

TIN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION CENTER

NATURE...THERE'S NO BETTER CLASSROOM



TIN MOUNTAIN: YOUR NATURAL CONNECTION

ANNUAL REPORT

OCTOBER 2002 - SEPTEMBER 2003

Annual Report

10/01/02-09/30/2003

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear members,

On a second tour of Board duty with Tin Mountain after a 20-year hiatus and knowing all too well my own limitations and shortcomings, I agreed to serve as chair last year at this time with a degree of pride and a lot of trepidation over the agenda ahead. Of course, the most compelling aspects about serving with Tin Mountain worked their magic once again: a wonderful mission and a terrific group of people.

My “agenda ahead” trepidations concerned the fact that Tin Mountain is in the thick of arguably its most challenging endeavor ever: creating a new nature center. At once exciting and fearful, this project encompasses all the conflicting demands of high adventure:

- To dream big and look to the future, but still remember who we really are and how we got here;
- To seek extreme commitments of extra time and resources from staff, committees and community, while continuing our excellent core programs;
- To plan for a high-quality, exemplary facility, in the face of a tradition of doing much with little; and
- To solicit the help of talented and visionary consultants, with fiscal responsibility.

We are flourishing with many new talents and past champions helping devise, finance, and implement our nature-center plans, but we have also had to feel the sadness of moving on without those who have not been able to commit to the undertaking.

When I find my own commitment flagging, I simply go up to the future home of TMCC on Bald Hill and contemplate: the magnificent craftsmanship of the barn currently being restored, the special tranquility of Chase Pond, the wonders of labors past in the old granite quarries, and the year-round profusion of green in one of the state’s largest concentrations of Mountain Laurel. We invite you to do the same, and hope we can count on your continued support.





Permanent Site for TMCC

With the purchase of the 98 acres on Bald Hill Road in Albany, NH, Tin Mountain began planning for a permanent home through initial meetings with an architect and the formation of a Building Committee. Plans are to build a modest nature learning center with a library, classroom/lab, large presentation room, and offices. To that end, Tin Mountain conducted a feasibility study to determine whether sufficient funds could be raised from supporters to build the facility, and results were very positive.

Also underway on the site is the restoration of the ca.1820 barn. Thanks in large part to a grant from the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program, LCHIP Tin Mountain is restoring the barn and pursuing conservation easements on adjacent properties that would protect an additional ~150 acres.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Progress made in environmental education is difficult to assess. There are no standardized tests administered to evaluate achievement. However, there are more subtle signs that shine through confirming that the message has been successfully transmitted and received.

For example, children often bring their families back to field trip sites visited by their classes and explain the lessons learned. Children are introduced to environment/natural sciences through Tin Mountain school programs, and some subsequently attend summer nature camps, later become Junior Counselors and eventually Counselors, and select natural science careers. In addition, the Tin Mountain message is contagious and often infects entire families. In severe cases, children bring the excitement of the outdoors home and parents begin attending the Nature Program Series, volunteer to help with programs, and end up serving on the Board of Trustees.

The true measure of success is whether underlying ecological and environmental principles are understood, a lifelong curiosity about the natural world has been instilled, and an environmental stewardship ethic is cultivated. Tin Mountain programs are not advocacy oriented. The organization believes that if provided accurate and factual information, people will make wise decisions. During 2003, Tin Mountain made significant strides in all of its programs

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Tin Mountain school programs are unique in their comprehensive approach to environmental education. The sustained contact with local children carries forward through their entire school careers and emphasizes "hands-on" learning during all seasons of the year. Throughout the school year, Tin Mountain provides environmental learning programs that are tailored to the individual curricula of participating schools. Teacher/Naturalists devote classroom lessons and field trips to the many rivers, ponds, forests, mountains, and special natural areas that cover the region.

During the past year, Tin Mountain Conservation Center expanded school programs to five school districts and 16 schools serving over 3,000 students in the Mt. Washington Valley and western Maine. Work in a number Maine schools has been sponsored by several local garden clubs who have energetically embraced our programs. In addition to a myriad of other natural landscapes, the 98-acre Tin

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Mountain property in Albany was the destination of many field trips and offered students great opportunities to study pond and wetland life, numerous signs of black bears and moose, fascinating glacial erratics and deposits, insects, and much more.

