



**NATURE
& WILDLIFE
DISCOVERY
CENTER**

AT A GLANCE

Our mission is to promote environmental stewardship and community health through nature education, wildlife rehabilitation, and outdoor recreation.

The Nature and Wildlife Discovery Center welcomes ALL individuals as visitors, participants, and employees. We do not discriminate with regard to race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, religion, belief, creed, nationality, ethnicity, disability, or age.



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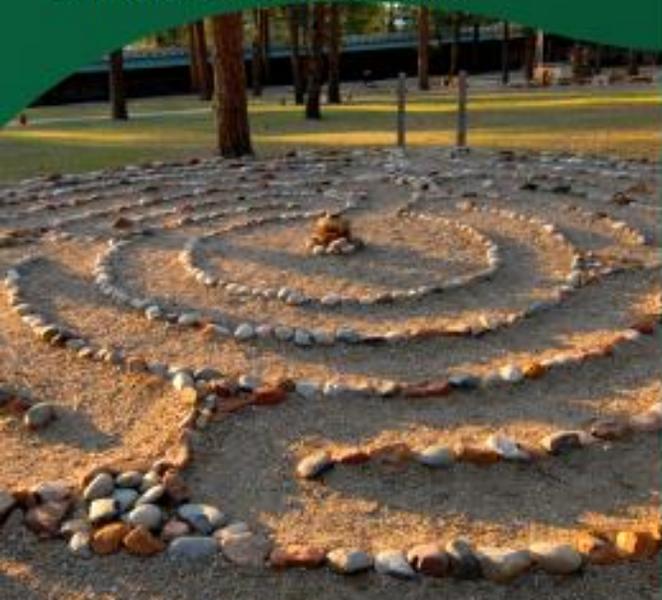
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THE PUEBLO MOUNTAIN PARK

The Historic Pueblo Mountain Park, the home of NWDC's Mountain Campus, is the perfect location for hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, horse-back riding, and more!



ABOUT

The 611 acres of beautiful ponderosa pine forests boost a multi-use, eight miles trail system that connects directly into San Isabel National Forest.

MOUNTAIN CAMPUS



HORSESHOE LODGE

Built in the 1930s by WPA crews, the Lodge has been renovated into an eco-lodge, with specialized amenities that make the Horseshoe Lodge one of the most efficient buildings of its type in the area.

The Lodge can be booked for individual nights, weekends, family reunions, retreats, and weddings.



WEDDINGS/RETREATS

Our Mountain Campus is a prime location for retreats, weddings, or family reunions! The Mountain Campus includes the Horseshoe Lodge, an outdoor amphitheater, and a rustic WPA-era pavilion for guests to use.





The River Campus is an oasis within the city of Pueblo where you can hike, cast your line, bike the American Bicycle Trail System, or meet our resident birds of prey at the Raptor Center.

RIVER CAMPUS



FACILITY RENTALS

The River Campus has several different rentable facilities, including our riverside Pavilion, River Deck, and Herb Garden.





RAPTOR CENTER

Founded in 1981, the Raptor Center specializes in birds of prey. Each year, more than 300 injured, ill, and orphaned birds of prey are admitted to the NWDC Raptor Center.

We have sixteen special birds who are permanent residents at the NWDC Raptor Center. These birds are a vital part of our staff and they assist with our educational efforts during our programs.

Through several different educational programs, the Raptor Center teaches over 6,000 individuals every year about the importance of birds of prey in our ecosystem.



EARTH STUDIES

In partnership with District 60, NWDC is excited to offer ALL fifth grade classes up to three (3) Earth Studies Sessions in the 2022-2023 school year.

