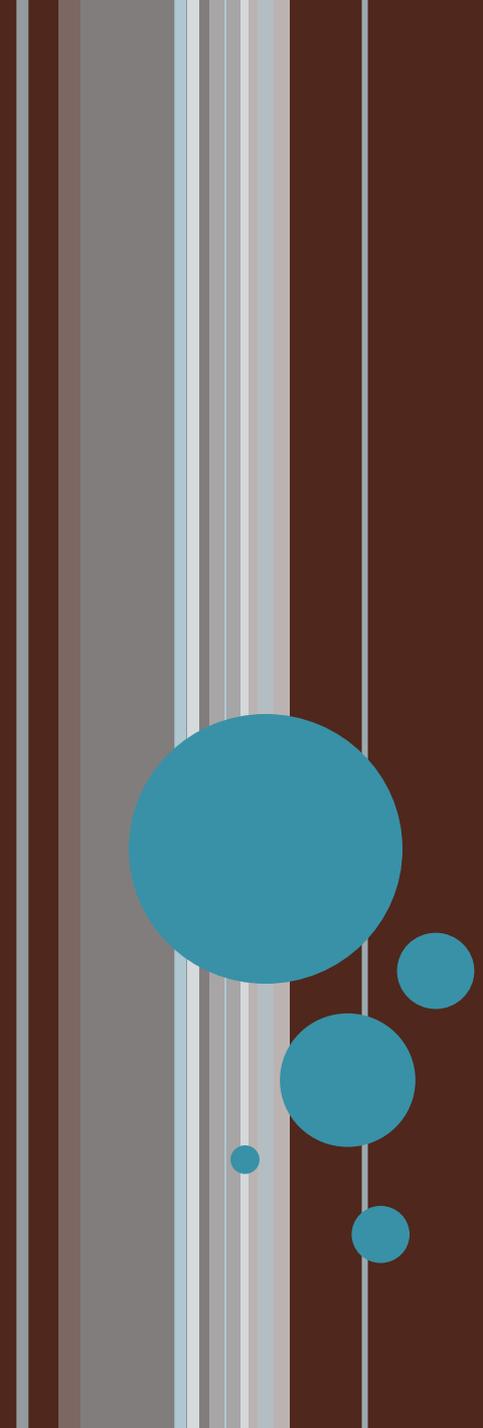


2013 END-OF-YEAR OVERVEIW

**Outreach, Education and Volunteer Programs
February 11, 2014**

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2013 FACTS AND FIGURES

Volunteer Program
Education Program



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM 2013

WHAT WE DID...

- 8 Adopt A Trail Projects
- 15 Group Service Projects
- 4 Special Events
- 26 Campground Hosts
- 3 Resource Mtg Monitoring Projects
- And 14,802 hours total from individuals and groups in 2013
- 220 Registered Volunteers (WIP)



**2013 hours are still coming in*



TRAINING

○ VRA

- VRA screening, interviewing, and selection
- Ranger staff able to focus on field responsibilities and making volunteers happy
- New 5 year long MOU with City of Fort Collins
- Continuing Education Classes Offered

○ Park Ranger/Boat Ranger Assistants

- Continuous Recruitment and Training
 - Leads at each location for training
 - More hands on training
 - Senior Tax Workers not enough for coverage



HORSETOOTH BEFORE...



2013 GROUPS

- In-Situ
- Overland Mountain Bike Club
- Team B.O.B
- Poudre Learning Academy
- LCHA
- C.A.T.S.
- Centennial Bass Club
- HP Staff
- Girl Scouts
- NC3
- Trailcology
- ASU
- Loveland Jr. ROTC
- Front Range Forestry



HORSETOOTH AFTER...



LAND STEWARDSHIP AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

○ Monitoring

- Prairie Dog Colonies
- Columbines in Hermit Park
- Rattlesnakes at Devils Backbone
- Raptors?