School programs also provide direct support for teachers. In addition to workshops, Tin Mountain lends teachers kits on 10 natural science subject areas that provide lesson plans, references, props, and other teaching aids for many hours of quality hands-on instruction. Teacher/Naturalists are in the process of updating and expanding kit offerings.

NATURE PROGRAM SERIES

The Community Nature Program Series continued to attract enthusiastic participants of all ages to more than 50 programs. The Evenor Armington Foundation joined L.L. Bean in sponsoring the popular series this past year. L.L. Bean has been a major sponsor for 11 years.

Eyes on Owls brought six live owls to the program and attracted an audience of over 300 participants. Other popular offerings were canoeing on Lake Umbagog, winter birds of Plum Island, maple sugaring, vernal pool explorations, and



birdwatching with special guest David Sibley. The weekly birdwatching trips to Brownfield Bog in May continue to attract many enthusiastic individuals and curious avian sightings. This year's Fryeburg Fair exhibit was *Snags, Duff, and other Dead Stuff*, and once again captured the attention of thousands of people and received the "Judge's Special Award".

New this year was a series of nature programs presented at the Gibson Center for Senior Services specifically designed for senior nature enthusiasts. We also partnered with the Arts Alliance of Northern NH to present another series of programs called *Hands on Nature: Interpreting Natural Science through Art*, which integrated observations of the natural world and different art forms. The Community Nature Program Series reaches nearly 1,000 people each year exposing them to numerous opportunities for hands-on learning about the natural world.



SUMMER CAMP

Tin Mountain summer camps attract children ages 4 to 16 to its sites in Jackson, South Conway, Albany, South Tamworth, NH and Fryeburg, ME. Younger children attend day camp while older age groups are offered a variety of weeklong ventures to wild areas in northern New England. Nearly 270 local children and families benefit each year from summer camp programs. The Board of Trustees is committed to providing high-quality environmental education at an affordable price. Many local families have difficulty sending their children to Tin Mountain summer camps without financial aid. Nearly one-quarter of all campers received scholarships in 2002 amounting to \$4,888. New for this year were four sessions of one-week day camp and a new Explorers Camp called *Canoe, Camp, and Climb*.

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Other special events were hosted in a number of local communities last year. The Libby Museum and Libraries in Wolfboro and Lovell were the site of summer children's nature program series. This was also the third year of summer programs presented with the Wildcat Mountain Ski Area, which continue to draw strong attendance and interest from guests to the Mountain Washington Valley.

Tin Mountain's fifth Annual Meeting Field Day was held at the new property in Albany, NH and featured fantastic field trips, naturalist's knowledge from Chris Lewey, great food, and more. The organization's *Distinguished Service Award* was presented to Rosemary and David Armington, *Volunteer of the Year* to Judy Fowler, *Outstanding Environmental Educator* to Dr. George Cunningham, and the *Trustee's Award for Exemplary Service* to Donna Dolan.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

Special events were very successful fundraisers during the past year. The 31st *Mt. Washington Auto Road Bicycle Hillclimb*, the toughest in the world, filled to capacity and once again provided a large portion of the financial support for the organization. The *Mt. Washington Century Ride* was presented for the second consecutive year and proves to be of great interest with potential to raise funds for Tin Mountain programs. A 100-mile ride around Mt. Washington and through three notches and some of the most beautiful land on earth, the *Century* attracted over 250 riders last year.

The 18th *Annual First Season Festival Benefit Dinner/Auction* once again involved hundreds of local businesses and individuals who generously donated articles to be auctioned. In addition, sponsoring businesses provided critical support for the event. Most sponsors have been supporting Tin Mountain programs for many years. Nearly 300 people attend the festival enjoying great food and fine quality auction items.

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The First Season Benefit Dinner and Auction is a fundraising event presented each spring by the Board of Trustees and staff of Tin Mountain Conservation Center. Over 300 local merchants donate items for the auction. The 16th annual First Season event drew a crowd of 320 people and provided critical support for school and camp programs offered in northern New Hampshire and western Maine. Thank you for your generous support!

