



2023-2024

Impact Report



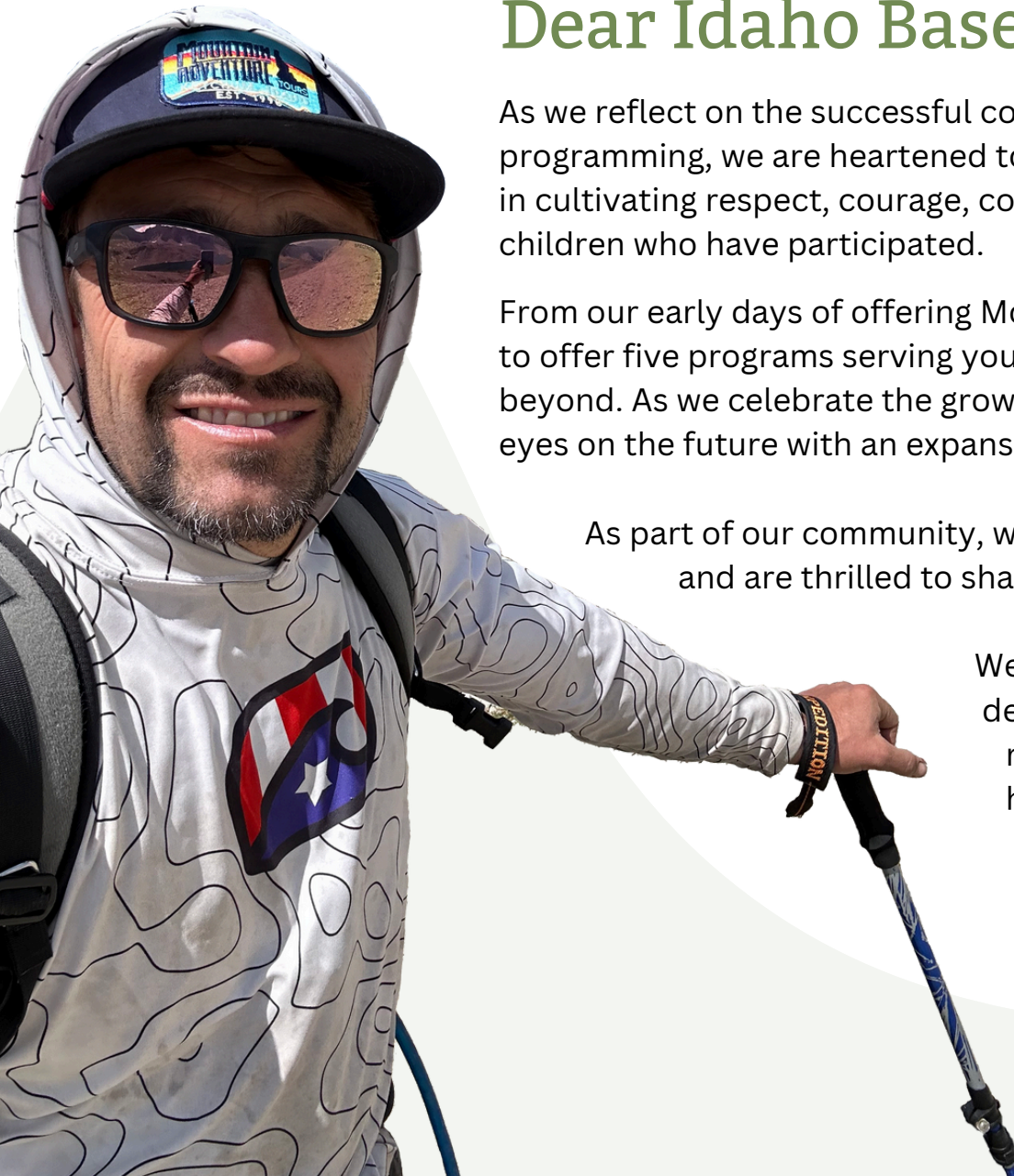


WHY DOES IBC EXIST?– Idaho BaseCamp gets kids outside to develop the next generation of confident, empathetic, and kind leaders.

HOW DO WE DO THIS?– Idaho BaseCamp cultivates personal responsibility, courage, respect, and connection through transformative outdoor adventure education.

WHAT SETS US APART? – Idaho BaseCamp provides intentional spaces for genuine play where childlike wonder and unadulterated joy can thrive.





Dear Idaho BaseCamp Community,

As we reflect on the successful completion of our 27th year of programming, we are heartened to witness the positive impact IBC has had in cultivating respect, courage, connection, and personal responsibility in children who have participated.

From our early days of offering Mountain Adventure Tours, we have grown to offer five programs serving youth ages 4-14 in the Wood River Valley and beyond. As we celebrate the growth of our five programs, we also have our eyes on the future with an expansion of our programming opportunities.

As part of our community, we're grateful for your ongoing support and are thrilled to share a bit about the past year with you.

We are proud to see the growth and development of our participants as a result of their IBC experience. You have helped make this possible. Thank you!

