

**MONTANA  
OUTDOOR  
SCIENCE  
SCHOOL**

# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

## SENSE OF PLACE (*sens ev ples*) noun

1. A bond or attachment felt towards a familiar place. Cultivated through experiences that lead to meaning, memories, and feelings about the place. Often becoming part of one's identity.



**A**t MOSS, we believe in the power of the outdoors—to learn, to explore, to be awed, and to heal. Over the past year, we've focused on providing community experiences to do just that. Our staff and board came together to create the MOSS Nature Quest, providing families a safe way to get outside and discover new trails and parks all while hunting for the elusive five-foot-long trout. Our instructors have catalyzed their curiosity of nature and have set out to explore every corner of our ecosystem through new program curriculum like prairie science. We've strengthened our connections with organizations across Montana to move science education forward for kids we don't often see in programs. And, our volunteers have worked meticulously to pack science kits for delivery across Gallatin and Park Counties via public library bookmobiles. We are grateful for the connections that have allowed us to serve our community in more meaningful ways. And we are deeply grateful to those that have supported us along the way.

In 2022, MOSS is focused on listening to our community so we can offer the opportunities needed for outdoor science education. We're determined to identify barriers to programs and work to eliminate them with the help of our staff, board, and supporters. We've already heard some invaluable feedback and exciting changes are on the way.

If you'd like to help others create a sense of place, consider joining MOSS as a volunteer, donor, or staff member. And, if you've never created your own sense of place, we encourage you to get outside and start observing the wonders around you!

From all of us at MOSS, thank you!

Jess Haas (with Newton)  
Executive Director



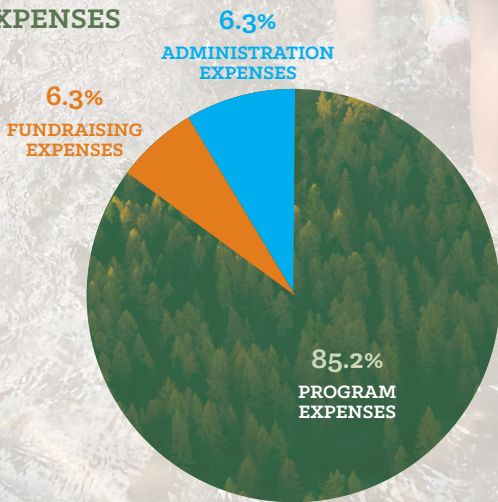
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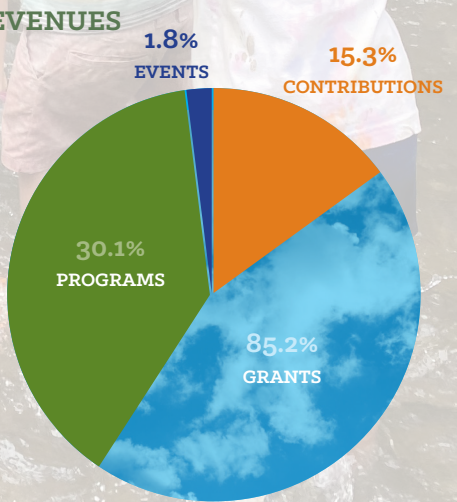
- **4,900** hours learning outside with 5,283 school kids
- **25,500** hours exploring with 850 summer campers
- **24** certified Montana Master Naturalists
- **200** science kits into the hands of kid scientists across Gallatin and Park Counties
- **128** volunteers packing science kits
- Over **\$12,000** in scholarships awarded



**EXPENSES**



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With gratitude we acknowledge that our ability to educate in the outdoors hinges on the stewardship of these lands by indigenous peoples both past and present.

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