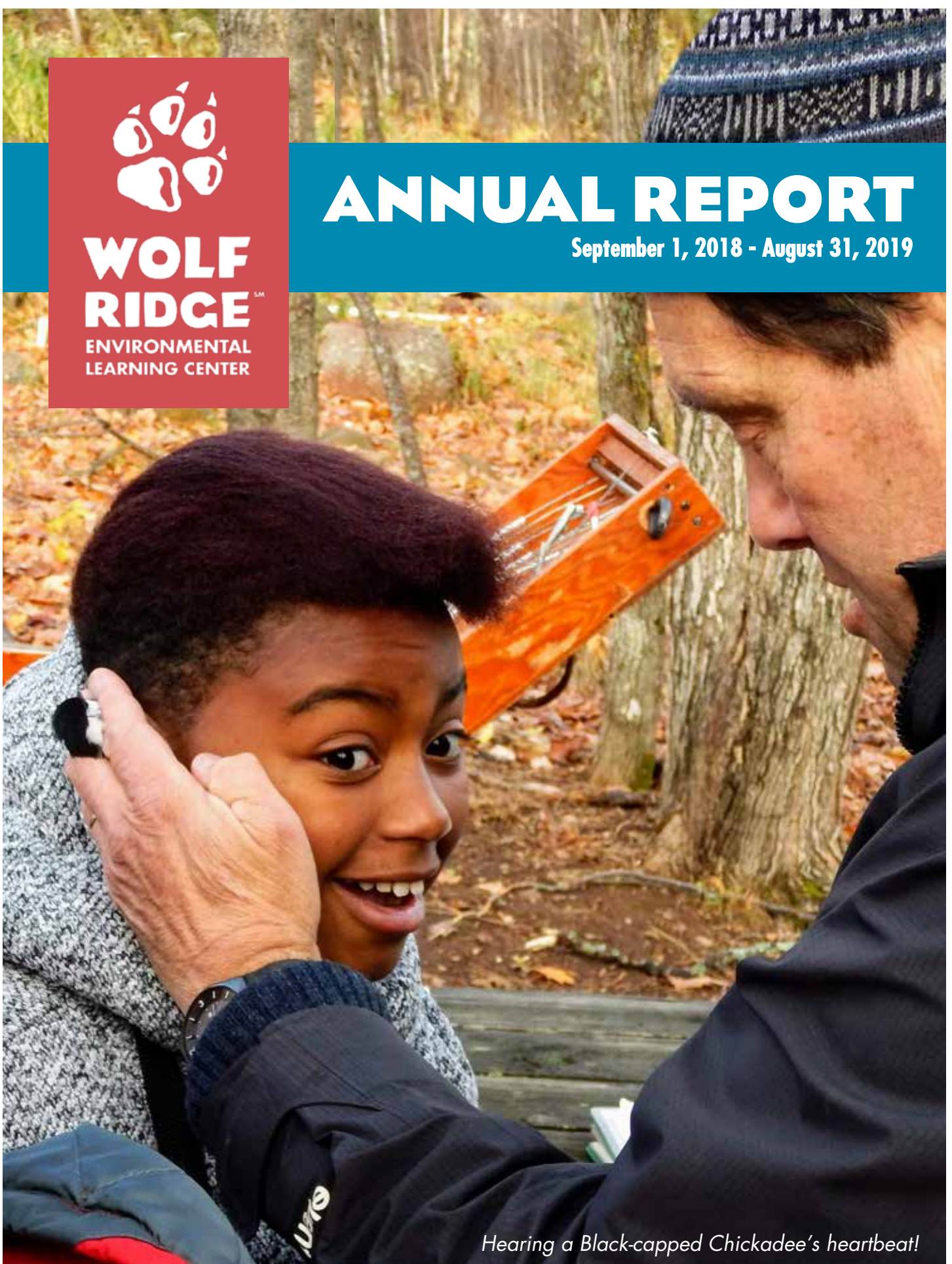




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# ANNUAL REPORT

September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019



*Hearing a Black-capped Chickadee's heartbeat!*



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Hello Friends,

Wolf Ridge continued to flourish during the September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019 fiscal year. Efforts focused on various critical "unseen" tasks. At the top of the list were developing our Leaders of the Pack planned giving initiative, drafting curriculum for the Lake Superior Campus and securing its usability in the form of parking, restrooms, and indoor classroom, and tweaking energy system and their monitoring to prove performance for MAC Lodge Living Building Challenge certification. The numbers below show part of the Wolf Ridge story. The unseen piece is the lasting impact our programs have on thousands of participants each year. Thanks to all the donors and leaders who make it all possible.