Financial Statement
October 1, 2002 - September 30, 2003
(With comparative totals for Oct. 1, 2001 through Sept. 30, 2002)

Balance Sheet

	Total All Funds	
	2003	/ 2002
Assets:		
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 74,818	\$ 71,344
Accounts Receivable	4,986	15,763
Inventories	5,043	4,608
Property and Equipment (net of depreciation)	247,821	225,285
Investment Fund with NHCF	<u>376,951</u>	<u>341,198</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 \$709,619	 \$658,198
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$ 9,198	\$16,890
Line of Credit	<u>30,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 \$39,198	 \$36,890
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted:		
General Fund	\$ 9,325	\$ 3,215
Equipment & Property Fund	247,821	225,285
Board Designated Fund	0	20,000
Temporarily Restricted	36,324	31,610
Permanently Restricted	<u>376,951</u>	<u>341,198</u>
 TOTAL NET ASSETS	 \$670,421	 \$621,308
 TOTAL	 \$709,619	 \$658,198

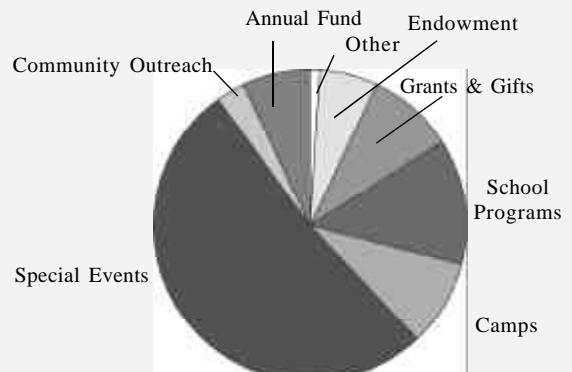
Statement of Activity

	September 30, 2003 & 2002	
Revenue and Support:		
Endowment (Asset released from NHCF)	\$ 26,424	\$ 21,557
Grants & Gifts (Campbell bequest included)	40,686	145,564
School Program Support	61,095	60,010
Camp Revenue & Scholarship	42,332	52,015
Community Outreach Programs	14,976	12,686
Special Events	230,998	228,518
Annual Fund Drive	32,356	40,633
Other	<u>3,849</u>	<u>9,440</u>
 TOTAL REVENUE	 \$452,716	 \$570,423

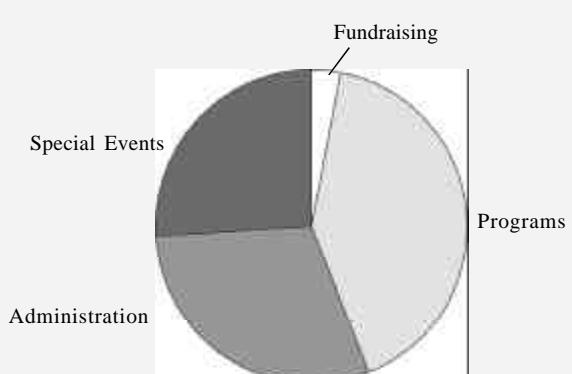
Expenses:

Administration:		
Personnel	\$ 81,101	\$ 78,863
Other	<u>48,539</u>	<u>32,588</u>
Subtotal	\$129,640	\$111,451
 Fundraising:		
Personnel	\$ 15,795	\$ 9,986
Special Events	101,771	114,802
Other	<u>14,050</u>	<u>4,691</u>
Subtotal	\$131,616	\$129,479
 Program Services:		
Personnel	\$123,034	\$144,313
School Programs	7,450	9,709
Summer Camp	23,812	23,793
Community Outreach Programs	10,682	15,859
Other	<u>13,122</u>	<u>25,540</u>
Subtotal	\$178,100	\$219,214
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 \$439,356	 \$460,144

Excess (deficit) of revenue over expense \$13,360 \$110,279



Revenue



Expenses





GRANTS AND GIFTS

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Suzy Engler Camp Scholarship Fund

The Tin Mountain Conservation Center provided children with scholarships to attend summer camp programs this past year through their Suzy Engler Scholarship Fund. The Fund honors the late Suzy Engler. Suzy was Administrative Assistant at Tin Mountain for many years and was especially interested in providing children with "hands-on" nature camp experiences.

Inquiries about donations to the scholarship fund can be made to Tin Mountain Conservation Center, PO Box 1170, Conway, NH 03818 603-447-6991 or e-mail tinmtn@tinmtn.org.

Our administrative offices are located in the former Pine Tree School building in Center Conway.

