

# 2025 IMPACT SHEET

## Montana Matters Youth Outdoor Experience Montana Conservation Elders

Summer Adventures Made Possible by Montana Conservation Elders and Donors like you!

In 2025, 225 kids and teens aged 7 to 17 explored the outdoors, learned new skills, and made lasting memories at 24 different summer camps supported by the Montana Conservation Elders.

From 3- to 5-day adventures costing \$350–\$550 per camper, the Montana Conservation Elders raised \$54,417 to ensure local youth could enjoy the experience—without families worrying about cost.

Thanks to their generosity, young people in the community had the chance to learn, grow, and thrive in nature, creating stories they'll remember for a lifetime.

Camp hosted by Montana Conservation Elders

### Scripps Ranch Kamp Southwest of Conner

Participants: 21 youth, 8 adult volunteers.

The camp features overnight backpacking and hands-on training in wilderness survival, bear awareness, archery, and fly fishing. Additional sessions included primitive weapons practice, hiking, and plant and tree identification.

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### Ruby River Camp – Woodson Ranch

Participants: 12 youth, 9 adult volunteers

**Camp Overview:** This camp is focused on fly fishing instruction, progressing from basic techniques to more advanced skills such as reading water, insect identification, proper casting methods, and trout fishing. Each guide worked with two campers per day, providing individualized mentoring. Several guides generously volunteered their time, forgoing a week with paying clients to participate in the program.

### Smoke Elser's Horse Packing Missoula, MT

Participants: 14 youth

Attendees learn from Smoke himself on proper horse packing techniques while Smoke shares his stories.

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### Magruder Camp Selway River, Idaho

Participants: 19 youth, 9 adult volunteers

Backpacking and hands-on training in wilderness survival, bear awareness, archery, and fly fishing. Additional sessions include primitive weapons practice, trapping instruction, hiking, and plant and tree identification participants also receive hands-on horse packing training led by Greg Schatz.

### Whittecar Shooting Event Hamilton, Montana

Participants: 30 youth, 7 adult volunteers

Youth attendees enjoy an exciting and educational day at the Whittecar Shooting Range, designed to introduce youth to the fundamentals of shooting sports in a safe and supportive environment.

There are two educational events offered for youth each year with our certified instructors.

### Montana Matters Sponsor Georgetown Lake, MT

One youth is sponsored by Montana Matters in conjunction with Bitterroot Trout Unlimited to attend the Montana Trout Unlimited summer camp at Georgetown lake.

Together, we teach kids to explore, respect, and thrive in the natural world.

## Jack Creek Preserve Big Sky, MT

20 scholarships given to MT youth. Program focus is archery, wilderness, survival and much more.

## Back Country Horsemen of Montana Monture Ranger Station, MT

18 scholarships given to MT youth. Program focus is wise use of the back country resources. Horse packing Education and experiences. Campers are split between Bob Marshall Wilderness and Monture Ranger Station.

## Project ACSENT Thompson Falls, MT

4 scholarships given to MT youth. Program focus is camping, fishing, swimming and learning about the river and wildlife along the corridor. Multi- day float trip on Flathead River from Ronan to Perma Bridge.

## Lubrecht FW&P Greenough, MT

4 scholarships given to MT youth. Program focus is outdoor education of Montana natural resources and conservation. Experience floating the Alberton Gorge on the Clark Fork River.

## Montana Trappers Camp Lewistown, MT

10 scholarships given to MT youth. Program focus is Trapping.

**Help a Young Explorer  
Discover Nature in 2026  
Donate Now!**

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## Teddy Roosevelt Ranch Dupuyer, Montana

20 scholarships given to MT youth. Program focus is wildlife classes, shotgun and 22 rifle shooting, hiking, fishing. Camp is on 6,000 acre working cattle ranch.

## Raised at Full Draw Monarch, MT

20 scholarships given to MT youth. Program focus is everything archery all day every day. Experience is east of Great Falls.

## Glacier Institute Columbia Falls, MT

20 scholarships given to MT youth. Program focus is outdoor skills for 7-11 year-old campers. Hiking and exploring the banks of the North Fork of the Flathead River. Four special sessions are offered.

## Teen Bowhunters Camp Montana

10 scholarships given to MT youth. Program focus is Bowhunting



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**Join us at our banquet to make a big impact!**

Saturday, March 21, 2026  
5:00pm -9:00pm

Event Center at the Fairgrounds  
Sponsored by Farmers State Bank  
100 Old Corvallis Rd.  
Hamilton, Montana.



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