With gratitude,

Mat Gershater
Founder & Executive Director



Our Programs

Mountain Adventure Tours

Our signature summer camp, Mountain Adventure Tours, provides engaging outdoor experiences for children aged 4-13, with a focus on personal responsibility, life skills, and respect for the environment and the communities in which we live.



Explorers Program

In partnership with Far + Wise, the Explorers programs offers after-school outdoor enrichment and education to cohorts of 3rd to 5th grade students from the Wood River Valley, helping them learn and explore the natural world as they progress through childhood into adulthood.



Outdoor Hispanic Leaders Program (OHL)

The Outdoor Hispanic Leadership program offers free after-school enrichment for Wood River Middle School students, with weekly adventures and engaging curriculum designed to foster the personal growth of Hispanic youth and their communities.



Sahm 5th Grade Outdoor Education Program

This 3-day, 2-night outdoor program is offered for free to all 5th graders enrolled in public school and currently serves over six Idaho counties. Students gain confidence, resilience, and a stronger sense of self, all while building meaningful connections with their peers, teachers, and the natural world.



Sprouts Kinderschool

Sprouts Kinderschool provides a creative learning experience for children aged 4-6 year olds, modeled on the Waldorf curriculum.



“The magic of IBC is that children learn about the wilderness through play. It builds confidence and a powerful affinity with nature.”

~ IBC Parent





“We get to go on fun adventures! We make a lot of new friends. And you get to push your limits. No matter what, the counselors are always great!”

~ Camper, age 11



Key Achievements

In the past year, Idaho BaseCamp continued to expand its programs, reaching more children and communities. Notable achievements include:

27th season of Mountain Adventure Tours

Served 438 children (up 22%) during 60 camp sessions (up 33%) during our summer 2024 MAT season.

Providing \$34,000 of scholarships to support 20 children attending camps.

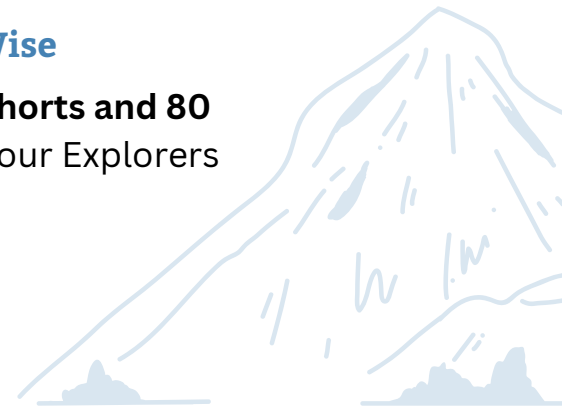


Expansion of Outdoor Hispanic Leaders Program

Program now includes 26 participants, **an increase of 67%** from the previous year.

Growing partnership with Far + Wise

Our partnership now supports **4 cohorts and 80 children** (increase of 33%) through our Explorers program.



Expansion of our Sahm 5th Grade Program

The continued outreach of our 5th grade program now serves **approximately 500 5th Grade students from 16 schools** across 6 counties in Idaho at Big Lost Campus (0% increase - at facility capacity).

Housing for the community

Through the opening of our employee housing, we have successfully provided **housing for more than 15 individuals** across 4 local non-profits.

Fourth year of Sprouts Kinderschool

The beginning of our fourth year with Sprouts **growing our enrollment by 20%.**



Financial Summary

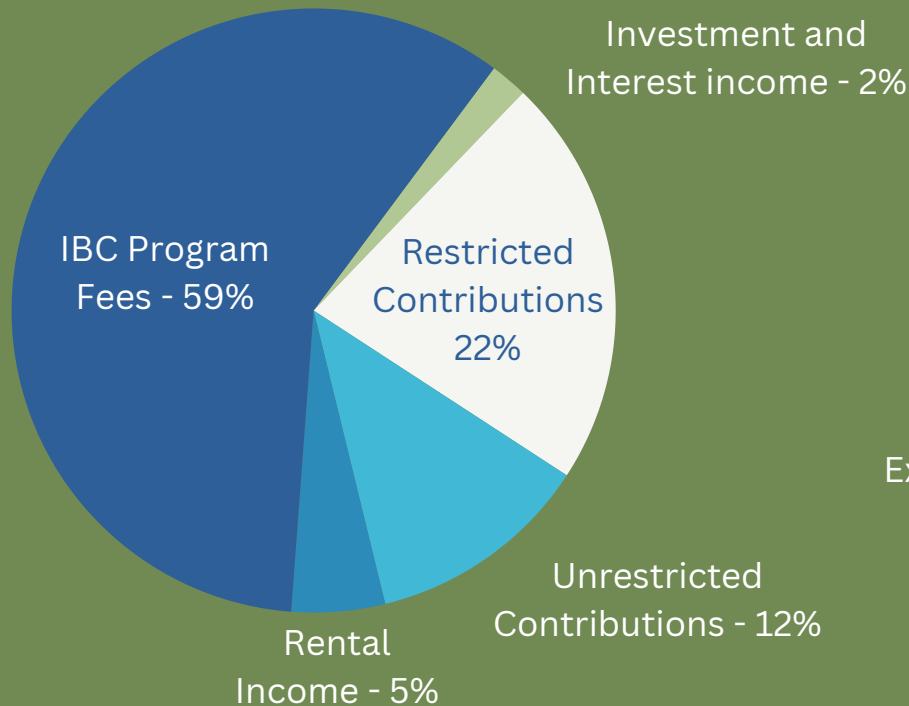
The financial summary for the year highlights steady growth in income and expenditures, driven by program expansions and increased participant numbers. Notable financial highlights include:

- **Raised almost \$400,000 in operational funds**
 - **136 individual donors**
 - **11 foundations (4 of which were new to IBC)**
- **Raised additional \$689,000 in capital campaign funds, bringing our total to 31% of foundational funds toward our \$7.8mm capital campaign**
 - **2 foundations**
 - **4 individual donors**
- **IBC fiscal year runs from Sept 1 to Aug 31**



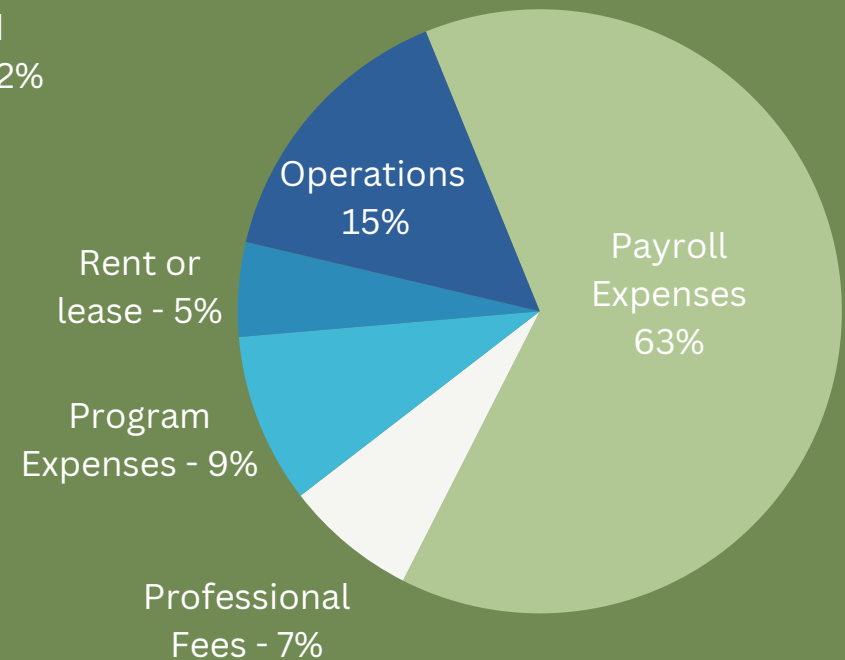
Fiscal Year Revenue

Total Revenue
\$1,148,827



Fiscal Year Expenses

Total Expenses
\$1,173,983*



* We're investing in the future of IBC by increasing our staff capacity to fundraise. The increased expenses reflect that added investment.

Challenges & Opportunities

Idaho BaseCamp is in the midst of an exciting and dynamic growth phase, marked by the demands and opportunities of programmatic expansion. As we work to meet the increasing needs of our rapidly growing programs, we are focused on enhancing our capacity to deliver impactful experiences through initiatives like Outdoor Hispanic Leaders, Explorers, and 5th Grade programming.

These programs are thriving and offer tremendous potential for further growth, deeper community engagement, and broader impact. By focusing on scaling our infrastructure and resources, we are building a strong foundation to fully realize the vision and transformative potential of these initiatives.





Foundations & Partnerships

Idaho BaseCamp has received significant support from various donors and partners, which has been instrumental in its success. Key partnerships include collaborations with local schools, community organizations, and environmental groups. Volunteer contributions have also played a crucial role, with many community members dedicating their time and skills to support the programs.

A few of our supporting foundations and partners:

Blaine County School District

Far + Wise

Horizon Foundation

Idaho National Laboratories

Marshall Frankel Foundation

CHIF St. Luke's

Sahm Family Foundation

Silver Family Foundation

Springcreek

Wood River Women's Foundation



Goals for the Upcoming Year

- Expand the OHL program to develop a leadership succession component
- Maximize enrollment of our Sprouts Kinderschool
- Develop inroads for long-term funding for Sahm 5th Grade program
- Raise funds for Big Lost Expansion campaign
- Complete the Big Lost Expansion construction
- Expand Board of Directors



Ways to Give

Donate directly

Idaho BaseCamp welcomes annual contributions and recurring monthly gifts. Scan the QR code to give online.



Recommend a grant from donor advised fund

You can use our Tax ID: #27-342-7884 to recommend a grant from your donor advised fund.

Transfer stocks or securities

Avoid capital gains taxes and provide a federal income tax deduction for the current market value of your gift by donating appreciated stocks and bonds.

Make a legacy gift

Remember Idaho BaseCamp in your will or living trust. Reach out to us for more information.





IBC's Board of Directors

- Jamie Everitt
- Jack Gilligan
- Jennie Gershater Lopez
- Whitney McNees
- Anne Nielsen
- Brooks Preston
- Jeff Rose



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