In gratitude,

# WOLF RIDGE BY THE NUMBERS

**1,117 miles**

Paddled by canoe.

**6,615 miles**

Hiked during Superior View Hike.

**140 miles**

Traveled by ropes course zip line.

**4,454 km**

Skied during Cross-country Skiing class.

## Participants

**716 miles**

Paddled by kayak.

**2,790 miles**  
Snowshoed.

### SCHOOLS & GROUPS 12/19

Youth 8,213

Adults 2,424

NATURALIST TRAINING 21

COLLEGES/CONFERENCES/  
OTHER 951

FAMILY CAMP 175

ADULT PROGRAM 257

SUMMER YOUTH 528

TOTAL 12,569

**14,000 pounds**  
Veggies harvested from half an acre.

**937 nights**

Nights spent in tents.

**3,000 pounds**

Tomatoes harvested from half an acre processed to 275 gallons of puree.

**650 hours**

Spent at Wolf Ridge overlooks.

**1,511 miles**  
Backpacked.

**210 rabbit pelts**

Sold in store.

**2,850 gallons**

Food waste layered with 7,500 gallons of sawdust which will provide 360 square feet of new growing space with the capability of producing 3,000 pounds of winter squash.

**230+ beets**

Nibbled by small mammals.

**95,445 feet**

Height climbed in rock climbing classes.

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# SCHOOLS & GROUPS

FISCAL YEAR SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 TO AUGUST 31, 2019

Wolf Ridge served 179 schools and groups in the 2018-19 school year. Students explored the forests, ridges, lakes and streams at Wolf Ridge learning about the natural world and developing their critical thinking skills and environmental literacy through hands-on experiences.



1854 Tribal Youth Camp  
1998-1999 Naturalist Reunion  
Annandale Middle School  
Arete Academy  
Ascension Catholic School  
Ashby Public School  
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Beacon Academy  
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Hennepin Middle School  
Hibbing Community College  
Hilltop Primary  
Hinckley-Finlayson Elementary  
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Holy Trinity School  
Homecroft Elementary  
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IBP Bird Banding Trainings  
Imhotep Science Academy  
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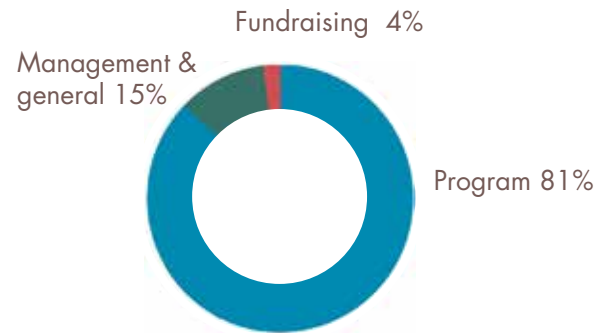
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**FISCAL YEAR SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 TO AUGUST 31, 2019**

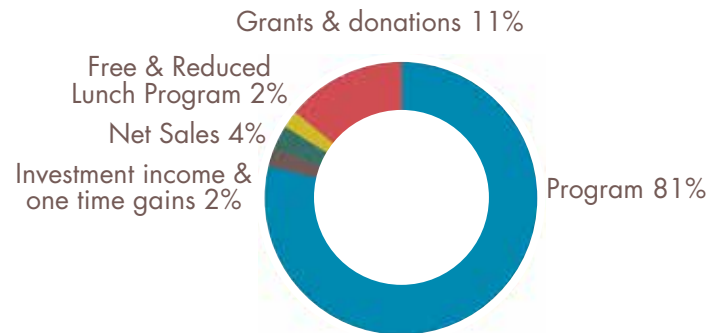
## Expenses

Program services	\$2,426,163
Management & general	454,689
Fundraising	114,223
Total Expenses before Depreciation*	<u>\$2,995,075</u>



## Revenue and Other Support

Program revenue	\$2,191,323
Investment income & one time gains	50,721
Sales (net of expenses)	107,749
Free & reduced lunch program	65,604
Grants & donations	290,754
Total Revenue	<u>\$2,706,151</u>



## Making Waves Campaign

Revenue	\$816,489*
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## Statement of Financial Position

Current assets/cash equivalents	\$602,801	Current liabilities	\$1,878,493
Fixed assets	13,784,254	Restricted net assets	546,732
Investments & supporting funds		Unrestricted net assets	13,067,897
Endowment	352,406		
Board restricted reserve	753,662		
Total Assets	<u>\$15,493,122</u>	Total liabilities & net assets	<u>\$15,493,122</u>

\*Depreciation expense = \$623,042

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