

Donations

In 2005, CC&V established a connection with a new program, Environmental Learning for Kids, or ELK. The goals of ELK are:

- To expand educational outdoor experiences and natural resource opportunities for at-risk youth whose access to outdoor experiences are limited.
- To motivate students to excel in school, stimulate interest in higher education and science careers.
- To develop self-respect and the skills necessary to reduce socially inappropriate behavior.
- To promote life-long responsible use and stewardship of Colorado's natural resources.

The success of kids who have engaged in ELK's programs proves the effectiveness of the program. These at-risk youth are helping with conservation projects, working summer jobs in natural resources management, graduating from high school, and many are going on to pursue a science oriented college education. The long-term personal mentoring that is a key component of the program is essential in helping youth reach their full potential.

The CC&V donation committee approved monetary contributions to ELK to help them further their mission. CC&V also hosted a tour for the group in June. The tour included a diverse group of kids, from elementary school to high school ages, and ELK leaders. These kids, the majority from inner-city Denver, had never seen an operating mine before, and were very interested in the mining process. The tour also exposed the kids to the many careers in mining that are open to them. We hope that the tour of CC&V becomes an annual event on the ELK calendar.