



FACT Sheet

About Us

- ELK's mission is to offer comprehensive environmental education, with consistent long-term mentoring by natural resource professionals, to culturally diverse urban youth and their families to ensure they become stewards to the natural resources of the State of Colorado
- ELK works with youth through three focus areas:
 - **Introducing** disadvantaged and underserved youth to science and careers in natural resources,
 - **Immersing** them in science education and first hand experiences in the outdoors,
 - **Investing** them in their future.
- ELK was founded in 1996—we just celebrated our 10th anniversary!
- More than 40,000 youth and many families served through ELK programs to date!

Our Budget/The Funds

- ELK depends on donations from individuals like you—your contribution makes a difference!
- ELK receives foundation, corporate, individual, and government support as well as fees for service
- 83% of budget directly supports programs, 17% supports administration and fundraising
- Operating budget, including in-kind support for 2006: \$285,558

Celebrating 10 Years of
Science & Natural Resource
Education

Outdoor Experiences,
Camping, Fishing, Water
Quality Testing and More!

Mentoring, Life Skills, Career
& College Development

Stewardship

Changing the Faces of
Science

Events/The Fun

- Cast a Line Family Fishing Event to be held on May 19, 2007
- Our annual "Put a little wildlife in a Child's life Golf Tournament" to be held on September 21, 2007, at the Green Valley Ranch Golf Course
- ELK's Silent Auction will go online in August

ELK Kids

- Two ELK youth have been awarded the Daniels Scholarship to attend any university of their choice (one in 2000 and one in 2006!)
- Three ELK youth, over the past three years, have earned the National Hutton Jr. Fisheries Biology Scholarship, a total of \$15,000 in scholarship for college tuition, and summer internships with an Aquatic Biologist to study fisheries biology
- ELK has raised over \$45,000 in educational scholarships for our high school grads to pursue college
- ELK student awarded a Sachs scholarship and an Alpha Kappa Alpha scholarship of achievement
- ELK students have conducted water quality testing in Northeast Denver since 1998, to learn about pollution prevention and stewardship to their community