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Cover: Happy summer campers enjoying friendship and the summer in Breckenridge.
Back cover: Day campers celebrating at the end of the Mountain Top Olympics.

From the Board Chair and Executive Director



Del Deocampo

2024 was a big year for Mountain Top Explorium to strategize, plan and of course, DREAM. We wanted to create a narrative for our organization that not only supported our current state, but also gave us the room to plan for our future. We started by re-energizing our Mission, Vision and Values to align with the needs of our local families, establish the Explorium as a multi-faceted community resource, and continue to give children, from near and far, the opportunity to be curious, play and learn.

A majority of our fundraising efforts in 2024 generated scholarships, improved programming and ultimately provided more families access to our school break programming throughout the year—a need echoed throughout Summit County. The Explorium's children museum continued to entertain and educate visiting and local families but has also been reimaged as a trusted 'space' for various local organizations to support families through workshops, seminars and other valuable 'playdates'.



Dave Miller

But the year was not without a major challenge... the financial burden of renting space in Breckenridge (we know you feel our pain) has limited Mountain Top's ability to expand our programming to where we know it could/should be, as well as fill much-needed human resources.

We will use these hurdles as the building blocks of achieving our dreams. We are so blessed with dedicated and hard working full-time staff and counselors who have gone above and beyond their job responsibilities to ensure that Mountain Top Explorium continues to shine brightly as a trusted, well-loved and respected organization in our community.

We will continue to strategize, plan and dream and hope you'll be there with us as we look to support even more families and our community in 2025.

Del Deocampo, *Board Chair*

Dave Miller, *Executive Director*

Our Mission, Vision & Values

With an eye on the future, Mountain Top Explorium's board and staff revised the museum's mission, vision, and values in 2024.

MISSION Mountain Top Explorium is a community resource that nurtures connection between children and their world through exploration, creativity, and relationships.

VISION To create experiences for all children that inspire passion for lifelong learning.

VALUES
Inclusivity. We are committed to systematically identifying and removing barriers to participation,

ensuring that our programs and operations are inclusive for all.

Education. We embrace play and fun in everything we do, yet every action is carried out with a purpose, centered on teaching and learning.

Curiosity. Questions are at the heart of learning and we aim to inspire curiosity in all our children and families. We believe that curiosity is the foundation of education.

Collaboration. We can't achieve our mission on our own and rely on the ideas and resources shared from our community partners, families, students, and staff.

From left: Explorium staff helping children during an Explorium Playdate; After School instructor and students showing off their creations; Early Childhood Learning engaging in a STEM Enrichment program.



Hands-on learning! A day camper uses a magnifying glass to learn about the hidden ecosystem of a mountain stream.



Summer Day Camp



Mountain Top Explorium's Summer Day Camp offered 11 weeks of nature-based fun and STEM enrichment activities. Campers enrolled for the day, week, and the entire summer!

351
total campers

25
students from
Silverthorne

100
students total from
Summit School District

70%
of registrations from
Summit School District

14
from Frisco

\$94,250
scholarship funding
provided to
Summit School District

49
students from
Breckenridge

14
from Upper Blue

\$11,663
additional scholarship
funding provided

26
from Dillon Valley

12
from Summit Cove

“My husband and I were very happy knowing we had reliable child care that the kids LOVED! The grant provided helped tremendously with our tuition cost.”

Day Camp parent

“The boy’s loved going to camp everyday. They were running out the door every morning!”

Day Camp parent



After school students conduct an experiment using candy and other household objects.

After School & School Break



In 2024, Mountain Top Explorium doubled after-school program capacity for Breckenridge and Upper Blue Elementary students and expanded its School Break Program district-wide. Both programs are offered at a **sliding fee scale**, allowing qualifying families to pay **\$1/day**.

138

after school program days

70

after school students served

45%

qualified for free & reduced lunch
(70% of students at Upper Blue)

21

school break program days

91

school break students from all
6 elementary schools served

45%

school break students qualified
for free & reduced lunch

“Mountain Top allows me to continue working until later in the evening. It brings comfort to me, knowing that Noah is also enjoying his time with Mountain Top Explorium plus all his friends.”

After School program parent

“I’m a single mom and I love that I have an educational place to send my daughter.”

After School program parent

Students learn about states of matter during a STEM Enrichment program.



STEM Enrichment Programs

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

An expanding program area for Mountain Top Explorium has been in-class workshops. The Explorium allows teachers to choose from a collection of workshops aimed at bringing their classroom science curriculum alive.

