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THORNE NATURE EXPERIENCE WINS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AWARD

Local organization recognized by North American Association for Environmental Education

Boulder, CO, 1BNovember 1, 2018– Thorne Nature Experience, a local organization working to advance environmental education (EE), was recently recognized by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE). Thorne Nature Experience was honored with the Award for Outstanding Service to Environmental Education by an Organization at the local level. This award is given to organizations that exemplify leadership in the field of EE.

Thorne Nature Experience has been a leader in the field of EE in Colorado for more than six decades, providing hands-on, place-based EE experiences that foster connection to nature and environmental stewardship. Over the last eight years, Thorne Nature Experience has continued to advance EE by helping to drive a county-wide collaborative effort, establishing the Boulder County EE Collaborative which launched a $10 million project to provide holistic, comprehensive EE to 1,500 underserved youth. Thorne Nature Experience is also working as a backbone organization for efforts to integrate EE programming for underserved PreK-12 youth and to build parks and trails to ensure that all youth in the county live within a safe 10-minute walk to nature. Thorne remains committed to achieving the mission of Boulder County EE Collaborative, to ensure that Boulder County youth are the most environmentally literate in the country and that all have the opportunity to participate.

"Thorne Nature Experience's commitment to collaboration and equity in the field of environmental education is inspirational," said Judy Braus, NAAEE's Executive Director. “Our award winners truly exemplify innovative, inspirational, and resilient leadership that will help us shape a more sustainable and equitable society.”

NAAEE presented 13 awards to outstanding individual and organizational leaders across North America and worldwide. For a full list of 2018 winners, visit www.naaee.org/our-work/programs/awards.

About the North American Association for Environmental Education

For four decades, the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) has been dedicated to advancing environmental literacy and civic engagement through the power of education. NAAEE supports a network of more than 20,000 educators and 56 regional affiliate organizations working in environmental education in more than 30 countries. For more information, visit www.naaee.org.
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