



Vermont Wilderness School, Inc. Annual Report 2009

The Vermont Wilderness School was founded on a commitment to building a powerful community of naturalists, teachers and leaders. Our programs go beyond traditional "environmental education" to help develop a deep understanding of self, community and nature, and in doing so, build healthy connections to the natural world and each other.

The year in review (September 2008- October 2009)

- Continued building relationships with past high donors
- Finished revisions on the Guiding Principles of VWS
- Held regular joint meetings of the Board and the CWI Central Fire
- Continued with monthly Northeast Regional Council call
- Began process of hiring Executive Director
- 2008 fundraising campaign
- Hosted Art of Mentoring 2008 (41 Adults, 27 Teens, 19 Youth)
- Worked with CWI Central Fire and community members to formally rename the Thursday Homeschool Program as Oyase Community School
- Sponsor for Gathering in Gratitude Community Performance, November 2008
- Entered new collaboration to form Green Sparks! Program (\$26,000 grant)
- Sent Amy Hyatt as our representative to an International 8 Shields Leadership Gathering in California, March 2009
- Granted \$520 from Ingwe's Path Scholarship Fund for Oyase Community School Instructors to attend the Building Strong Naturalists' Communities Retreat
- Hired Amy Hyatt as Executive Director in June 2009
- Expanded programming to bring back Otter Day Camp for June 2009 (19 campers!)
- Provided instructors for wilderness living/nature awareness components of The Grammar School Summer Camp and INSPIRE
- Provided fiscal sponsorship for 2 grants supporting the creation of the Mahalo Rose Arts Center (\$3500 and \$2500)
- Provided Kamana Naturalist Program support for "Reclaiming our Birthright"—a program offered by Selena Gallen and Women of Motherearth's Bounty
- Granted \$300 from Ingwe's Path Scholarship Fund for a woman to attend the Reclaiming our Birthright Program
- Provided fiscal sponsorship for 3 new programs:
 - Full Moon Girls – new program with enrollment of 11 girls (12 maximum)
 - Eyes of the Forest – new adult program with enrollment of 7
 - Fox Walk Programs 8 Students, Open Attendance (10 maximum)
- Organized Art of Mentoring 2009 with enrollment maxed for the Adult Program, Youth Program, both Boys & Girls Rendezvous and a wait list! (55 Adults, 35 Teens, 24 Youth)
- Oyase Community School expanded to 4 Clans (maximum enrollment of 44) with high level of interest resulting in a wait list
- Initial steps towards creating a regional instructors cooperative
- Planning in process for a 10th Anniversary Celebration in Spring or early Summer 2010 (let us know if you would like to get involved!)



**Vermont Wilderness School, Inc.
Summary Financial Statements**

Profit and Loss for the year ended:	<u>8/31/07</u>	<u>8/31/08</u>	<u>8/31/09</u>
Fundraising income	23,981	19,059	45,554
Programming income	39,700	88,282	89,664
Product income	1,611	1,050	2,497
Total income	<u>65,291</u>	<u>108,391</u>	<u>137,715</u>
Fundraising expenses	1,357	1,785	1,960
Programming expenses	36,455	64,045	81,247
Product expenses	641	490	1,564
General & administrative expenses	19,956	18,204	12,343
Total expenses	<u>58,408</u>	<u>84,524</u>	<u>97,114</u>
Net income	<u>6,883</u>	<u>23,867</u>	<u>40,601</u>
Balance Sheets as of:	<u>8/31/07</u>	<u>8/31/08</u>	<u>8/31/09</u>
Cash	19,839	32,981	65,807
Current assets	3,944	15,234	21,962
Other assets	1,059	300	300
Total assets	<u>24,842</u>	<u>48,514</u>	<u>88,069</u>
Total liabilities	361	166	253
Retained earnings	17,598	24,481	48,348
Net income	6,883	23,867	40,601
Total equity	<u>24,481</u>	<u>48,348</u>	<u>88,949</u>
Total liabilities and equity	<u>24,842</u>	<u>48,514</u>	<u>89,202</u>

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to those who have made financial contributions during the year. It is their generosity which allows the School to continue to pursue its mission.

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