Tin Mountain Conservation Center's Endowment Fund

Tin Mountain Conservation Center maintains its endowment as a designated fund with the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF) in Concord. The NHCF invests and manages the principal and makes quarterly distributions to Tin Mountain from the earned interest based upon pre-determined calculations that ensure a certain level of growth in the designated fund. In fiscal year 9/30/02-10/01/03, interest distributions to Tin Mountain's general operations amounted to \$26,424. The NHCF's Combined Investment Fund is recognized as one of the most secure places that a nonprofit can build an endowment.

Planned Giving Opportunities Through Tin Mountain

Bequests: Bequests must satisfy personal and family obligations first; however, donors may also include Tin Mountain in their estate planning. Making Tin Mountain a beneficiary helps ensure that Tin Mountain's work will continue in future years while reducing estate taxes.

Charitable Remainder Trusts: Remainder trusts allow donors to transfer assets like stock to a trust and still retain its income for life. Ultimately, the assets become Tin Mountain's. It allows the donor to keep an asset's income, avoid capital gains tax on its sale, take an income tax deduction, and make a commitment to Tin Mountain's future.

Charitable Lead Trust: Lead trusts allow donors to keep assets while giving Tin Mountain their income for a specified period of time. Donors receive an immediate gift tax deduction for the full present value of the asset. This is a good way to pass assets on to heirs at full value while supporting Tin Mountain.

For more information on endowment or planned giving options, contact Tin Mountain Conservation Center's executive director, Michael Cline at (603) 447-6991 or write to him at P.O. Box 1170, Conway, NH 03818. Tin Mountain also happily accepts and liquidates gifts of stocks and bonds.

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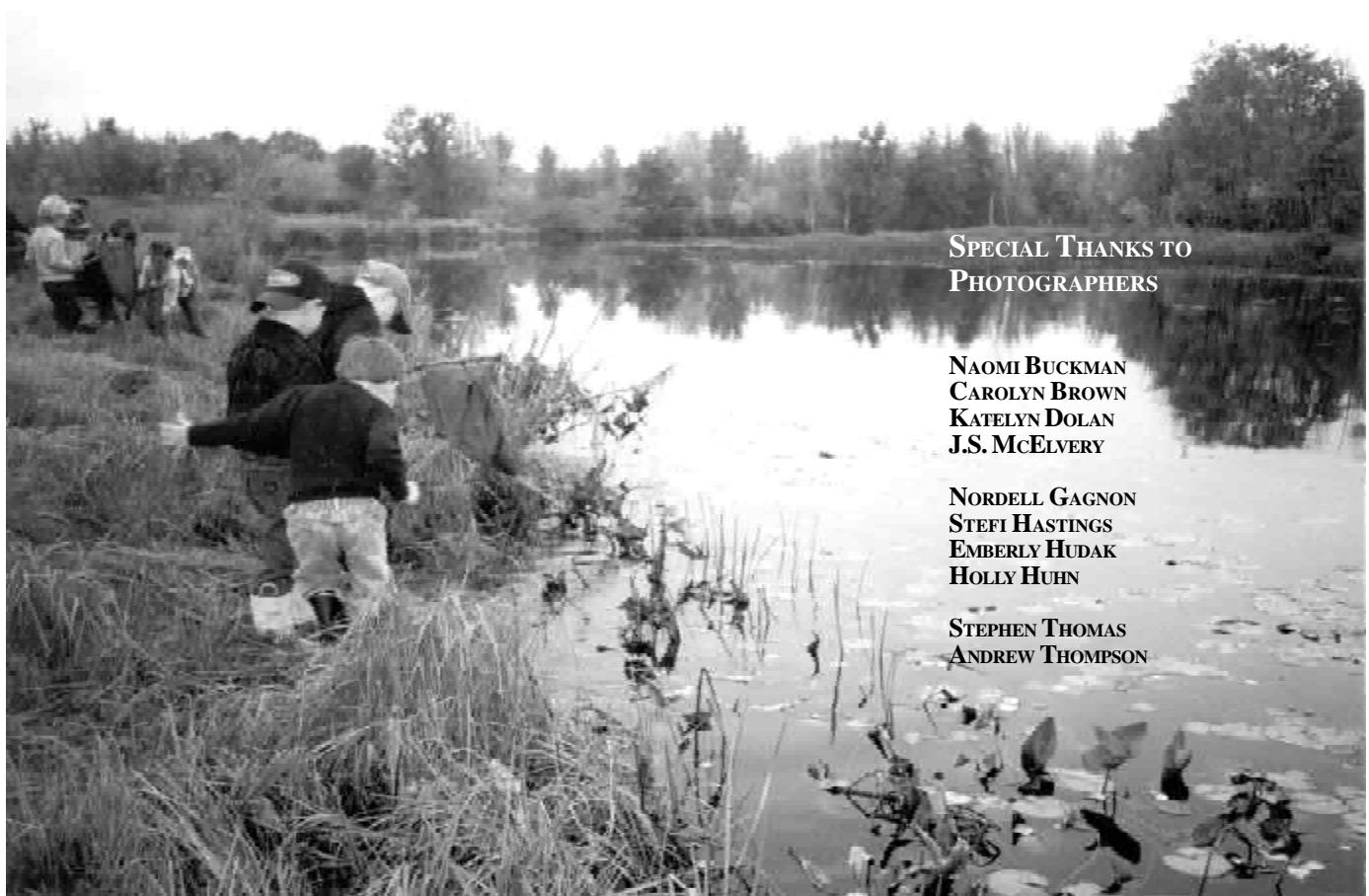
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Tin Mountain Conservation Center Nature Program Series

