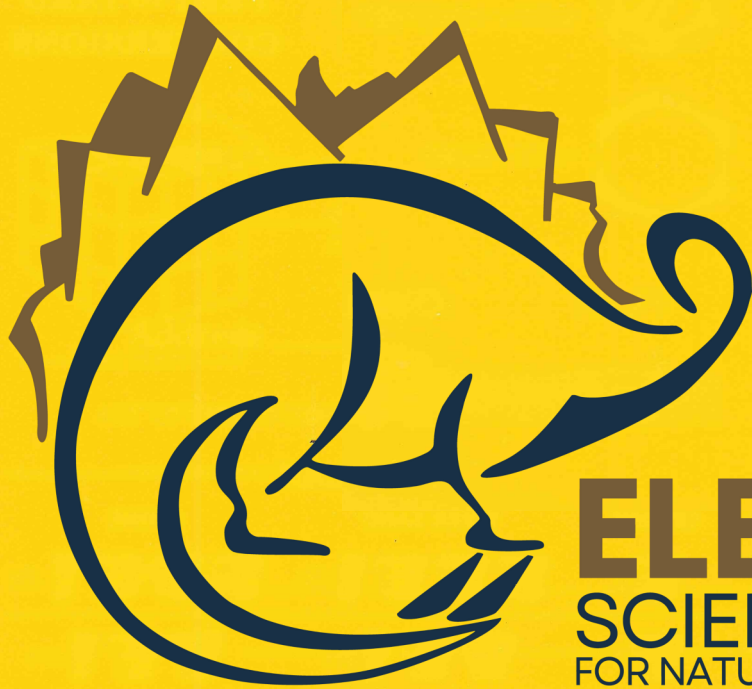


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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

February 28, 2023

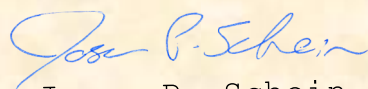
Dear Friends,

In the first half of 2022, we shared the news with you that the time had come to change the name of our organization. Not because our objectives had changed. On the contrary, we needed a name that better reflected the lofty goals and ambitions upon which the organization was founded. Significant and noticeable changes we knew would come with time, but a name change was in order to pave the way forward to meet those objectives. Or so we thought.

Fast forward to the present, and with the benefit of hindsight it's easy to see that the name change came just in time. I'm happy to report that once again, our dynamic and create staff worked throughout the year to produce the most diverse and impactful slate of programming that we've offered to date. Highlights include welcoming well over 25,000 visitors to our Fossil Preparation Lab and kicked off one of the finest internship programs in all of paleontology. To top it off, we also conceived of, designed, developed, and brought to the mass market the Dino Kidz Box – a hands-on STEAM activity unlike any other product out there.

I invite you to read all about these and our many other proud accomplishments in our 2022 Annual Report. I think you'll agree that we continue to set the bar high. You might even say, we're elevating our adventures!

Sincerely,



Jason P. Schein
Founding Executive Director



RESEARCH

Our research efforts are taking shape and picking up steam! Several researchers and collaborations are working on a variety of fascinating and important projects, and we're excited to share them in the coming months and years. With 3.25 tons of fossils, filling a 30' trailer in 2022 alone, we're never going to be short of research projects to pursue!



NEW FIELD INTERNSHIP PROGRAM!

We inaugurated a Field Internship program in summer 2022. Jeb and Daniel — our first two interns — did an outstanding job throughout the field season. They learned how to conduct a paleontology field expedition and taught our participants and members of the public about their research, field techniques, and paleontology in general. They're even getting opportunities to conduct their own research projects with Elevation Science specimens! Both Daniel and Jeb are going places and you should expect to hear their names a lot more in the future!



One of our internship positions was made possible through 2027 thanks to the support of the David B Jones Foundation. Additional internship spots are made possible through the generosity of our donors. To help continue this great program, visit elevationscience.org/internships



Daniel & Jeb in July 2022.

One of many microfossils from the Andersen Area that Daniel & Jeb are researching.

