



2024



Annual Report

Inspiring Curiosity and
Connections through
Outdoor Exploration and
Learning



**Outdoor Education &
Summer Day Camps**

15 years of Mountain Roots

Over 3,000 participants in 2024



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Outdoor Ed Impact

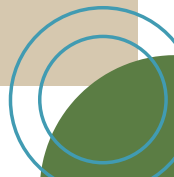


Mountain Roots Outdoor Ed Reach This Year



- 18 Schools across western North Carolina
- 2,719 Students served through Mountain Roots Outdoor Education programs
- 41 weeks of Outdoor Ed programming provided
- 1,124 Hours of Instruction with small groups
- 13 Incredible Instructors Employed by Mountain Roots

From Kindergarten through 8th grade, Mountain Roots continues to grow our programming for thousands of students to engage with the natural spaces around their school yard and on field trips to local public lands. These learning adventures engage our participants in science and health & wellness activities integrated into NC's state educational standards.



Day Camp Impact

Mountain Roots offered 7 weeks of Day Camp in Transylvania and Henderson Counties. During our 13th year of Summer Camp, we continued to offer top-notch opportunities for local & visiting youth to explore outdoors, engage in free play, and make new friends all summer long!

A Glance at the Summer Numbers



- 197 Campers served (ages 4-10)
- 18 Middle School Roots Crew members
- 23 Scholarships provided to families in need
- 12 Amazing Camp Counselors employed
- Countless arts & crafts created, games played, and memories made!



Hurricane Helene Recovery Response

As Helene hit WNC, Mountain Roots jumped into action providing:

- Cards for Communities & CedarFest Kids Zone
- 2 weeks of Hurricane Helene Recovery Camp at Brevard Academy (provided free of charge thanks to grant funding), during the staggered start back to school.
- 2 weeks of programming for FernLeaf students to adjust to their new campus after the Creek Campus was destroyed by Hurricane Helene.
- Mountain Roots served over 600 students in response to Hurricane Helene and the immediate needs of our families and community.



Supporting Mountain Roots

As a 501c3 educational non-profit, Mountain Roots relies on community support in order to continue to reach thousands of children across western North Carolina each year. We hope you will consider joining our annual campaign and supporting the programs and participants of Mountain Roots in developing connections to themselves, their community, and the natural world!

Here's How You Can Help!



Join our mailing list--Visit www.mountainroots.org

Donate Outdoor Education / Day Camp supplies, healthy snacks and other in-kind donations, email us at info@mountainroots.org

Volunteer to assist Mountain Roots by:

- Helping with our Annual Golf Tournament / Fundraiser
- Joining a Mountain Roots Committee or reaching out if interested in learning more about joining the Mountain Roots Board of Directors



Provide a Financial Contribution

The following are our costs for reference:

\$300 provides a scholarship to Day Camp

\$170 provides a scholarship to Preschool Camp

\$150 provides a half-day of Outdoor Education

\$50 provides supplies for a Series of Outdoor Ed for the year

Donations Can Be Made to:

Mountain Roots, Inc.

PO Box 248

Cedar Mountain, NC 28718

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Join us in Staying Curious and Keep Exploring!