Tin Mountain offers a variety of hands-on environmental education programs for adults and families of the Mt. Washington Valley area and western Maine. The Community Nature Program series supported by L.L. Bean and the Evenor Armington Foundation is our major vehicle for drawing families into the natural world.

Over 50 programs are offered through out the year. This year's Community Nature Programs included Full Moon Owl Prowl, Bats, Nature Water Colors, Winter Bird Ecology, Maple Sugaring, Alpine Ecology, Vernal Pools, Native American Basket Making.

Summer Camp Programs

Tin Mountain Conservation Center has offered summer camp programs to children ages 4-16 for the past 17 years. *Kindercamp* and *Day Camp* are presented at facilities in three different locations for kids age 4 to 9 years old. *Farm Camp* is another day camp offered in cooperation with Mount Washington Valley Community Supported Agriculture. *Nature Theme Camps* integrate nature with art, music, history and water for children 6-12 years. *Trekkers* allows younger campers (ages 9-11 years) to gain confidence and acquire outdoor skills through day hikes and a two-night campout in the White Mountains. *Peaks & Paddles* is geared to children 10-12 years of age and teaches canoeing techniques and more advanced hiking/camping skills with a two-day canoe trip to the North Country. Older children ages 13-16-years old spend a week hiking and camping the Presidential Range of the White Mountains in *Paths and Peaks*, a week canoeing the North Woods of Maine in *Canoe Voyageurs and Canoe, Camp and Climb*.

Teacher Workshops

Natural history information, activities, handouts, and time in the field provide teachers with a better understanding of a wide range of topics from the mountains to winter ecology of birds.

Teachers fully immerse themselves in the experience with opportunities to dig and discover soils, measure tree heights, diameters, and age, observe, sketch, and write about great blue herons, interpret maps, and explore a beaver pond in winter. The far reaching effects of these workshops ripple out for miles as participants return to their students and share their newfound discoveries.

School Programs

A Year of the Environment: Developed for elementary schools, a Tin Mountain teacher/naturalist visits the classroom for 34 weeks (51 hours) with a comprehensive set of activities and trips that teach basic principles of ecology and natural sciences. Concepts learned in class are applied to the field through numerous outdoor activities and trips. It is recognized as the backbone of our school programs because it allows our teacher/naturalists to work closely with the same students each week for the entire school year, providing in-depth instruction and curriculum support.

Project KITE (Kids in the Environment): A multi-disciplinary program for grades K-8, Project Kite was developed to support existing curricula by providing a special focus on the natural resources that sustain the economic and social underpinnings of the region. Working closely with teachers, Tin Mountain provides three presentations by a teacher/naturalist and a field trip on each unit, including forests, wildlife, wetlands and mountains.

Forests for the Future: Over an 18-week period, a Tin Mountain teacher/naturalist visits junior high or high school classrooms for one entire day each week to teach basic principles of forest ecology and forest resource management. Using a different forest study site each year, students learn field techniques and collect data on weather, soils, wildlife habitat, watersheds, and conduct a timber cruise and forest inventory, complete with recommendations. Students analyze the data and develop a complete forest management plan that they present to school officials and the public at a special school/town meeting. The program also includes an over-night field trip to study forest ecosystems, local wood products industries, and the rich forest history of the region.

