



Butterfly Pavilion Named Leave No Trace Gold Standard Youth Program

November 21st, 2024 Denver, CO: Leave No Trace recently announced the designation of the Butterfly Pavilion's Out-of-School Time Program and Rosie's Discovery Camp as a Leave No Trace Gold Standard Youth Program, an honor awarded to sites, organizations, and programs that demonstrate excellence in implementing the Leave No Trace principles which are essential in minimizing the impact of natural resources and ensuring a sustainable future for natural areas. Butterfly Pavilion earned this recognition for its role as a leader in promoting responsible enjoyment in the outdoors.

"Leave No Trace is thrilled to announce Butterfly Pavilion as a Gold Standard Youth Program," said Dana Watts, Leave No Trace Executive Director. "Teaching Leave No Trace to youth is critical to inspire the next generation of stewards. Butterfly Pavilion has implemented Leave No Trace at the highest level throughout their program."

In order to be designated as a Leave No Trace Gold Standard Youth Program, organizations must meet the following criteria:

- Formally train staff in Leave No Trace and outdoor ethics
- Provide opportunities for youth participants to learn Leave No Trace principles and skills
- Successfully implement Leave No Trace practices into management and programs
- Demonstrate a commitment to preserving the health of the areas where programs are held

"We are deeply honored to receive this recognition, which underscores the importance of fostering connections between people, nature, and invertebrates," said Hannah Orff, Afterschool & Camp Coordinator at Butterfly Pavilion. "Leave No Trace perfectly aligns with Butterfly Pavilion's commitment to inspire the conservation of invertebrates and their habitats by promoting sustainable practices that protect the natural world for future generations."

About Leave No Trace

The Leave No Trace organization is a national nonprofit organization that protects the outdoors by empowering everyone through science, hands-on training, and simple guidelines. The Leave No Trace Gold Standard designation recognizes sites and organizations that center responsible recreation and sustainability in their work. The Gold Standard designation is the organization's highest form of recognition. For more information, visit: www.LNT.org.

Butterfly Pavilion is the first Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)-accredited non-profit, standalone invertebrate zoo in the world and a global leader in

invertebrate research, conservation, and education. Butterfly Pavilion's Out-of-School Time Program and Rosie's Discovery Camp are educational programs that aim to spark curiosity for science through hands-on, interactive activities, providing an engaging environment where children can discover the wonders of the natural world.