EDUCATION + OUTREACH

2022 was by far our most successful year to date! Thanks to ice cream festivals, 90's Con, pop-up museums, and so many more in-person and virtual events, we reached almost twice as many people as any previous year. The Fossil Prep Lab was more popular than ever, with at least 25,500 visitors from around the world!

In 2022 we engaged with:

- * 2,365 people in-person and virtually, plus;
- * At least 25,500 people at the Fossil Prep Lab!

In total, we reached

27,865

people at

29

 different events & at the Fossil Prep Lab in 2022!!

'22 Field Interns Jeb & Daniel hosting a pop-up museum in Red Lodge, MT.

2022 EDUCATION + OUTREACH PARTNERS



DINO KIDZ BOX!



In 2022 we conceived of, developed, and brought to market a new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math) experience for dino-lovers of all ages! The Dino Kidz Box lets you make a replica of an *Allosaurus* claw that we found in Montana in 2019! We're already working on two more boxes for 2023!



BBPI 2022 Financial Report

Expenses

Science: Field Work & Research	\$264,668.58
Education & Outreach	\$81,857.22
Administrative	\$116,075.45
Fundraising Costs	\$2,204.50
Total Expenses	\$464,805.75

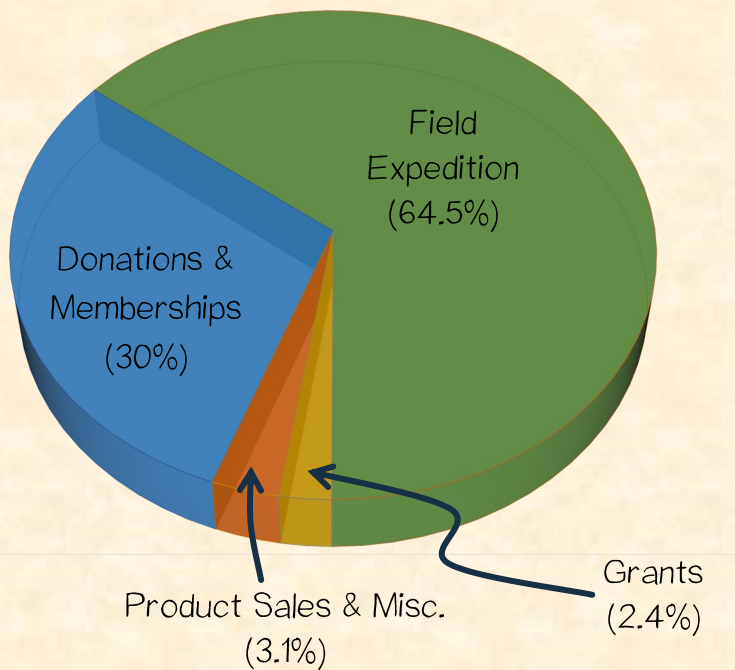


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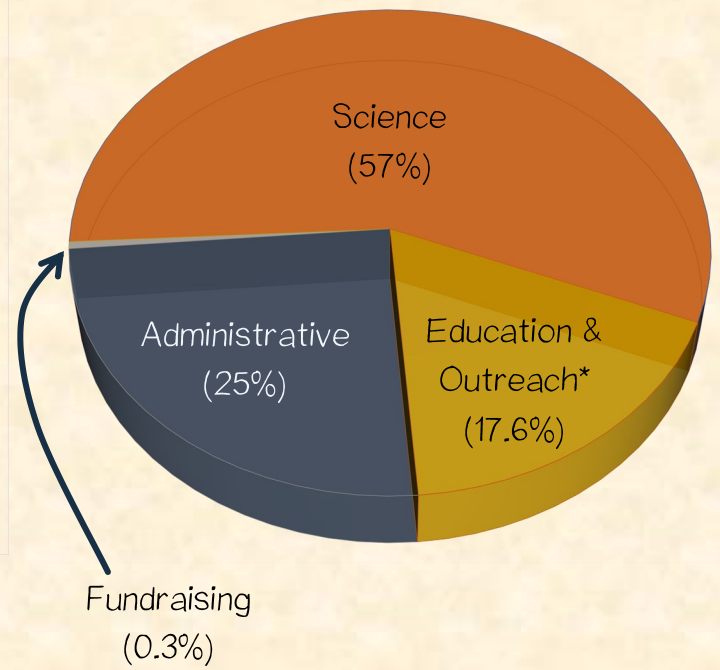
Donations & Memberships	\$147,787.48
2022 Field Expedition	\$317,327.60
Grants	\$11,633.00
Product Sales & Misc. Income	\$15,332.44
Total Revenue	\$492,080.52



