



DISCOVERY
Center of Idaho

Fiscal Year 2018
ANNUAL REPORT





On behalf of the entire staff and Board of Trustees of the Discovery Center of Idaho, we wish to extend our gratitude for your incredible support of the Center.

In FY18, you helped inspire over 107,000 visitors in science, technology, engineering and math through quality, hands-on learning experiences. None of this happens without the generous financial support of our many great partners.

Your support is making a broad, positive impact on Idaho's youth, providing hands-on science education many students may not otherwise experience. For thirty years, the Discovery Center has been helping our Idaho communities become more scientifically literate, curious, and empowered to explore. And we're extremely excited for the future. There has never been a better time to be part of Idaho's only hands-on science center. We're committed to providing world-class feature exhibitions, engaging adult programming and educational programs that inspire Idaho students in STEM learning and careers. Thank you -- we're truly grateful for all of our partners who help make the Discovery Center a premier science center for Idaho.

Sincerely,

Eric Miller
Executive Director

Christopher McCurdy
President, Board of Directors

Mission and Vision

The mission of the Discovery Center is to inspire lifelong interest and learning in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). We believe learning is fun and enhances minds and lives. As Idaho's only hands-on science center, the Discovery Center creates a community that is more scientifically literate, curious and empowered to explore.

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FY18 HIGHLIGHTS



VISITORS TO THE CENTER

107,054

visitors experienced Idaho's only hands-on science center

FIELD TRIP PROGRAM

233

field trips visited the Discovery Center

14,274

field trip participants experienced hands-on STEM learning

\$109,323

in reduced-cost admissions were provided with 55% of field trip participants qualifying for the highest level of support

70

Idaho teachers participated in our Teacher Preview Nights



RURAL OUTREACH PROGRAM

38

rural Idaho schools reached

12,594

students taught by Discovery Center Rural Outreach Educators

153

families reached through Family STEM Programming

27

teachers reached through Teacher Professional Development

STEM CAMPS

20

STEM camps offered

375

campers spent a total of 8,460 hours learning with Discovery Center Camp Educators



YOUR IMPACT

The Discovery Center of Idaho is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. It is because of your support we can continue our work providing hands-on STEM learning opportunities for all ages.

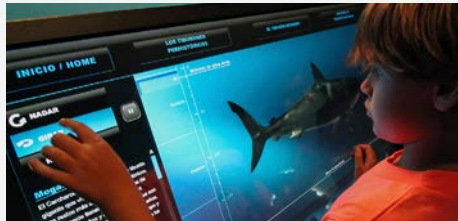
FEATURED EXHIBITIONS

The Discovery Center of Idaho's exhibitions and exhibits bring science, technology, engineering, and math to life for over one hundred thousand visitors of all ages each year, making learning fun while enhancing minds and lives.



Designed and built by the Discovery Center's talented in-house exhibition team, **H2Whoa!** engaged 36,100 visitors with interactive exhibits that explored how water is precious, scarce, and essential for life, particularly here in Idaho.

Presented By:  **suez**



A total of 46,706 visitors to the Discovery Center experienced **Planet Shark: Predator or Prey**, diving into the incredible underwater world of sharks – without even getting their feet wet. Visitors were able to trace millions of years of evolution, come face-to-face with the great white shark, learn the true impact of the shark fin trade, and gain a whole new level of respect for the ocean's oldest and most effective predator.

Presented By:  **STEM**
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MythBusters: The Explosive Exhibition

MythBusters, the Discovery Channel's Emmy® nominated TV series, inspired a generation to inquire, interact and get involved with science using experimentation to prove or disprove popular myths, misconceptions, or legends. MythBusters: The Explosive Exhibition provided an opportunity for 31,819 Discovery Center visitors to do the same.

Presented By:  **STEM**
ACTION CENTER

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Camps

Discovery Center Camps offer a unique setting where students can fall in love with computer science, robotics, biology, engineering, and much more through meaningful, hands-on learning experiences. The Discovery Center hosted 20 camps in FY18 with a total of 375 student participants. Students spent a total of 8,460 hours learning with Discovery Center Camp Educators.