○ Team Projects

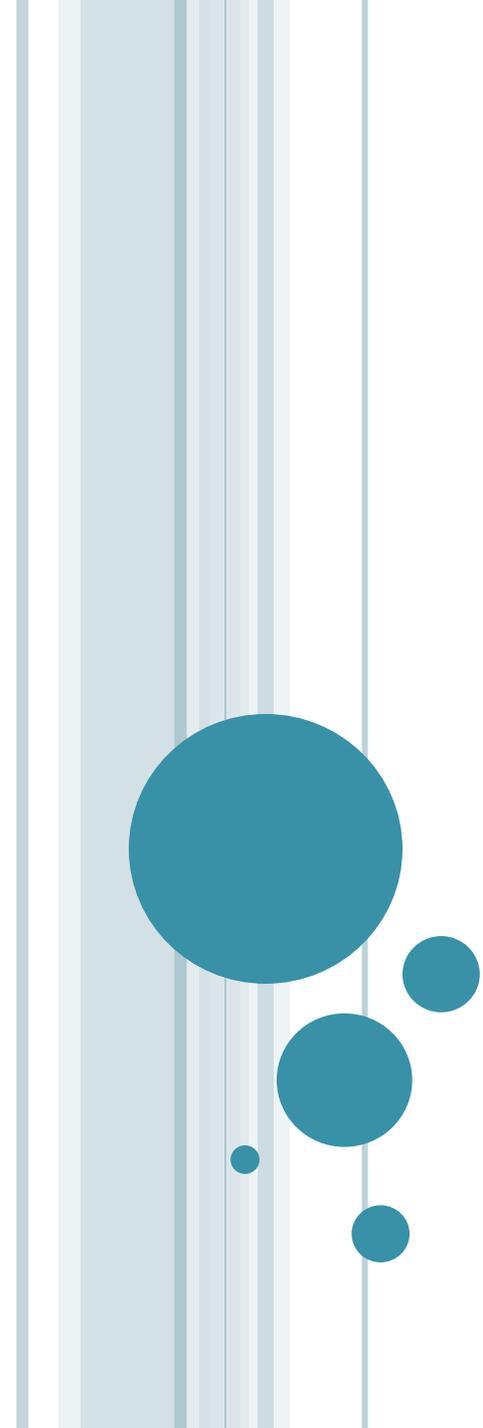
- 3 Bells Russian Olive Removal
- River Bluffs Weeds and Restorations
- Lions Open Space Buckthorn Removal
- Fire Scar Restoration at Hermit Park



PARKS AND OPEN LANDS PROJECTS

- 23 Projects with over 200 volunteers





**2013 EDUCATION PROGRAM
FACTS AND FIGURES**

EDUCATION PLANNING AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

- School field trip brochure for teachers
- In progress:
 - Foothills Plant and Flower Guide
 - Junior Ranger Guide
 - Horsetooth Mountain Open Space Curriculum



VOLUNTEER AND EDUCATION TRAININGS

- VRA, PA and CGH trainings
- Naturalist training
 - 2 new active volunteer naturalists
- 4 continuing education opportunities for volunteers
 - Train The Trainer-CPR/First Aid



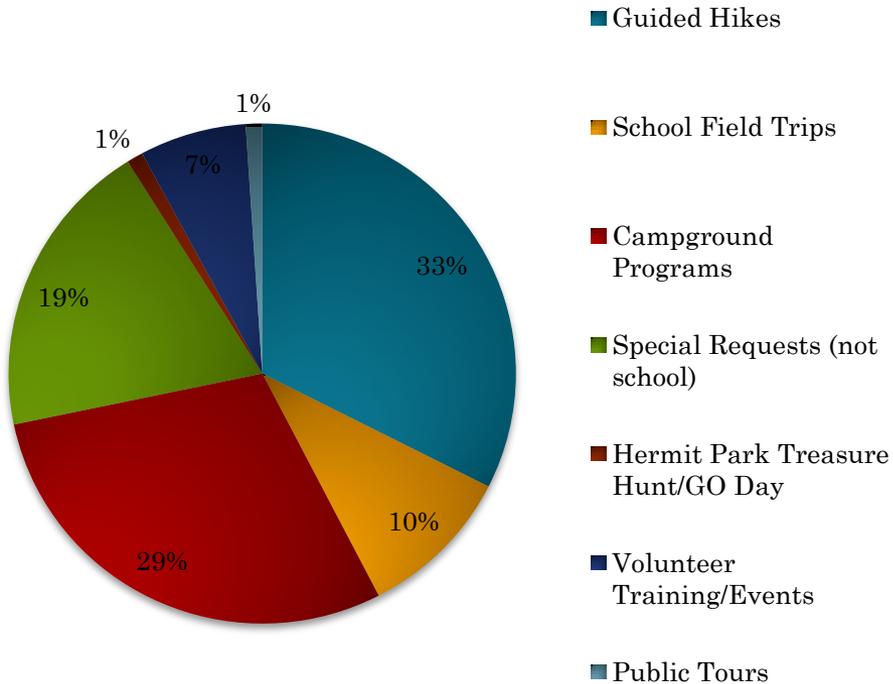
PROGRAMMING AND OUTREACH

- Total outreach impact for Education Program
 - 191 events for 6372 members of the public
- Decrease in number of programs, but increase (21%) in participants/program

