### **PEEC Board of Directors**

Elected in October 2019

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## **PEEC TURNS 20**



Let's celebrate! Join us for **Earth Day Festival** Saturday, April 25

**20th Anniversary Gala** 

Sunday, May 3

See peecnature.org for more information



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# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

### Lace up your hiking boots and start exploring the places you helped PEEC go in 2019!

Thousands of adults, teens, and children got outside in 2019, thanks to you. Why is getting outside important? Here's what one mom had to say about Pebble Pups, our junior rockhound/geology program:

My daughter loved Pebble Pups. She started walking around saying, "When I grow up, I'm going to be a geologist!" This was the first time I had ever heard her say she was going to be anything other than a fairy princess. You can tell Patrick [the instructor] he's making a huge difference!

As you'll see when you read this report, a huge effort goes into making significant experiences in nature possible for both kids and adults. PEEC's amazing staff works hard every day to ensure that PEEC is accomplishing our mission of enriching people's lives by strengthening their connections with our canyons, mesas, mountains, and skies.

But they don't do it alone! Hundreds of volunteers also pitch in, from the one-time leader who gives a fascinating talk or organizes a hike, to our steady regulars who work their docent jobs every week, to those who care for our animals and gardens, and those who pitch in wherever needed. Our board members share their advice and wisdom to guide the organization. There is no way we could offer so much to the community without these people who cheerfully join in PEEC's work.

And there is no way we could do anything without the funds that keep the lights on, the doors open, the animals fed, the gardens watered, and the planetarium projector bulbs lit! You are part of a community of support that includes foundations, national businesses, and people from around the country, as well as hundreds of local families and individuals. Together, you make **PEEC.** Thank you! Now, take a hike and celebrate your accomplishments!

Katie

39,555

PEOPLE CONNECTED **TO NATURE IN 2019** 

## Your journey in 2019:

16,702 NATURE CENTER VISITORS

LOS ALAMOS COUNTY 11.274

2,210

U.S. 3,137

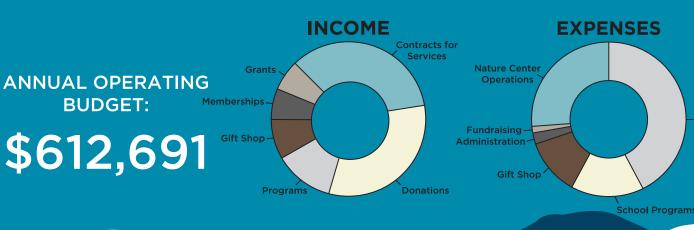
10,854 PUBLIC PROGRAM

ATTENDEES

12,693

\$612,691

**BUDGET:** 



THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

685

**VOLUNTEERS** 

HOURS OF THEIR TIME TO SUPPORT PEEC

MEMBER FAMILIES

**TRAILHEAD** 

Join us on a journey to explore our milestones of 2019!

6,494 children from

schools were served by our educators.

1 in 5

students were from outside **Los Alamos County** 

> We had our youngest volunteer ever in our youth volunteer mentorship program.

**OVER** 

800 **PEOPLE** 

learned how to live with our black bear neighbors at our annual Bear Festival and Eat Like a Bear Dinner.



anniversary in 2020!

Thank you for hiking this trail with us!

In celebration of **National Public Lands** Day, you helped plant thousands of trees in areas of Bandelier **National Monument** impacted by the Las **Conchas Fire!** 

PEEC partnered with the Los Alamos Mountaineers to start the Northern New Mexico Peak Challenge.

The Passport to the Pajarito Plateau, Part 3 made its debut at our Earth Day Festival!



Thanks to the Petschek family, we debuted a 24/7 wildlife camera in our

observation area.

trips for in-depth learning for adults.

We offered

multi-day geology

penstemon species growing in our gardens.