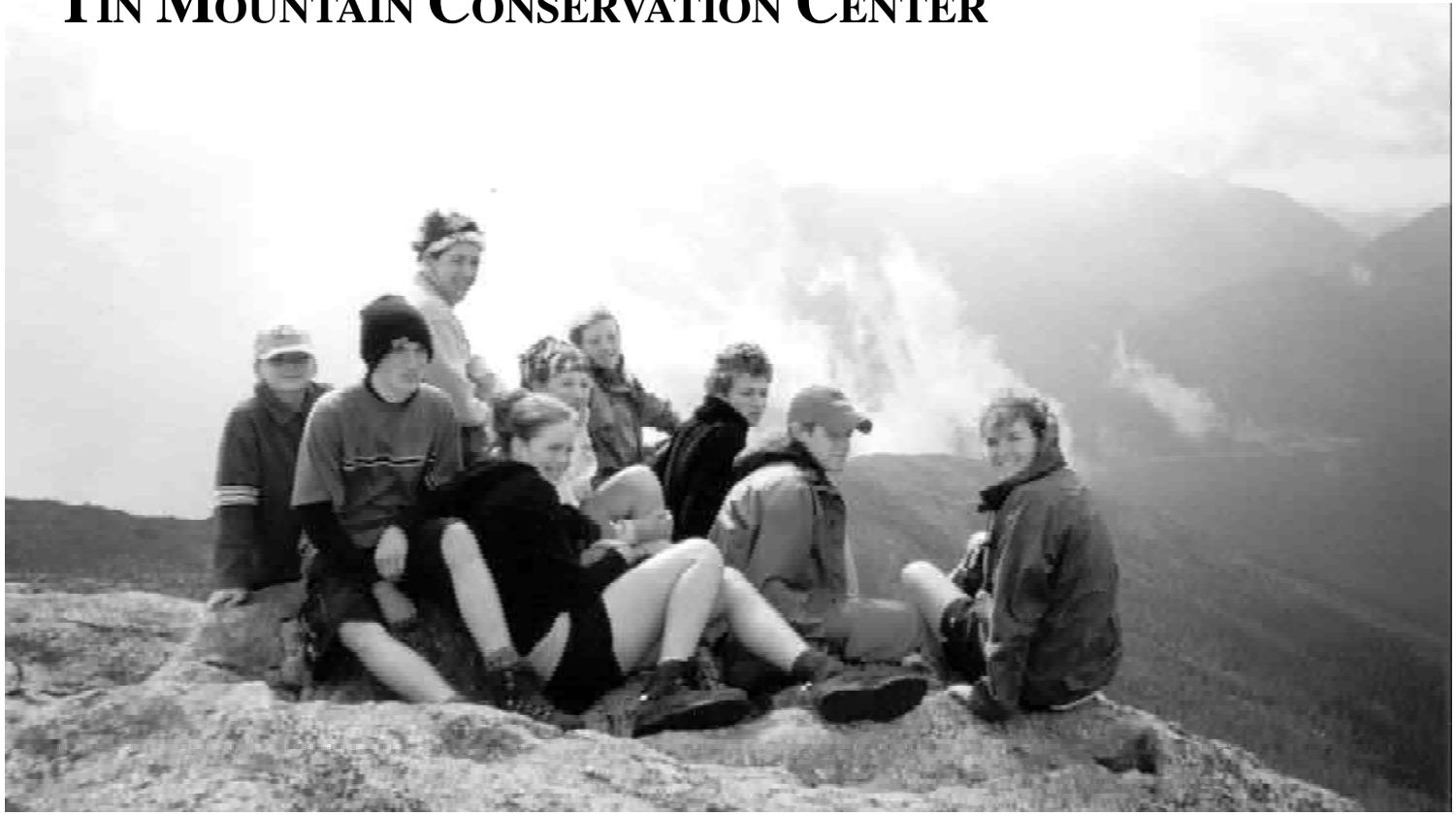
Extra Hours Program: Teachers and Tin Mountain staff tailor programs to meet special needs of different schools. Examples include leading field trips, identifying special resources and materials, and conducting special projects such as recycling or river studies.



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