19
classroom visits

524
students served

New for 2024 Thanks to the Copper Environmental Foundation, Mountain Top Explorium offered a preschool **recycling and sustainability** program, extending learning from the classroom to families in-home. Click [here](#), or scan the QR code for more information.



“I notice more sorting and thought before throwing trash out. I hear them talking with each other and deciding if they can reuse something instead of just throwing it away.”

Tricia King, Silverthorne Elementary preschool teacher

“This was the absolute best program that I have had in my classroom in my 10 years of teaching.”

Katie Merkle, Upper Blue Elementary preschool teacher



A young child experiences what it's like to be in a bubble during an Explorium Playdate.

Explorium Children's Museum

The Explorium Children's Museum is a community cornerstone, offering interactive exhibits that nurture positive child development and provide essential support for families.

12,374

total visits

6,115

child visits

6,259

adult visits

145

members
(a 49% increase from 2023)

Mountain Top for All Mountain Top Explorium believes that every child deserves access to enriching experiences. The Mountain Top for All program removes financial barriers by offering **free admission** to families receiving SNAP benefits or qualifying for free and reduced lunch.

299

total visits

163

child visits

136

adult visits

“My kids are 5 and 6 and I wondered if they were too old for the museum. But I was pleasantly surprised.”

Aleah Arundale

“My four-year-old had so much fun playing with everything. We probably could've stayed all day.”

Amanda Joy

Meet the Team

Mountain Top Explorium has achieved so much in 2024 thanks to its staff, board of directors, and volunteers!

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Dave Miller
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Liam Baylor
*Explorium & Program
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Gloria Greenstein
*Explorium & Program
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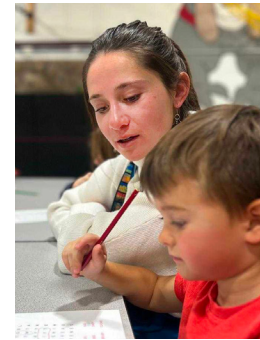
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STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Gloria Greenstein, Explorium & Program Coordinator



Gloria's background in outdoor education and science research has brought a unique perspective to Mountain Top Explorium. Her creativity and passion are evident in the creation of engaging after-school and summer camp programs.

