



SUN VALLEY
Tour de Force

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***Sun Valley Tour de Force Funds Fifth-Grade Outdoor Adventure Camp
with Idaho BaseCamp***

Over 50 students from Bellevue Elementary and Mackay Elementary will enjoy camp this fall

SUN VALLEY, ID – September 18, 2018 – Sun Valley Tour de Force, a two-day car event, issued an application process of which Idaho BaseCamp was selected as the grant recipient. Idaho BaseCamp, a Blaine County 501(c)(3), runs outdoor adventure camps and the funds were ear-marked for the fifth-grade public school program. The camp, specifically designed for the students, is focused on expanding the understanding and appreciation of nature, and reinforcing life-long values including kindness, patience, and respect for others and the environment. For many students, it will be their first experience attending an overnight camp and their first-time camping.

In its first year, Sun Valley Tour de Force raised funds to send 52 public school students to Idaho BaseCamp. Students from both Bellevue Elementary and Mackay School will enjoy a two-night campout filled with outdoor adventure education, free of charge, at Idaho BaseCamp's headquarters 45 minutes outside of Sun Valley, Idaho. Twenty-three students from Mackay School will attend camp October 9-11 and Bellevue Elementary School's 29 fifth-graders will attend October 17-19. Teachers from each school will accompany the students as chaperones and Idaho BaseCamp staff will lead the program.

“Our goal was to fund one public school and to send two schools has exceeded our expectations. We are so grateful for all the folks who supported Sun Valley Tour de Force and helped to make this donation possible. Idaho BaseCamp's programs have a direct and lasting impact on the young people of our community and we are thrilled to provide this

experience to the students.” says Whitney Slade, Co-Founder of Intrepid Events, Inc. and co-producer of Sun Valley Tour de Force.

The students will participate in a complete program focused on internal growth, developing personal responsibility, team building, leadership activities, and mindfulness skills. The outdoor classroom focuses on science, animals and the environment with a special emphasis on nature preservation. With a no screen policy at camp, students experience full immersion in nature and ample quality time with their counselors and peers.

Funds for the Idaho BaseCamp fifth-grade program were raised through the Sun Valley Tour de Force weekend of events July 27-28, 2018. Events included the unique no speed limit drive held 14 miles north of Ketchum, (on a closed stretch of Highway 75, also referred to as Phantom Hill), the Sun Valley Tour de Force Car Show, the Huckleberry Drive, (a group ride and drive North to Smiley Creek), and the Saturday night Wrap Party & Benefit that featured local faire, Idaho-inspired cocktails, and comedy.

Sun Valley Tour de Force is supported by the generosity of the following sponsors and event partners: Singer Vehicle Design, Sun Valley Auto Club, Grizzly Peak Marketing, Explorer Consulting, Simmons Fine Jewelry, TAG Heuer, Hudyma-Matthews Living Trust, and SVPN.

Sun Valley Tour de Force is produced by Intrepid Events, Inc., an Idaho nonprofit inspired by Maya Blix and Whitney Werth Slade. Intrepid Events produces events that support local businesses, offer unique experiences for locals and visitors and raises funds for causes making a difference in the community. Idaho BaseCamp is the beneficiary recipient of the Sun Valley Tour de Force funds for two years, 2018 and 2019.

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