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Organization: Wood River Community YMCA
Project Title: Power Scholars Academy Camp
Grant Amount: \$25,000

1. Power Scholars served 86 rising 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade scholars this summer. This was the third summer for Power Scholars and the first summer that 4th graders were served.

The goals of the Power Scholars Academy Camp are to: Increase scholars' literacy and math skills; mitigate summer learning loss; strengthen scholars' self-confidence, social emotional development, and physical health and well-being.

Scholars were able to investigate the human impact on the Wood River Valley and ways that they could become better stewards of the earth. They explored water conservation, composting, recycling, and Leave No Trace. To share what they learned, scholars documented their findings and published them in an insert with the Weekly Sun newspaper.

The ongoing challenge of Power Scholars is finding dedicated staff that can commit to the full duration of the program. Scholar commitment is also difficult as many families travel in the summer and attendance is a mandatory component of acceptance into the Academy.

This summer our results showed:

- 94% average daily attendance
- 71% of parents became more involved in their child's education
- 100% of parents were highly satisfied

Over 3 summers, our average academic growth:

- 1.5+ months of reading
- 1.5+ months of math

2. During the summer of 2018, Scholars dove into the world of conservation and the footprint they each leave behind in the valley. They explored water conservation, composting, recycling and Leave No Trace. Through hands-on learning, research, guest speakers and personal experience, scholars were able to not only learn about, but also educate others on their findings. Through project-based learning, the students worked with the Weekly Sun to publish their findings so others can join in taking care of our planet. The intrinsic value that each scholar experiences in seeing their work published in a newspaper is indescribable; The emotion that sweeps through the room when the newspapers are delivered is a true highlight for the students, staff and volunteers, a moment that carries through to the new school year.
3. Photo Environmental Ninja's: Hard work and determination give you the final product and newspaper written entirely by the scholars and published in the Weekly Sun.
 Photo Fossil Beds: Every Friday scholars enjoyed a field trip. At Hagerman Fossil Beds scholars dug up bones, learned about fossils but most importantly had fun learning!
4. Staffing is our largest expense. The program maintains two staff members per room with up to 24 scholars. This past summer we served three grade levels reducing the size of the program from the previous summer. This decreased the number of scholars served and staff needed, from our original budget.

Expense	Budgeted Expense	Total Expense	Requested from WRWF
Salary & Benefits	\$77,500	\$69,000	\$25,000
Contracted Services	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Occupancy	\$13,000	\$13,000	
Training & Professional Development	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Travel, transportation & field trips	\$7,500	\$9,000	
Supplies, curriculum & Scholar meals	\$40,000	\$27,720	
Printing, copy & postage	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Evaluation & Technical Assistance	\$7,000	\$6,500	
Administration & Overhead	\$25,000	\$25,000	
Total	\$174,000	\$154,220	\$25,000