



**Mission:** To cultivate a passion for science, leadership, and service in a diverse community of learners

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**Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK) Awarded Non-Profit of the Year at the 2014 Business Awards Luncheon for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Denver**

Denver, CO – The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Denver named Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK) as the Non-Profit of the Year at the 2014 Business Awards Luncheon. ELK was recognized for its service to the Denver community by providing quality science education and leadership programs to underserved youth of color in the Denver metro area. On May 9, co-founders, Stacie and Scott Gilmore, accepted the award on behalf of the thousands of youth ELK serves each year through science and outdoor education programs. “I am humbled and appreciative that ELK has been selected as the Nonprofit of the Year. In 1996, I founded ELK with the desire to educate Colorado’s inner-city youth of color about the state’s natural resources, and to empower them to pursue a career in science or conservation. Through ELK, I work to inspire youth to have high expectations of themselves by exposing them to the outdoors and providing hand-on science education programs,” said Stacie Gilmore.

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**About Environmental Learning for Kids**

Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK), is a Denver-based, 501(c)3 organization established in 1996 by two wildlife biologists, Stacie and Scott Gilmore, who saw a growing need to introduce and educate Colorado’s urban youth about science, leadership, and careers. Eighteen years later, ELK continues to provide strong educational support, good role models, and opportunities for positive community action for youth, helping them to become engaged, productive, and successful members of society. For more information about ELK please visit [www.elkkids.org](http://www.elkkids.org).