nature can help me manage stress and anxiety in my life.

Teen camp parents share their thoughts:

"My camper has been isolated this past year! ENOR camp has given him a chance to socialize and make new friends and memories."

"He's made new friends and saw a few old friends. He's learned that no matter how hard the hike, he can get through it. It provided a lot of beautiful views."

"This camp has taught this camper perseverance and resilience! Hiking through many days in a row for this long was tough, but she stuck it through and in the end was proud of herself for completing the week. Thank you! Our camper loved her instructor as well. This is a great camp!"



Teen campers share their thoughts:

"Throughout the week I learned to control and release my stress through nature."

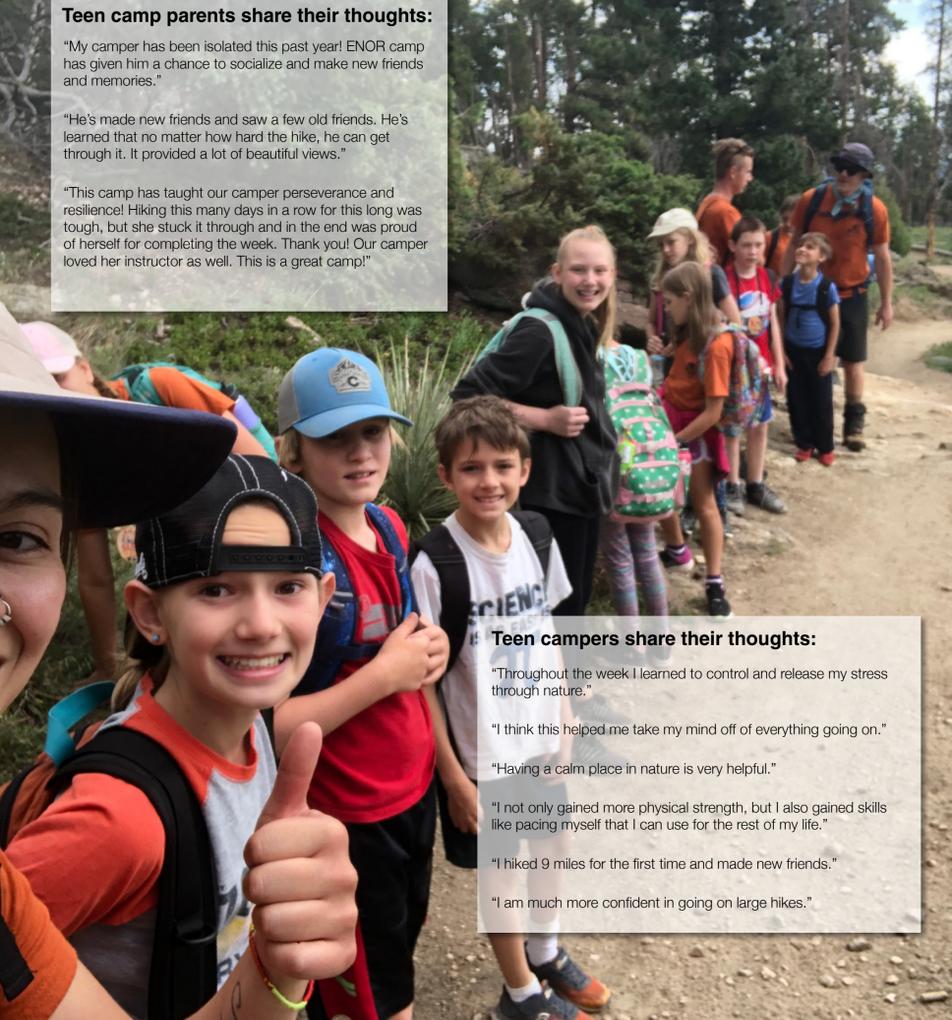
"I think this helped me take my mind off of everything going on."

"Having a calm place in nature is very helpful."

"I not only gained more physical strength, but I also gained skills like pacing myself that I can use for the rest of my life."

"I hiked 9 miles for the first time and made new friends."

"I am much more confident in going on large hikes."



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