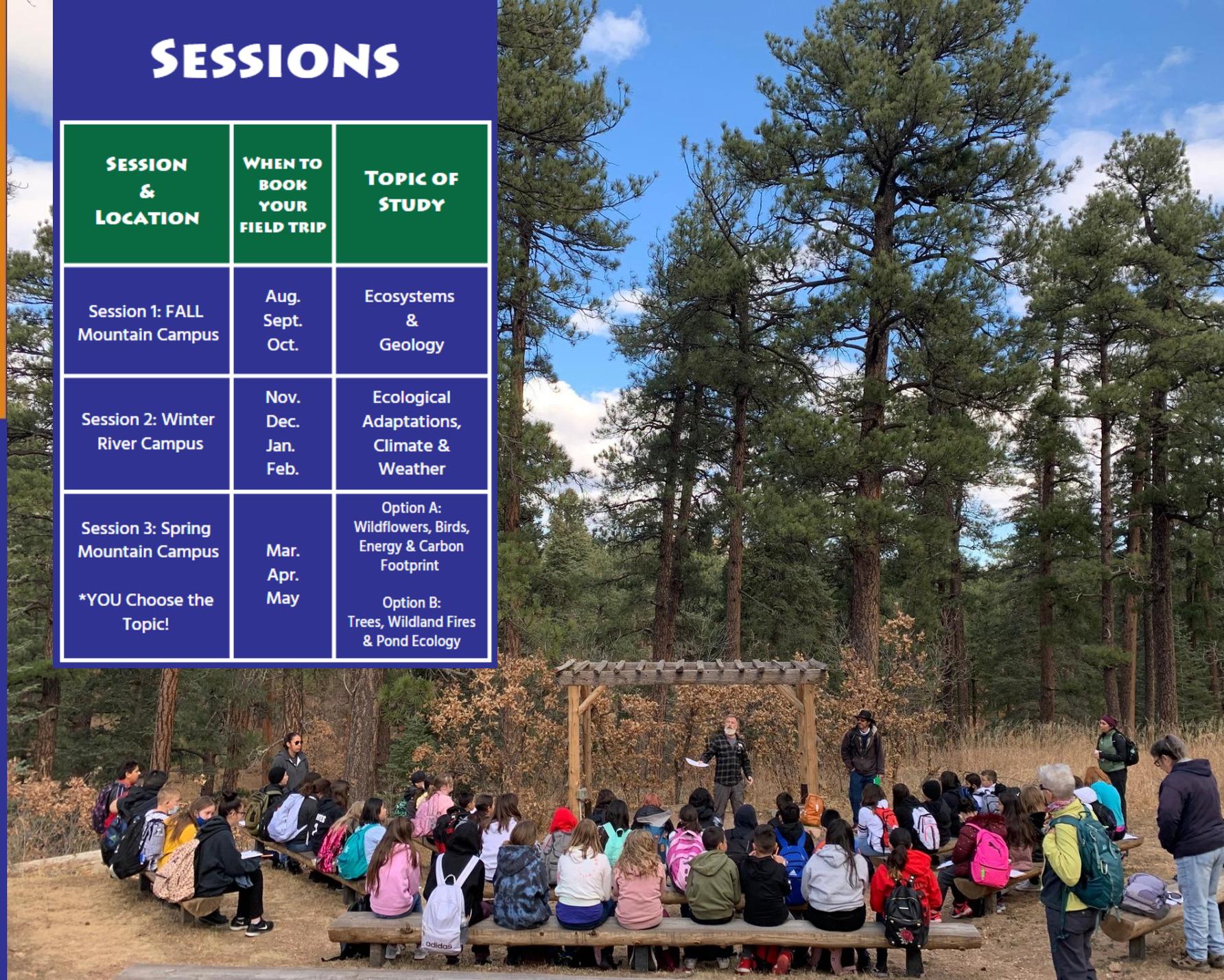


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Studies show that student academics benefit significantly from participation in Earth Studies. By 2008, Earth Studies was serving every Pueblo District 60 5th grader. This year, we celebrate our 13th anniversary making sure every District 60 fifth grader gets out to explore our nature-based classrooms!

SESSIONS

SESSION & LOCATION	WHEN TO BOOK YOUR FIELD TRIP	TOPIC OF STUDY
Session 1: FALL Mountain Campus	Aug. Sept. Oct.	Ecosystems & Geology
Session 2: Winter River Campus	Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb.	Ecological Adaptations, Climate & Weather
Session 3: Spring Mountain Campus *YOU Choose the Topic!	Mar. Apr. May	Option A: Wildflowers, Birds, Energy & Carbon Footprint Option B: Trees, Wildland Fires & Pond Ecology





EARTHKEEPER
Nature School
Preschool • Kindergarten



Outdoor Explorations Program



Outdoor Skills and Experience

- Fire building and safety
- Basic outdoor first aid
- Leave No Trace practices
- Clothing and shelters
- Hydration / Nutrition
- Navigation
- Travel techniques and hikes



Social and Community Development

- Mindfulness practices
- Leadership / Followership
- Challenge Course
- Team Building Games
- Service-Learning Projects
- Group Problem-Solving
- Self-management



Place-Based Environmental Science

- Flora and fauna
- Colorado's life zones
- Astronomy
- Weather patterns
- Geology
- Water Cycle
- Ecological concepts



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Annual funding from the City of Pueblo go towards maintaining and improving the River Campus and Mountain Park Property, increasing access to safe and exciting nature areas for families and individuals within our community. Some 2023 projects will include:

- Significant Fire Mitigation at the Pueblo Mountain Park
- Actively fundraising for and the restoration of a developed play area at the River Campus
- Picnic site improvements at both properties
- Building maintenance at both properties

Why continued support from the City matters...

NWDC is committed to providing to equitable community access nature education and outdoor recreation. In 2023 NWDC estimates we will engage close to 20,000 youth and adults through our various programs.

Some 2023 anticipated programmatic and partnership highlights include:

- Increasing to three Earth Studies Sessions in the 2022-2023 school year, serving approximately 1,000 Pueblo City School District 5th grade students.
 - A full roster of 47 Pre-K and Kindergarten students enrolled in NWDC's Earthkeeper Nature School.
 - Over 6,000 visitors to NWDC's Raptor Rehabilitation Center
 - Continued partnership with Alpine International Preparatory Academy (AIPA) with our K-8 Outdoor Explorations Program.
 - A deepening partnership with Southern Colorado Trail Builders to increase volunteer capacity.
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Questions?