Environmental Education Resource Guide For Southwestern Colorado
Mountain Studies Institute and the Southwestern Environmental Education Leadership Council are pleased to present the Environmental Education Resource Guide and Nature Journal for Southwestern Colorado.

This guide includes information on non-profit organizations that offer environmental education resources for educators, students, and the public. Use this guide to contact organizations and supplement your environmental education curriculum this school year or enhance your child's summer!

“We do not see nature with our eyes, but with our understandings and our hearts” – William Hazlitt
The organizations in this guide all believe that cultivating a relationship with the natural world is essential for the development of a successful, happy, and well-informed citizen. Schools with environmental education programs score higher on standardized testing in math, reading, and writing. Exposure to environmental education significantly increases student performance on tests of their critical thinking skills. Please join these organizations in fostering an connection to the natural world for students, teachers, and the greater community.

Volunteers are essential to the sustainability of non-profit organizations. The environmental education resources that are offered by non-profits would not be possible without the help of volunteers and a receptive audience.

Thank you!

“One touch of nature makes the whole world kin”
— William Shakespeare
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Serving Archuleta, La Plata in CO, and students of Rio Arriba Co., NM

- In-class Activities
- Traveling Trunks
- Adult Education
- Teacher Training
- Field Trips
- Citizen Science
- Elementary
- Middle School
- High School

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— Albert Einstein

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The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership operates a botanic park and three geothermal greenhouses on the San Juan River Walk in downtown Pagosa Springs. GGP hosts classes and workshops in 21st century sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, water conservation and environmental awareness. GGP became a 501c3 educational organization in 2013 and its third greenhouse is being completed in 2018.

**Serving the greater Four Corners region of CO, NM, AZ, and UT**

- River Access
- Community Garden
- Renewable Energy
- Workshops
- Adult Education
- Field Trips
- Pre-K - College
- Amphitheatre
- Volunteer

Montezuma Land Conservancy is a not-for-profit Southwest Colorado land trust located in Cortez, CO established in 1998 to conserve special lands in our community. MLC works cooperatively with willing landowners in and around Montezuma and Dolores counties who choose to restrict development on their private property.

**Serving Montezuma, Dolores, and San Miguel counties**

- Colorado Land Trust
- Fozzie’s Farm
- Middle School
- Special Events
- Special Events
- In-class Activities
- Land Easements
- Field Trips
- Volunteer

"Nature is not a place to visit. It is home" – Gary Snyder
The poetry of the Earth is never dead.
– John Keats

Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you.
– Monet

Mountain Roots is a community-driven grass roots food systems initiative with a mission to cultivate a resilient food system in the Gunnison Valley by enhancing healthy connections between food, earth, and community. Mountain Roots operates a Community Farm and CSA, school gardens & education programs, summer camps, afterschool garden & cooking classes, and other opportunities.

Serving the Gunnison and Crested Butte region

School Gardens  Middle School  High School
Elementary  Middle School  High School
Teacher Training  Summer programs  Field Trips

The Montezuma School to Farm Project unites our local agricultural heritage with our growing future by engaging students at the crossroads of sustainable agriculture, resource conservation, health, and economics through educational experiences in outdoor garden classes, on field trips, through youth farmers markets, and in summer farm camp.

Serving Montezuma County and surrounding communities

School Gardens  After school programs  Learning Lab
Elementary  Middle School  High School
Teacher Training  Summer programs  Field Trips

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2018 – 2019 Calendar

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“Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Mountain Studies Institute (MSI) was established in 2002 in Silverton, Colorado. A sustaining premise of MSI is that collaborations among researchers, educators and policy makers with an interest in the San Juan Mountains and other mountain areas can provide increased knowledge and understanding of mountain environments and communities and the issues that affect them.

Serving the San Juan Mountain region and surrounding communities

- In-class Activities
- Professional Development
- Community Events
- Elementary
- Middle School
- High School
- Citizen Science
- Summer programs
- Volunteering

Kathie Butler started The Nature Center at Butler Corner on her three-generation ranch in August 2016 after 31 years of teaching and twelve years as a children's librarian. The vision of the NCBC is to get children and adults outside, enjoying, caring for, and learning about the world around them.

Serving the greater Southwestern Colorado region

- Field Trips
- Story Time
- Nature Walks
- 6+ miles of trails
- Family Friendly
- Weavers Studio
- Elementary
- Middle School
- High School

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The **Powerhouse Science Center** presents a wide range of programs, exhibits, and activities designed to provide an entertaining and inspiring look at science — past, present, and future. The Powerhouse Science Center is Southwest Colorado’s premier hands-on, interactive science center for all ages. Open year-round, the science center is a dynamic place for family adventures, school field trips, early childhood learning, special events, and just plain seeking out.

**Serving the greater Southwestern Colorado region**

- [x] Field Trips
- [x] Elementary
- [x] Toddler Time
- [x] Maker Lab
- [x] Middle School
- [x] Summer Programs
- [x] Special Events
- [x] High School
- [x] Hands-on Science

**River Watch** is a statewide volunteer water quality-monitoring program operated by the non-profit 501©3 Earth Force in cooperation with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW). Our mission is to work with voluntary stewards to monitor water quality and other indicators of watershed health and utilize this high quality data to educate citizens and inform decision makers about the condition of Colorado’s waters.

**Serving the state of Colorado**

- [x] Elementary
- [x] Classroom activities
- [x] Teacher training
- [x] Middle School
- [x] Citizen Science
- [x] Watershed Reports
- [x] High School
- [x] Volunteer
- [x] Data Recording

“Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit.”
— Edward Abbey

**The San Juan Mountains Association** was created in 1988 to assist the San Juan National Forest in providing education and interpretation of public lands in Southwest Colorado. SJMA promotes responsible care of natural and cultural resources through education and hands-on involvement that inspires respect and reverence for our lands.

**Serving the greater Southwestern Colorado region**

- [x] Elementary
- [x] Classroom activities
- [x] Teacher training
- [x] Middle School
- [x] Field trips
- [x] Summer programs
- [x] High School
- [x] Naturalist walks
- [x] Volunteer

**Wildfire Adaptive Partnership** inspires, motivates, educates and serves individuals, organizations and communities joining together to protect lives and property from wildfire. We have been providing support for wildfire preparedness since 2003, formerly as FireWise of Southwest Colorado.

**Serving Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan Counties**

- [x] Pre-K
- [x] Elementary
- [x] Middle School
- [x] After school programs
- [x] Professional Development
- [x] Summer programs
- [x] High School
- [x] Adult Education
- [x] Volunteer

“I go to nature to be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put in order.” — John Burroughs