



Field Institute of Taos 2025 COMMUNITY REPORT



FITaos was founded in 1996 with the mission of providing hands-on, nature-based outdoor experiences, promoting connection and healthy, active lifestyles. Thanks to our amazing community, FITaos is celebrating our 30th year of fun-filled, impactful outdoor adventures!



Bike Programs!

2025 was a year of expanded, diverse bike programs including: after school bike clubs, school programs, community outreach, summer camps, special events, race teams, and trail maintenance. Our bike programs instill **independence, physical fitness, mental health, trail etiquette, land stewardship, goal setting, commitment, teamwork, leadership, sense of place, and adventure**. We provide instruction and skills development, access to equipment, and support for youth riders of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. We maintain over 50 bicycles of all sizes so **owning a bike is not a requirement to participate in these programs**.

2025 Highlights: a **high percentage of girls participating in bike programs** (way above the national average), **significant grant funding** for bike programs, an **increase in numbers of qualified coaches on our staff, including youth coaches, and two past participants returning as coaches**. 2025 grant funding and private donations to support bike programs included generous grants from **Outride, LOR Foundation, TCF's Give a Kid a Lift Fund, and more**. We also have the support of many team and event sponsors and partners. These funds combine to help us ensure access to bikes, coaching, and fun for any child who wants to participate.

Ride Your Ride! Susie Fiore – FIT Founder and Bike Program Director



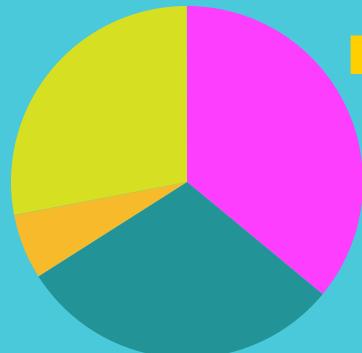
2025 By the Numbers

- 216 hikes with kids
- 48 weeks of summer camp programming
- 203 school program days
- 58 campers served by our free Rio Camps
- 109 campers receiving scholarships
- 13 bike race weekends for youth
- Over 50 bikes in our loaner bike fleet
- 42 hours of SmartMoves community program
- 1 new fiscal partnership with Taos Education Collaborative + 2 new community camps
- 51 Junior Counselors and Counselors-in-Training
- 14+ community events and bike rodeos
- Over \$32,000 awarded in scholarships

*** All FITaos Scholarships are a direct result of grants, gifts from our donors, and fundraising events such as

Rally in the Valley and our 4th of July Duck Race.

Special thanks to TSV's Community Uplift Fund and the Keeler Foundation for their support in 2025!



FITaos Funding Sources



- Donations 36%
- Program Fees 30%
- Events & Sponsorships 6%
- Grants 28%



A Note from our Executive Director

As we enter our 30th year, there is so much to celebrate and look forward to! Thanks to generous grants from the State of New Mexico, including the Trails+ and Outdoor Equity funds, we have several new and exciting projects underway at Base Camp. Our school programs are going strong and we have expanded our partnerships in this area. FITaos' youth leadership program continues to grow with support from the Fullwood Foundation; stay tuned for some additional opportunities for these amazing teens. Ongoing support from La Centra-Sumerlin Foundation, among others, sustains our growing team. Finally, please be on the lookout for upcoming events and a 30th Year Anniversary Party this spring!

I am so grateful to all of you for your welcome to Field Institute of Taos as I finish my first year as director. I am deeply grateful!

Dr. Elizabeth LeBlanc,
FITaos Executive Director

A HUGE Thank You To Our Donors, Board of Directors, Volunteers, and the entire FITaos Community!



2025 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Anansi Charter School
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Taos Charter School
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Taos Whole Community Health
Taos Day School
Taos Land Trust
Taos Pueblo
Taos Ski Valley
Turner Foundation
US Forest Service
Vista Grande High School
Zia Queen Bees



IMPACT AT A GLANCE

Program	Session #	Kid #	Session Days*	Kid Days**
SUMMER MOUNTAIN CAMPS	29	312	116	1244
FIT NEIGHBORHOOD CAMPS	10	226	40	902
RIO FERNANDO CAMPS	5	57	20	228
AFTERSCHOOL BIKE CLUB	4	70	20	350
MS & HS MTB TEAMS	3	43	83	1179
BIKE SUMMER CAMPS	2	23	8	92
TOTALS	53	731	287	3,995

*Session Days: 1-hour to all-day, depending on program

**Kid Days: # of kids per specific session multiplied by # of days per session

Special thanks to our VOLUNTEERS!!!

In 2025, volunteers from across the community gave 672 hours (valued at \$23,520) of their time to support FITaos community events, fundraisers, hikes, bike swaps, and rides. We could not do this without you!



Get Involved for FIT's 30th Year!

www.fitaos.org

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