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# Annual Report 2015

**Backpacking Adventure for Teens**



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The Los Alamos Nature Center was a project 15 years in the making. With the community's support, the dream became a reality, and people from near and far came here to enjoy nature in record numbers.

**27,497**  
people connected to nature

We at PEEC feel so lucky to have the support of Los Alamos County, our donors, our members, and foundations around the state, plus our hundreds of talented and hard-working volunteers.

In 2015 you helped us to get thousands of kids and adults outside, hiking the trails, watching wildlife, and gazing at the stars. This kind of outdoor education sparks learning that changes lives.

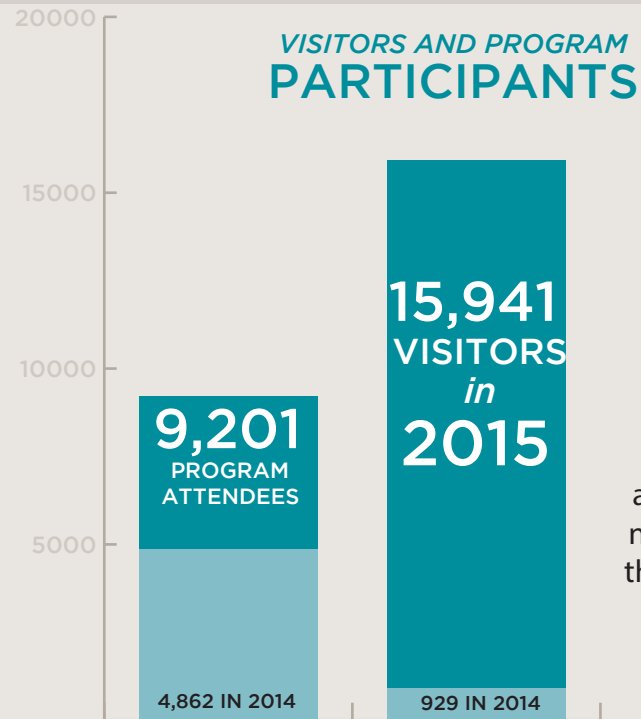
*Thank you to everyone  
who made this possible.*





# YOUR impact in 2015

You are enriching lives in many ways.



People's appreciation of nature grows as their knowledge deepens.

**OUT OF TOWN NATURE CENTER VISITORS**

Your nature center teaches people from around the world why the Pajarito Plateau is so special.



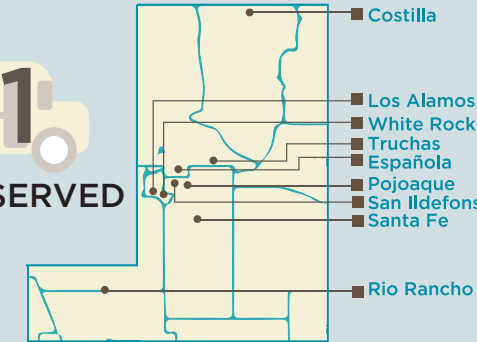
**SCHOOL CHILDREN SERVED**

Students' learning ignites with hands-on experience in nature.

**LOCATION OF SCHOOLS SERVED:**

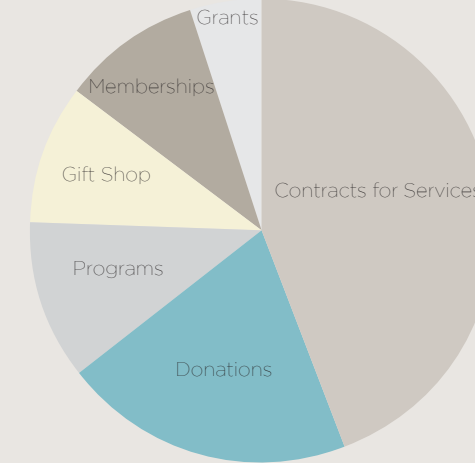
**6,021**

SCHOOL KIDS SERVED

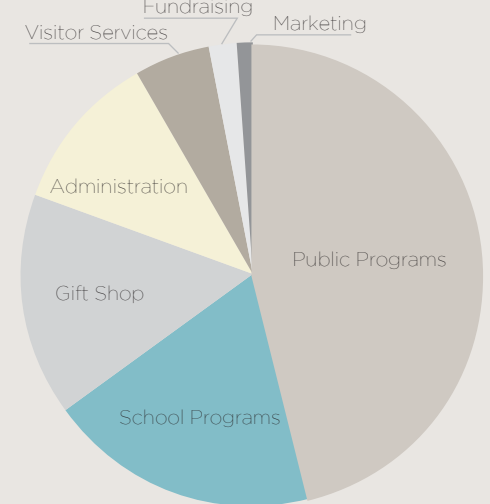


**81** OUT OF **92**  
LAPS ELEMENTARY CLASSROOMS SERVED

**INCOME: \$400,143**



**EXPENSES: \$353,895**



**VOLUNTEERS**

**155**  
DEDICATED PEOPLE

**8,764**  
HOURS REPORTED

Our amazingly talented and hard-working volunteers make all our work possible.



**440** MEMBER FAMILIES  
Members are the bedrock of our organization.

What will you discover?

**Gianna Delorey** *PEEC member, frequent nature center visitor*



We have been attending Nature Playtimes for the past 3 years. PEEC has introduced my boys and me to the natural beauty of northern New Mexico. Nature Playtimes program with all of its wonderful instructors has enriched our lives by introducing us to the wonders of discovery and play in the outdoors.

**Rick Wallace** *astronomer, scientist, photographer, PEEC volunteer*



Thanks to PEEC's hiking and nature study leaders, I have explored many new hiking trails and have been exposed to new insights into local flora and fauna that I would not have otherwise found.

**Sydney** *6th Grade Student*



Thank you for coming to talk to us about flooding and fires. I loved the hike and I thought it was cool to see the affects of the 2011 and 2013 floods. I also thought it was cool to see the effects of the Las Conchas fire. I liked when we got to walk into the river and learn about the damage from flooding in Bandelier. We don't get to go on field trips like this much, so I really enjoyed it.

**Joyce Nickols** *hiker, PEEC volunteer docent*



My adventure with PEEC began with a wildflower walk led by Chick Keller. What a pleasure it is to now be a docent at the nature center and to give back to an organization that gives me so much.

Our Mission: Enriching people's lives by strengthening their connections to our canyons, mesas, mountains, and skies.