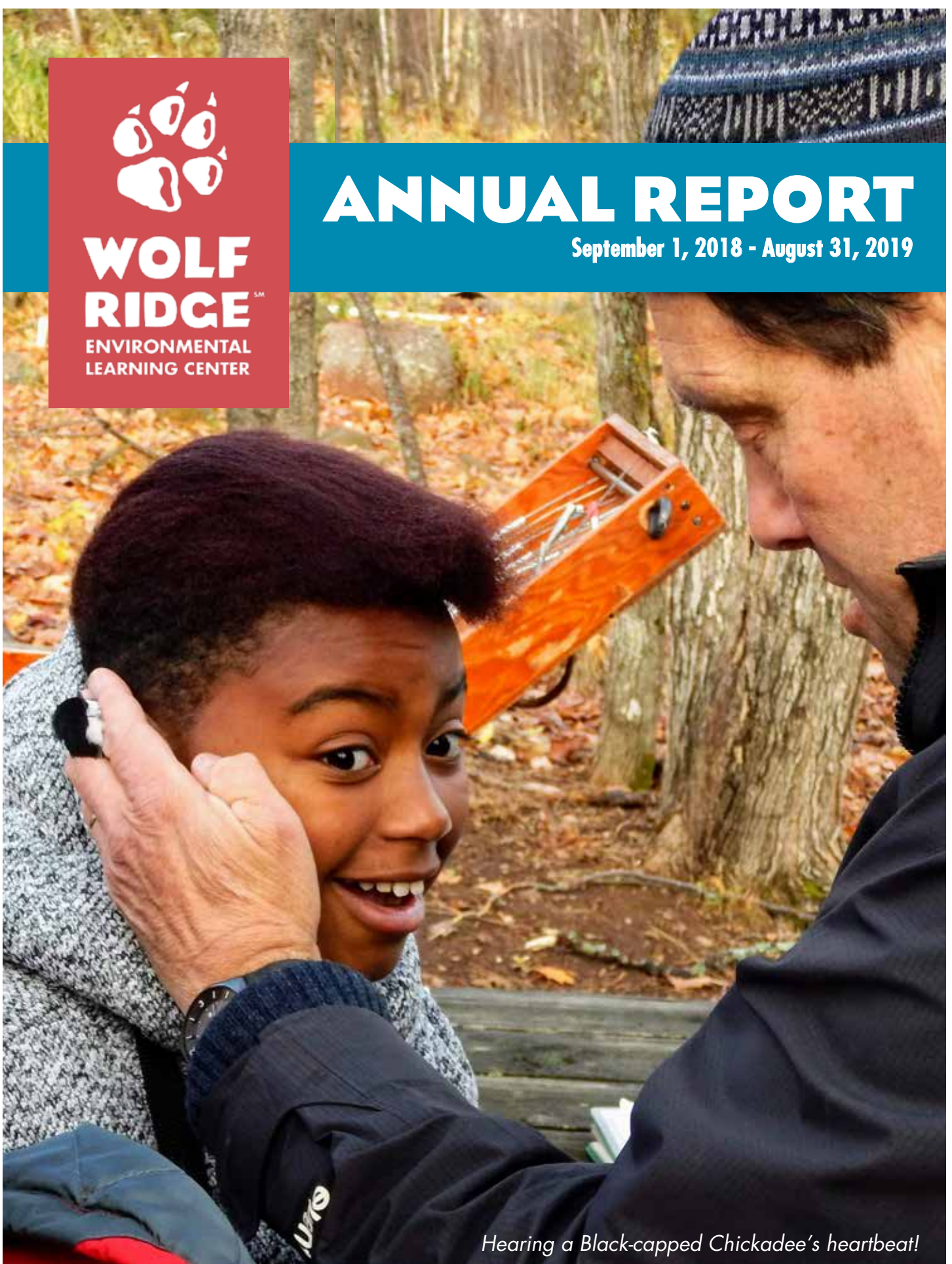




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ANNUAL REPORT

September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019



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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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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
Assoc. of Nature Center
Administators
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Beacon Academy
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Carleton College
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Central Middle School
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Congdon Park Elementary
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Academy
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Hibbing Community College
Hilltop Primary
Hinckley-Finlayson Elementary
Holy Name of Jesus School

Holy Trinity School
Homecroft Elementary
Hope Community Academy
Hopkins Summer Field Biology
Humboldt High School
IBP Bird Banding Trainings
Imhotep Science Academy
Intl Spanish Language Academy
Jeffers Pond Elementary
John Ireland Catholic School
Jordan Middle School
Jorich Yoga Retreat
King Of Grace Lutheran
Klecker Family
Lake Superior Youth Chorus
Lakewood Elementary
Laura MacArthur Elementary
Leave No Trace Master Educator
Lester Park School
Lowell Elementary School
Loyola Catholic School
LSS One Program
Manvel Public School
Maple Lake Elementary
Marcy Open School
Marquette Catholic School
Marshall County Central HS
McGuire Middle School
Minnehaha Elementary
Minnesota New Country School
Minnetonka Middle School East
Minto School
MN Waldorf
Murray Jr. High
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Red Cedar School
Redtail Ridge Elementary
Richard R. Green Central Park School

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Schoolcraft Learning Community
Shell Lake School District
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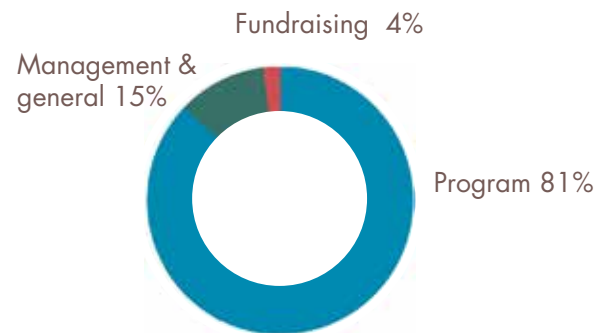
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FISCAL YEAR SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 TO AUGUST 31, 2019

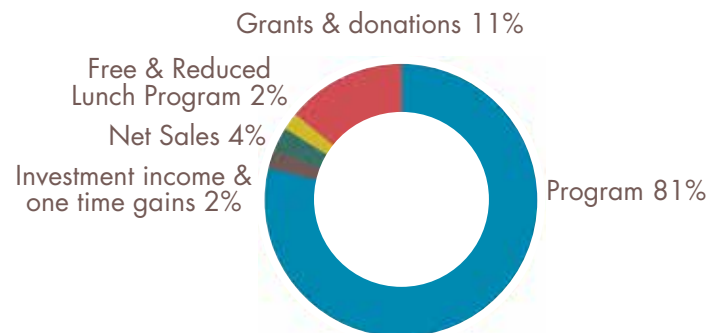
Expenses

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

Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center is a nonprofit, tax exempt organization under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. This financial information is drawn from the audited financial statements by the accounting firm Esterbrooks, Scott, Signorelli, Peterson, Smithson, Ltd.



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