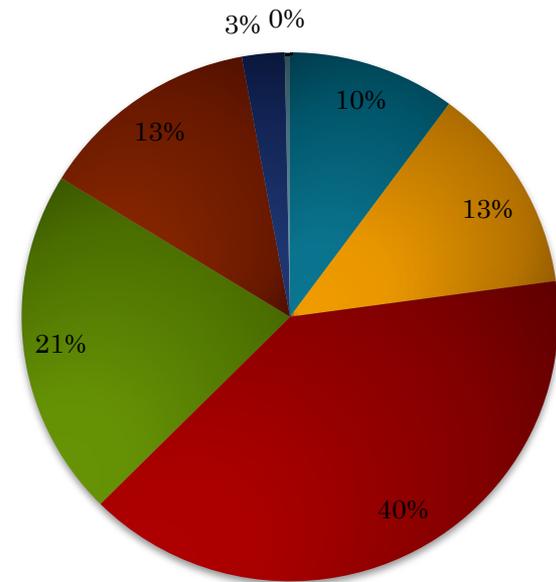


2013 NUMBER OF PROGRAMS AND PARTICIPANTS BY CATEGORY

Number of Programs by Category

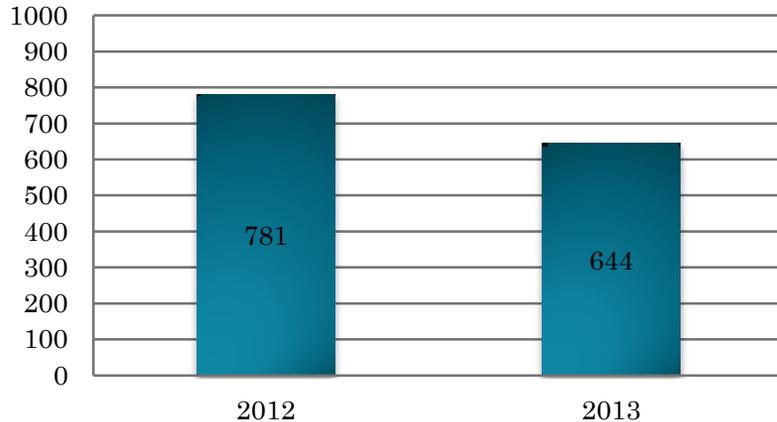


Number of Participants by Category

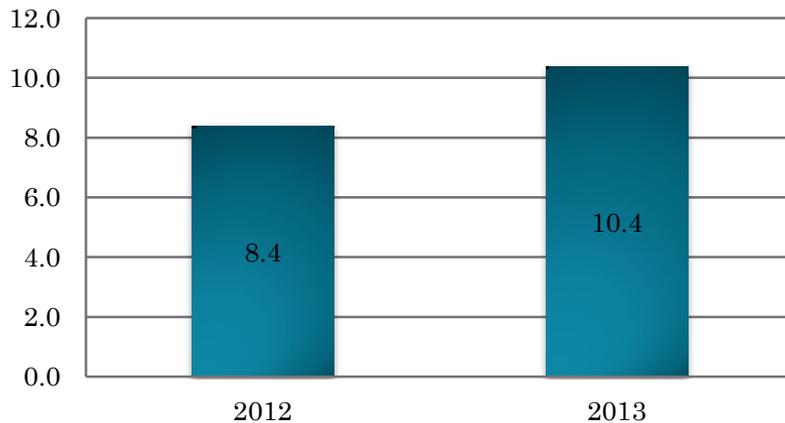


GUIDED HIKES

Guided Hike Participants



Guided Hike Participants per Program



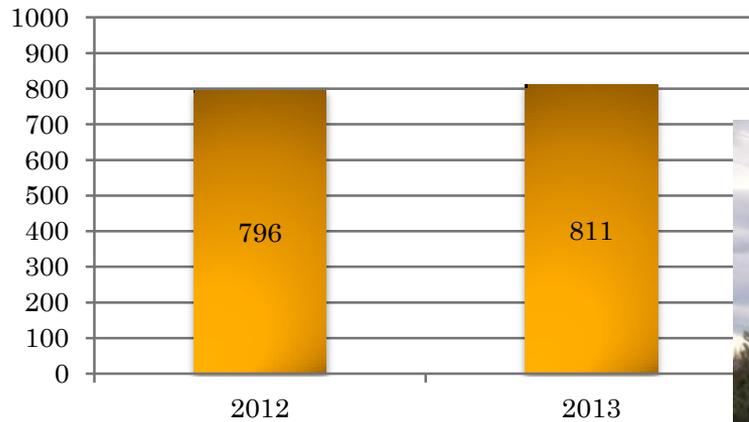
- 62 guided hikes reaching 644 members of the public
- 33% decrease in number of programs
- 24% increase in participants per program



SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

- 19 field trips reaching 811 students

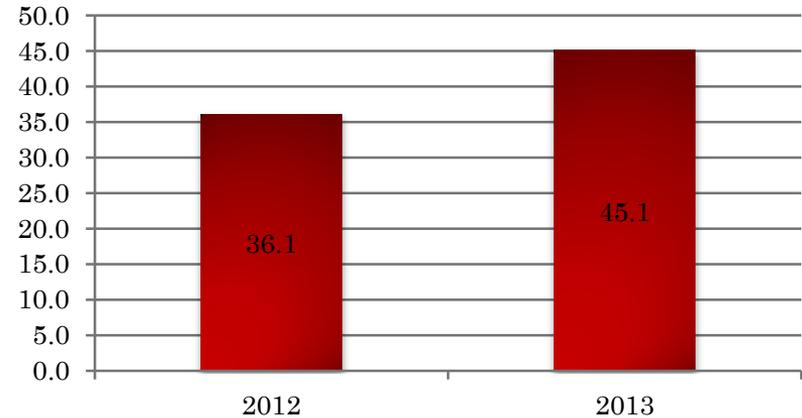
School Field Trip Participants



CAMPGROUND PROGRAMS

- 56 campground programs for 2527 members of the public
- Steady number of programs; 25% increase in program participation

Participants per Program



SPECIAL REQUESTS

- 37 special request programs reaching 1356 members of the public
- 12% decrease in number of programs, 30% decrease in attendance
 - Less participation at Fort Collins Children's Water Festival (~100 people)
 - No outdoor skills day or Rocky Mountain National Park Bioblitz (~500 people)



NUMBER OF PROGRAMS BY AREA

Area	Guided Hikes	CG Programs	School Field Trips	Special Requests	Other**	Grand Totals
Outside of System	15	0	7	25	2	49
Open Lands*	43	0	12	8	10	73
Horsetooth Reservoir Parks	0	9	0	4	0	13
LCNR Admin Offices/Courthouse Offices	0	0	0	0	4	4
Blue Mtn District	4		0	0	1	52
<i>Hermit Park</i>		19				
<i>Mary's Lake</i>		7				
<i>East Portal</i>		3				
<i>Carter Lake</i>		10				
<i>Flatiron</i>		8				
TOTALS	62	56	19	37	17	191

