

# YOUR impact in 2017

You are creating lasting change.

## VISITORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Completed the solar panel array on the nature center roof, thanks to help from 31 donors. The interactive exhibit will be installed in 2018.

20 people know how to help others in need thanks to our Wilderness First Aid Course



86 community members learned about the importance of water in our state from different perspectives at our Water is Life program.

Overnight trip to Mt. Taylor area deepened knowledge of regional geology.

"I love everything about PEEC! There are so many interesting things! I can't even say how many interesting things there are!"  
-Anna, age 8

"After attending PEEC talks, we were further inspired to complete trails, but this time with special knowledge or things to look for that we might not have been aware of. We found the passports great motivation to get out, walk around, and appreciate nature in this beautiful area."  
-Passport Hiker

"Ever since I've retired, I've just stayed put. This is just the BEST program, because it got me outside walking again. I'm so proud of myself for finishing! This is going to keep me healthy."  
-Passport Finisher

5 ECLIPSE-RELATED EVENTS

Bird banding field trip:  
"The students were curious, excited, thinking, and displayed teamwork."  
-Teacher

350 ATTENDEES AT SOLD OUT SHOWS

8 Students, 2 PEEC staff, and many volunteers traveled to WY to study the eclipse.

Their trip inspired the start of a high school astronomy club.

## SCHOOL CHILDREN SERVED

6,707

TAUGHT STUDENT GROUPS FROM 16 TOWNS AND 2 STATES



331 SCHOOL PROGRAMS

ENERGY LABS  
FIELD SCIENCE  
FIELD TRIPS  
ASTRONOMY  
OTHER

18,414 VISITORS

11,321 PUBLIC PROGRAMS

6,736 SCHOOL PROGRAMS

2,435 PLANETARIUM PROGRAMS

SUPPORTERS

523 TOTAL MEMBER FAMILIES

We welcomed more members than ever before.

127 VOLUNTEERS

10,958 VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTED

696 DONORS

94 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

10,118 PASSPORT HIKEES THAT WE KNOW OF

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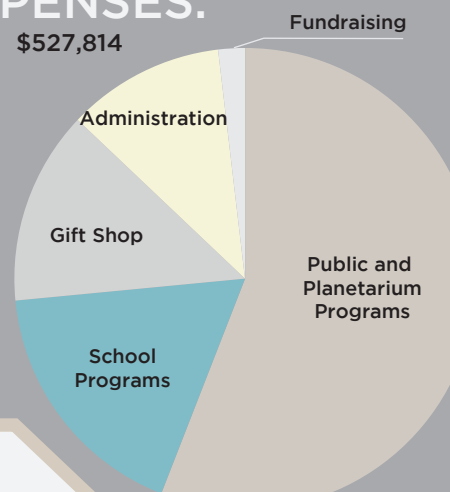
267 PASSPORT FINISHERS

2,000 POUNDS OF TRASH REMOVED FROM OUR CANYONS

INCOME: \$592,168



EXPENSES: \$527,814



## What do PEEC volunteers say?

"What I enjoy most about PEEC is the people - staff, visitors, other volunteers and the children. They have all enriched my life and it is such a positive and happy place to be! The interactions are priceless."  
-Dody Richardson

"PEEC is the very best place I have ever worked or volunteered, hands down! The staff treats me like royalty, and the other volunteers feel like family. PEEC's mission is so important. There is no better place to volunteer!"  
-Sue Barns

"One of my best memories at PEEC is when I first held one of the snakes. The snake and I were pushed to the outer limits of our comfort zones. I always enjoy learning and experiencing new things as a volunteer!"  
-Mykayla Hanawalt

"I'm impressed that PEEC works hard to stimulate the creative energies and curiosity of children, while still providing a satisfying forum for adults. That's not an easy mix to achieve, but PEEC does it very well."  
-Thomas Graves

"PEEC provides a gateway to the wonders of the wild world. There are so many amazing programs for people of all ages."  
-Terry Beery

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



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LAHS students had a life-changing experience watching the eclipse.



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*Thanks to our loyal donors, members, and volunteers, 2017 was a great year to connect with the outdoors on the Pajarito Plateau.*

This year our focus was on quality. We heard you say to us, “You do so much!!” and we took that as a sign that we could slow down a little. Instead of adding lots more programming, we focused on ensuring our every event was innovative and high quality. So, in this year’s report you won’t see huge growth. Instead, you’ll see a focus on individual programs and their impact on the community. We hope you are pleased with the good work you’ve made possible.

This work continues in 2018 with a revamped evaluation process, and a focus on how we are achieving our mission of enriching people’s lives by strengthening their connections to our canyons, mesas, mountains and skies.

Your support and involvement are crucial to this process, as always. How has your life been enriched through a connection with nature? We’d love to hear your story. Write me at [director@peecnature.org](mailto:director@peecnature.org). *Katie*

**38,906**  
people connected to nature

