



# 2022 YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Nature Niños was founded as the youth initiative within the New Mexico Wildlife Federation in late 2019. We are thankful for New Mexico's confidence in our outdoor learning team to lead opportunities in our state for youth and families while they learn, explore, and connect to our public lands, water, and wildlife.

Our growth in 2022 is in direct response to the feedback that we heard from YOU! Thank you for trusting us!

- Sarah Candelaria, Youth Program Director

## 2022 GOALS:

- ☒ Research Project & Share-out on Youth Engagement
- ☒ Expand program capacity
- ☒ Deepen connection between Nature Niños community members

## 2023 GOALS:

- ☒ Assist and establish Nature Niños programming outside of Albuquerque
- ☒ Raise up youth voices
- ☒ Share and assist on Research findings and How-to engage youth

## YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

### JANUARY

NSSF Field-to-Table Event

**Expanded team:**  
Laura Lewis, Project Manager  
Liv Martinez, Instructor  
Amy Mathis, Instructor  
Spring Semester begins

### FEBRUARY

Community Event  
at Trees Lake, Deming

### MARCH

Research Team begins  
"Engaging Marginalized Youth  
in Hunting and Angling" report

### APRIL

Spring Run-off  
at Santa Fe Brewing

Community Event  
with Latino Outdoors

### MAY

Spring Classes End

### JUNE

Summer camp begins  
10 Youth Summer Staff

### JULY

Community Event  
with Latino Outdoors and the  
Continental Divide Trail Coalition

### AUGUST

Summer Camp Ends  
190 campers  
15 partners

Community Hike  
with National Hiking Society  
and ASLA

Fall Classes Begin

### SEPTEMBER

Community Event  
at Chaco Canyon National  
Historic Park

**Expanded Team:**  
Adam Okoye, Asst Instructor  
Chandra Dreyer, Asst Instructor

### OCTOBER

Archery event at Los Ranchos  
Agri-Nature Fall Festival

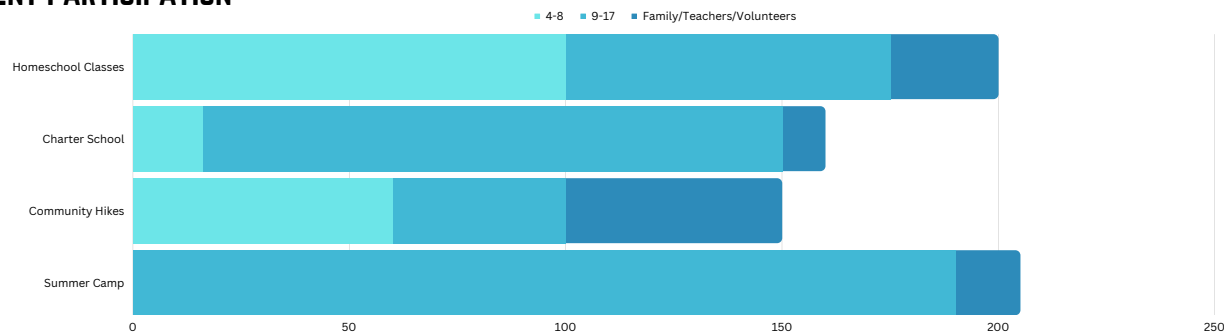
First Annual Fall Fiesta

### NOVEMBER

### DECEMBER

Fall Classes End

## EVENT PARTICIPATION



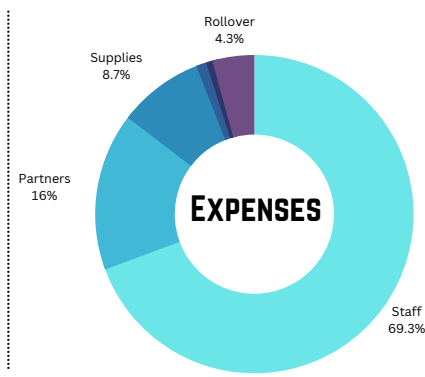
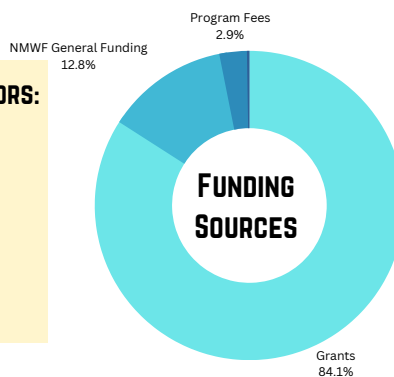
COMMUNITY EVENTS TOTAL: 1240

YEAR TOTAL: 1955

## YEAR'S FUNDING

### THANK YOU TO OUR TOP 2022 GRANTORS:

The Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies  
VELA Education Fund  
OneAlbuquerque Fund  
Outdoor Equity Fund



### Information:

Each year's funding is dependent upon awarded grants, program fees, and individual donations. Some grants have specific requirements and projects their funding is awarded for. Many grants are awarded for use during a single year term. Program fees and donations help to fill funding gaps and create opportunities for program longevity.

## THANK YOU TO OUR 2022 PARTNERS:

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Rio Grande Nature Center  
Robert Luke, Photography Instructor  
Sandia Mountain Natural History Center  
Story Connection  
Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge  
Twirl Taos  
United States Forest Service  
VARA Winery  
Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area

& all of our partners!

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