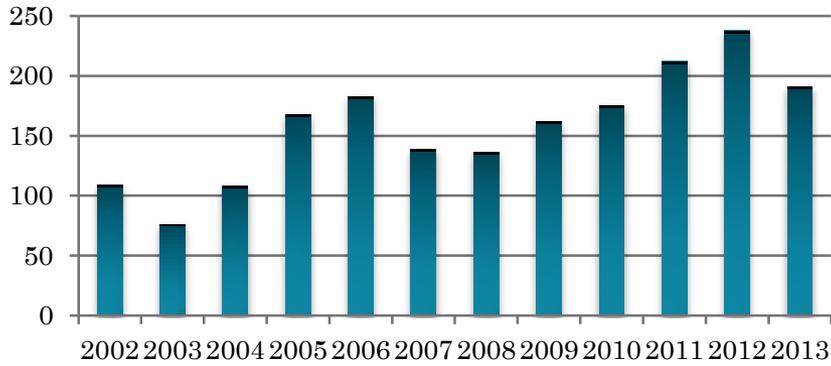
*Includes Conservation Easements

**Hermit Park Treasure Hunt/GO Day, Volunteer Trainings/Events

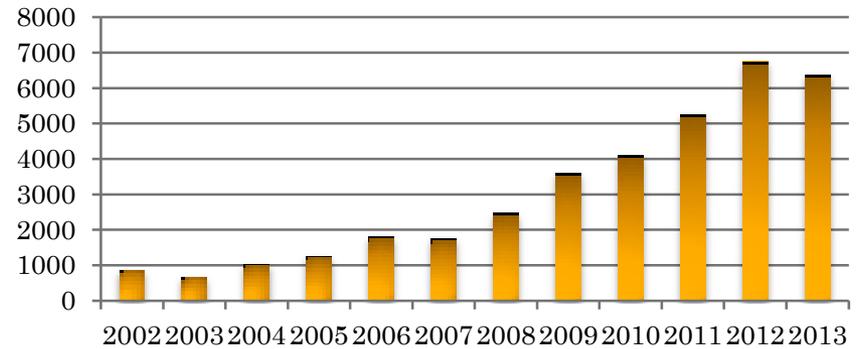


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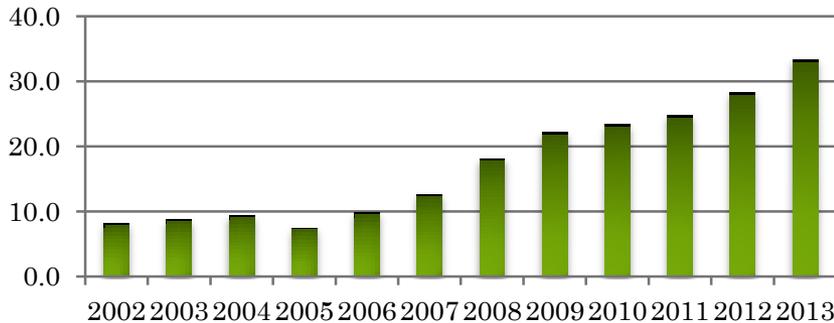
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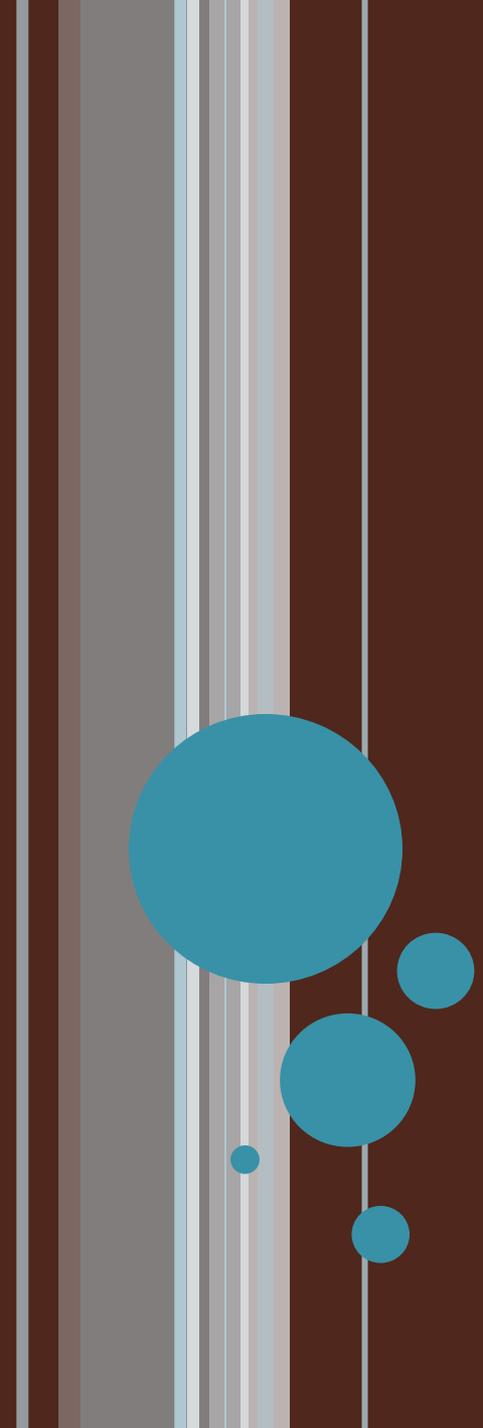


Total Participants



Average Participants per Program



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2013 HIGHS AND LOWS
2014 INITIATIVES

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Highs

- Communication with field staff and volunteers
- Developing the Project Team
- Hands On Trainings
- Volunteer Office Support
- Park Assistant Program
- Cleaning up the database
- Web based recruitment

Lows

- Campground Host turnover
- Senior Tax Worker Program
- PRA Training/2 Different needs
- Volunteers entering hours
- Time needed to become familiar with programs



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM INITIATIVES FOR 2014...

- Increase capacity program wide
- Continued support to field staff that manage volunteers
- Supplemental insurance for volunteers
- Expansion of recruitment efforts
- Increased communication on staff needs
- Weekly updates to designated staff
- Creative use of volunteers
- Internship recruitment and placement
- Photo database management



EDUCATION PROGRAM

Highs

- Increase in participants per program
- Collaboration
 - Junior Ranger Guide
 - Foothills Plant Guide
 - Nature Notes Club

Lows

- Communication
- Relevant educational opportunities



EDUCATION PROGRAM INITIATIVES FOR 2014

- New Volunteer Naturalist training format
- New roles for Volunteer Naturalists
- Technology interactions
- Foothills Plant Guide implementation
- Junior Ranger Guide implementation
- Better communication with field staff