Sponsors:  **STEM** ACTION CENTER  **AT&T** **The Hackborn Foundation**



Field Trip Program

The Discovery Center hosted 233 field trips with a total of 14,274 participants in FY18. Through the generous support of community partners and individual donors, the Discovery Center was able to provide \$109,323 in field trip admission assistance. A total of 73% of students that participated in the field trip program qualified for additional scholarships, and of those participants 55% qualified for the highest scholarship level due to financial need. You made this possible and are impacting the lives of thousands of Idaho's underserved students - *Thank You!*

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"The Kids LOVED running in the rain (and everything!). It was awesome to overhear them collaborating and using the Scientific Method all on their own."

Rural Outreach Program

Through the generous support of the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation, the Discovery Center's Rural STEM Outreach Program reached a total of 12,594 students, 27 teachers, 153 families, and 38 rural schools in FY18. The Program provides hands-on science education programming throughout Southern Idaho through science assemblies, classroom engineering activities, teacher professional development, and family-science nights.

Sponsor: 



"This program has students thinking in ways they don't get to every day. Love the problem solving process."

SPECIAL EVENTS



2,427

members treated to after-hours events complete with science on Member Mondays.

'kids at heart' engaged in five Adult Nights with lectures and activities around a specific theme.



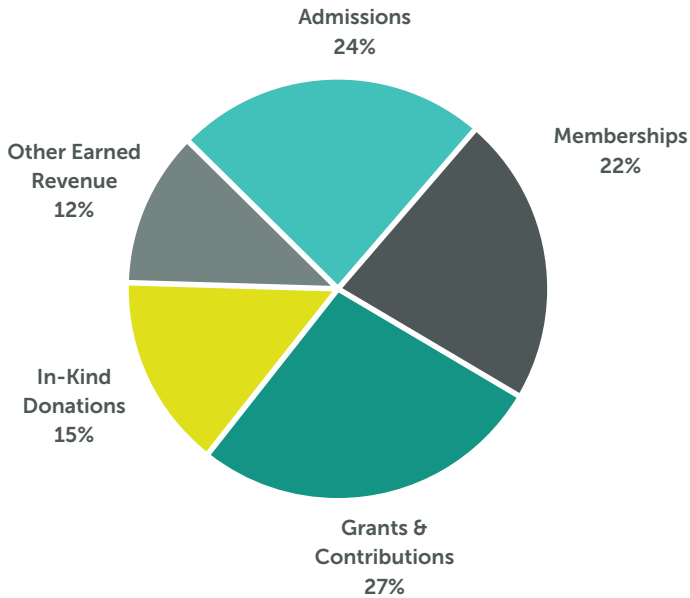
1,687

visitors received free entry to the Discovery Center thanks to Micron Math Sunday Funday. Made possible by the generous support of the Micron Foundation.



2,500+

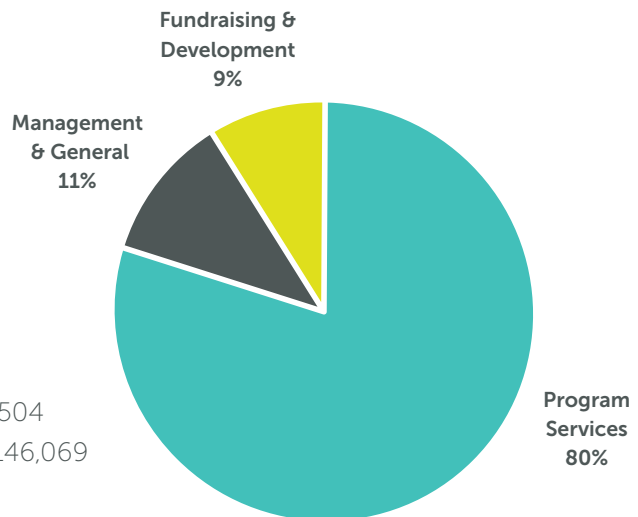
REVENUE



- Admissions: \$481,897
- Memberships: \$456,320
- Grants & Contributions: \$546,823
- In-Kind Donations: \$310,830
- Other Earned Revenue: \$236,911

Total Revenue: \$2,032,781

EXPENSES



- Program Services: \$1,576,213
- Management & General: \$186,504
- Fundraising & Development: \$146,069

Total Expenses: \$1,908,786

SUPPORT FROM CORPORATIONS, FOUNDATIONS, AND GOVERNMENT

\$100,000+



(In-Kind Support)

\$99,999 - \$25,000



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“So much fun while learning STEM! Thank you!”

- Idaho Teacher, STEM Field Trip Program



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