



The mission of Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center is to expand the potential of people with disabilities and special needs through meaningful, educational, and inspiring outdoor experiences.

BOEC Fact Sheet

Established in 1976, Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center (BOEC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit educational organization, accredited by the Association of Experiential Education and the Professional Ski Instructors Association. BOEC is an active chapter of Move United and a promoter of Leave No Trace. BOEC is a certified and permitted operator on US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands and rivers.

Programs are offered throughout the year, including open enrollment courses for individuals and custom-designed courses for groups, agencies, and organizations. Activities include downhill and cross country skiing, snowboarding, and snowshoeing in the winter; rock climbing, wilderness camping, rafting, canoeing, paddle boarding, adaptive cycling, high and low ropes courses, and team initiatives in the summer.

This marks BOEC's 46th year of proudly serving adults and children with a wide array of disabilities and special needs from throughout Colorado and the United States including 10 other countries. In our 2020-21 fiscal year we managed over 4,500 programming days in our Adaptive Ski & Snowboard and Wilderness Programs for nearly 1,400 individual participants.

The three main programs of BOEC are:

- ***Adaptive Ski Program*** – Accessible downhill and cross-country skiing and snowboarding based out of Breckenridge, Keystone, and Copper Mountain Ski Resorts.
- ***Wilderness Program*** – Accessible whitewater rafting, canoeing, camping, backpacking, snowshoeing, ropes course, climbing wall, and team initiatives. Offering multi-day camps at our 39-acre Breckenridge program site and also travel to scenic outdoor areas in Colorado and Utah.
- ***Internship Program*** – A full immersion training program allowing individuals to get a unique hands-on experience working every aspect of a world-renowned adaptive outdoor therapeutic recreation, and sports non-profit.

The Wilderness Campus is a 39-acre parcel of land in Breckenridge at the base of Peak 9 in Summit County, Colorado. The campus features a sub-alpine lake, a modern lodge and cabin facilities, a ropes course, and accessible trails.

BOEC provides nearly \$260,000 per year in scholarships for participants in financial need. These funds are raised from generous individuals, foundations, corporations, and government agencies from around the country. In addition, general operating funds are raised through a series of special events and from a wide variety of donors to keep overall tuitions as low as possible.

BOEC's greatest contributors and partners are Breckenridge Ski Resort, Keystone Ski Resort, Copper Mountain Ski Resort, Vail Resorts EpicPromise, the Town of Breckenridge, and Blue River Sports/Mountain Wave. Without their support, the BOEC would not be possible.

**BRECKENRIDGE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER
FISCAL YEAR DEMOGRAPHICS
2020-21**

BOEC is very proud of the number of participants we were able to serve in 2020-21 despite the ongoing pandemic. These numbers are skewed from a “normal” year due to the Adaptive Ski & Snowboard Program operating at half capacity, all residential Wilderness Programs being canceled over the 2020-21 winter season, and limited programming during the 2021 summer.

	Ski	Wild	Total Ski/ Wild	Total All Programs
Unique Individuals Served	633	762		1,395*
Programming days	1,955	2,565		4,520
Adults (24+)	31%	25%		28%
All Youth (3-23)	69%	75%		72%
Male				55%
Female				40%
Gender Not Indicated				5%
Participants from CO				61%
Participants From Out of State	48%	30%	41%	39%
Amount of Scholarship	\$47,505	\$29,445	\$76,950	\$139,147
% of Individuals on Scholarship				58%
% of Program Days Utilizing Scholarship				28%
Veterans		56 veteran participants**	\$62,197 funding	

**As offerings grow, several participants are starting to participate across both the Ski and Wilderness Programs, therefore some participants may be duplicated. This total participant number also includes military participants.*

***All military ski programs were canceled and a limited number of summer military programs were offered in 2020-21.*

****Historically, participants have hailed from all 50 states + Washington, DC. BOEC continues to add to its list of international participants, as this year participants came from over 10 countries, including Australia, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the United Kingdom, and Venezuela.*

*****The Most commonly served disabilities in 2020-2021 were: At-risk youth, autism, ADD/ADHD, amputees, cleft lip & palate, cerebral palsy, developmentally/cognitive/learning disabled, Down syndrome, local youth suffering from social isolation, mental illness, multiple sclerosis, post-traumatic stress disorder, spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, and visually impaired.*