2022 Revenue



2022 Expenses



BUILDING A FUTURE FOR THE PAST



It's true!

Thanks to our partnership with the Montana Community Foundation, who helped make the creation of our endowment fund possible, there are so many ways that you can make a difference with cash and non-cash donations. Cattle, real estate, estate planning, stocks, bonds, etc.!

If you are interested in legacy giving or contributing to our endowment fund, please visit www.elevationscience.org/endowment or email dfrancis@elevationscience.org

SOMETIMES ELEVATING TO NEW HEIGHTS REQUIRES GETTING TO SOME HARD TO REACH PLACES

Since our founding, we have been extremely fortunate that the generosity of friends has allowed us to achieve things well beyond our means. As we grow, and as new discoveries take us farther into the unexplored, we realize that we must expand our tool chest to be able to accomodate these dreams of discovery.

With that in mind, this summer, we will be launching a series of fundraisers with a goal to raise enough funds to purchase a UTV (Utility Terrain Vehicle) and a companion trailer.



What impact will this make?

For one, we'll be less dependent on Jason strapping extremely heavy fossil jackets to his back in order to get them out of challenging quarries (As seen in the picture on the left. That jacket was 80+ lbs!) Believe it or not, without the assistance of these kind of vehicles, we have to haul out jackets entirely by hand.

Second, the thing that excites us the most, we'll be able to explore and work in areas that we've previously had to avoid because, while not too difficult to hike in on foot, it would be nearly impossible to get in heavy tools & plaster, let alone get anything excavated out. We know that there are important discoveries waiting for us, just beyond where our trucks and vans can't get to.

If you'd like to contribute towards this goal, keep an eye out for our Jacket Sponsorship, the Fun Run, or donate anytime at elevationscience.org/donate

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Hannah (right), with 2022
Field Intern, Jeb Bugos.



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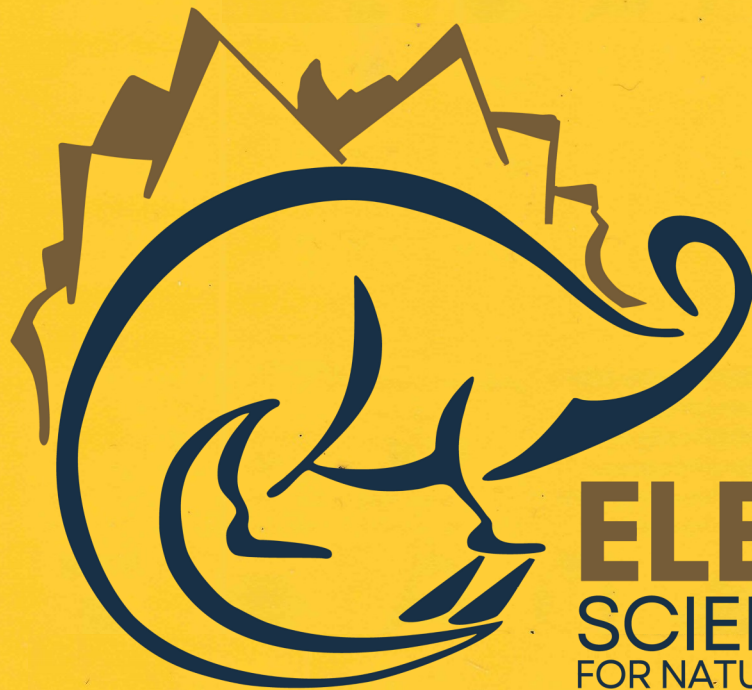
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