

Early Childhood (Preschool)

Year-round



- Support for PEEPs (Preschool Environmental Education Programs) currently offered to the public at Loveland Library and local natural areas and parks.
- Expand PEEPs to other sites and early childhood centers at local schools.
- Provide support for parents to increase comfort level with preschool children outdoors/in backyard.

Examples:

- Add monthly PEEPs programs at Winona Early Childhood Center
- Offer monthly preschool PEEPs programs at new E. 1st St. Natural Area
- Demonstrate hands-on outdoor learning activities for preschoolers and parents



People to be Served



Feasibility



easy

Cost

\$ low

Elementary School (K-5th Grade)

School-year Opportunities



- Field trip series beginning in kindergarten and leading up to 5th grade experience to expand outdoor learning opportunities.
- Curriculum integration with field trips and hands-on learning activities to support state educational standards.
- Summer break stipends for teachers helping to coordinate environmental education curriculum.

Examples:

- Nature-based field trips
- Classroom/school-based programs
- Hands-on learning opportunities
- Gardening/planting projects (vegetables, native plants, trees)
- Plains to foothills continuum



People to be Served



Elementary
School

Feasibility



medium

Cost



medium

Middle School (6-8th Grade)

School-year Opportunities



- Nature-based educational field trips and school-based programs to expand experiential learning opportunities.
- Curriculum integration with field trips and hands-on learning activities to support state educational standards.
- Partnerships with high schools on nature-based learning projects and programs.

Examples:

- Field trips to local natural areas integrated with curriculum (science, GPS/orienteering, art, writing)
- Hands-on learning opportunities
- Educational school gardens
- Plains to foothills continuum
- Bird/wildlife monitoring projects



People to be Served



Middle School



High School

Feasibility



medium

Cost



medium

Elementary, Middle & High School (K-12th Grade)



After-school Opportunities

- Outdoor program/club at Boys & Girls Club including on- and off-site outdoor activities.
- Field trips and programs by local outdoor/environmental organizations.
- Activities to support and develop team-building, self-confidence, and outdoor leadership skills.
- Boys & Girls Club staff support and training.

Examples:

- Hiking, biking, fishing
- Gardening (vegetables, native plants)
- Nature exploration
- Low elements challenge course, team-building activities



People to be Served



Elem.
School



Middle
School



High
School

Feasibility



easy

Cost



medium

Elementary, Middle & High School

Summer Opportunities



- Continuation of outdoor program/club at Boys & Girls Club including on- and off-site outdoor activities.
- Field trips and programs with local outdoor/environmental organizations.
- Activities to develop team-building, self-confidence, and outdoor leadership skills.
- Backyard to backcountry continuum of experiences.
- Boys & Girls Club staff support and training.
- Counselor training program for older youth.

Examples:

- Hiking, biking, fishing, camping activities
- Outdoor gear library
- Gardening programs (vegetables, native plants)
- Nature exploration, art, journaling
- Service learning projects (bird boxes, native plantings)



People to be Served



Elem.
School



Middle
School



High
School

Feasibility



medium

Cost



medium

Summer Opportunities for Families / All Ages



- Guided hikes, interactive nature programs and stewardship activities.
- Hands-on clinics and instruction by local outdoor recreation organizations.
- Activities to build outdoor skills, confidence, and self-reliance.
- Family relationship-building through outdoor recreation and adventure.

Examples:

- Hiking, biking, fishing, camping skills clinics
- Outdoor gear library
- Gardening programs (vegetables, native plants)
- Guided hikes, bird & plant identification, wildlife tracking/monitoring, evening programs
- Citizen science & stewardship projects



People to be Served



Families



All ages



Neighborhood

Feasibility



medium

Cost



medium