



## **WOOD RIVER COMMUNITY YMCA 2023 Final Report**

### **SummerBridge 2023**

**Grant Amount: \$20,000**

### **Grant Program in Review**

The SummerBridge program was a success with over 300 students, making SummerBridge one of the largest elementary schools in the County. The Y's program partners included BCSD, College of Idaho, Community School, Lee Pesky, Teach for America and Far and Wise. Each providing their own expertise and all trained as one group, under the direction of Y staff, for one purpose. However, all reading and math curriculum was designed by BCSD to support the District's objectives and to avoid any potential confusion that might arise through the use of a variety of methods. In addition, Superintendent Foudy personally offered instruction for all staff in the area of classroom management. All curriculum and afternoon STEAM activities, along with Friday field trips were designed by the Y's education staff and approved by District Staff to create consistency and to support the daily lessons in reading and math, while creating a summer camp experience.

Each classroom had one certified teacher and at least two classroom aids. This offered an instructional ratio of 1:7, giving students the support they needed in tackling fundamentals over summer. Lessons helped with learning loss that can occur during extended breaks, offered support to address the opportunity and resulting achievement gap, provided additional instruction for English Language Learners and helped equip students with the tools needed for the upcoming school year.

The Afternoon SummerBridge activities, led by the Y, included place-based projects, MakerSpace and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) experiences allowed students to engage in hands-on and collaborative projects.

Weekly field trips to locations like Redfish Lake, Shoshone Ice Caves, Mountain Humane, Pocatello Zoo, SwiftSure and the Herrett Center, provided students with learning experiences outside of the classroom.

## **Objectives & Outcomes**

Students were individually selected for participation in the SummerBridge intervention program based on their 22-23 academic performance. Specifically, the program served about 75% of all students below the 40th percentile and above the bottom 20th percentile (tier 2) and 20% of all students from the bottom 20th percentile (tier 3).

Upon testing at the start of the 23-24 academic year, SummerBridge students outperformed the average student in their respective grades when comparing spring scores to those upon their return in the fall. This is exceptional because we did not use a control group of students who also needed intervention but did not participate in the program. Rather, our students, who needed intervention in the spring, outperformed the average student in the fall.

All students experience some summer slide or regression. Children from lower income families are disproportionately affected by this reality nationwide as a result of limited opportunities for other forms of education and enrichment, which often cost money, and/or require time or transportation. This fall, SummerBridge 1st grade students scored 9.52 points above the average student in reading and 42.53 points above average student in math. Our 2nd grade students scored 9.52 points above the average student in reading and 64.78 points above the average student in math. Our 3rd grade students scored 12.20 points above the average student in reading. Unfortunately, comparable testing was not available for 3rd grade math.





## Budget

Description	Program	Actual
<b>Youth</b>		
Wages-Program	Summer Bridge/Power Scholars	116,493
FICA	Summer Bridge/Power Scholars	0
Unemployment	Summer Bridge/Power Scholars	0
Worker's Compensation	Summer Bridge/Power Scholars	0
Contract Fees	Summer Bridge/Power Scholars	37,700
Program Supplies	Summer Bridge/Power Scholars	36,999
Food Expense	Summer Bridge/Power Scholars	0
Travel-Transportation	Summer Bridge/Power Scholars	0
Meeting Food Costs	Summer Bridge/Power Scholars	17
Indirect Cost Recovery-Govt	Summer Bridge/Power Scholars	0
Overhead Allocation	Summer Bridge/Power Scholars	9,560
<b>Expense</b>		<b>200,769</b>