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**ARVADA CITY COUNCIL GIVES THE GIFT OF OUTDOOR LEARNING**

Every year, thousands of Jeffco students head to the mountains and the Jeffco Outdoor Lab Schools for a week of learning and a lifetime of memories.

Now, the Arvada City Council is making that experience possible for every Arvada child by making a one-time, \$115,000 financial contribution to pay for the outdoor lab experience.

Jeffco sixth-graders receive a unique educational experience at Windy Peak and Mt. Evans Outdoor Lab schools.

"Every student, regardless of their family's financial resources, should have equal access and opportunity to learn," stated City of Arvada Mayor Marc Williams. "The council recognizes that hard-working families across our city still feel the crunch of an extended, poor economy. The desire by parents exists, but the resources sometimes do not."

"This is an incredibly generous gift from our Arvada community to support this unique Jeffco experience," said Superintendent Cindy Stevenson.