BOARD HIGHLIGHT

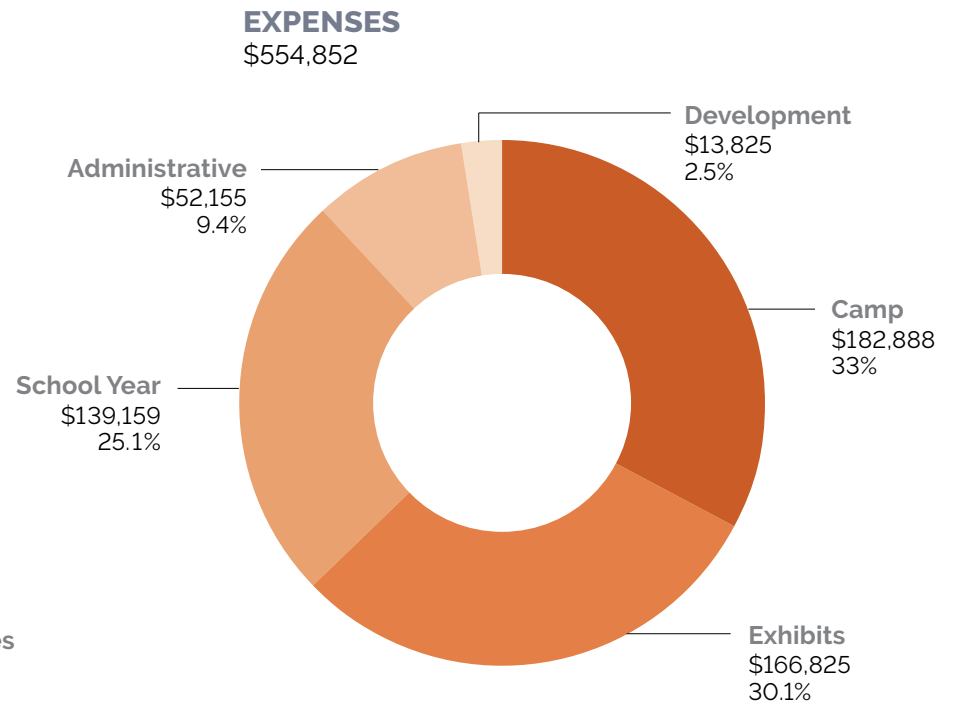
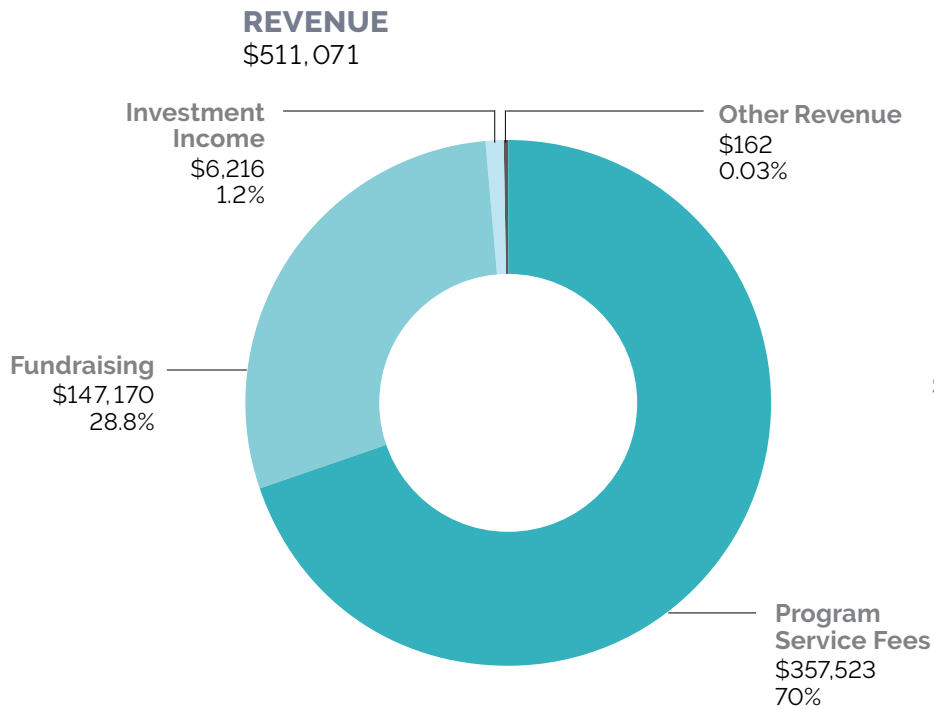
Anne Skinner, Board Member



Anne, a long-time Summit County resident, brings strategic expertise and strong community ties to the Explorium. In just one year, she has contributed to the fundraising success of Mountain Top and helped to refine the mission, vision, and values.

Financials

Mountain Top Explorium remains dedicated to its mission and impactful programming, diligently managing organizational finances to maximize every dollar. This commitment is reflected in our lean administrative structure and rigorous oversight of revenue and expenses. While we experienced an approximate \$40,000 deficit this year, primarily due to the lease expenses associated with the Explorium Children's Museum in downtown Breckenridge, we are actively developing strategies to ensure long-term financial sustainability and continued program expansion.



Donors

Mountain Top Explorium is so thankful to its many donors who have helped support the growth of the organization and expansion of our impact. To donate, click [here](#), or scan the QR code for a direct link to our giving page.



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Looking Forward

Building on our 2024 successes, Mountain Top Explorium is focused on the following key goals for 2025:

SECURING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR THE EXPLORIUM CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

We will develop a strategic plan to address the barriers placed on our organization by the lease of our downtown location.

ELEVATING SUMMER EXPERIENCES

We will enhance our summer programs by introducing new activities such as kayaking and more thematic field trips.

EXPANDING SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

We will increase staffing and training to better serve the growing number of special education students in our programs.

ADDRESSING TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS

We will explore solutions to improve transportation access for families, ensuring all children can participate in our programs.

From top: Summer day campers enjoying a day hike; an Explorium Museum patron creating their own gingerbread house; playing a game at the start of a Kid's Night Out program.

“Happy kid. Happy parents. Happy summer! We are looking forward to having our 1-year-old enjoy the same summer camp experience in a few years.”

Liz Hannon, camp parent & Explorium member

“Our kids enjoy the structure, friendliness of the staff, and the field trips/activities.”

Camp parent

“We can't wait to continue sending Skylar to Mountain Top over the summer!”

Camp parent



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