

Team UP La Plata Summer Activity Scholarship Program



Reducing barriers for at-risk and financially limited youth in participating in summer programming and activities

Summer activities are critical for youth wellbeing and development, but due to program costs and other barriers, many La Plata County students are unable to participate. These students often spend summers home alone, relying on technology for entertainment and connection, with little to no social interaction, physical exercise, or enrichment.

Instead, Team UP's Scholarship Program connects them with meaningful, high quality summer activities so they can have the same opportunities to learn and grow as their peers.

Over the past two summers, we have:

- issued 887 'summer activity scholarships'
- provided enrichment opportunities for 744 students
- invested over \$260,000 in our community

2024 Impact:



531 kids served

(that's more than 6% of school-aged youth in La Plata County!)



675 'scholarships' administered



15 different summer program partners



Over \$200,000 invested in accessible high quality summer enrichment with an additional \$170,000+ match from our partners



64% of youth made new friends and 55% experienced improved emotional wellbeing



Without this program....

- 48% of parents would have spent more of their income on childcare
- 43% of parents would have reduced their work hours
- 23% of parents would have taken more sick leave
- 18% of kids would have been unsupervised during those times



72 Bayfield youths received 6-month passes to the SunUte Community Center



75+ students channeled their creativity with visual and performing arts



80+ dove into science and experiential learning



77+ students received one on one mentorship with a trusted adult



37 kids received grief services



110+ connected with the outdoors and through hiking, camping, and adventure sports