



SUMMIT HUTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT

2024/25



a letter from Summit Huts Executive Director

Dear Summit Huts Community,

If it feels like it's been a while since you've received an annual report from us, you're right! It's been a few years. Summit Huts has been growing, evolving and getting stronger every day, we're excited to once again share an organizational snapshot of some highlights from this past year.

This past year was an incredible one for Summit Huts. We launched a new website and reservations system designed to make planning a hut trip easier and more accessible than ever. Our reservation numbers are strong and we have received an incredible amount of positive feedback on our platform and new policies. We have been very purposeful with all of our changes, each designed to support and strengthen our mission.

Summit Huts exists because of a dedicated (and growing!) network of users, leaders and supporters: our guests, volunteers, donors, partners, Board and staff who care deeply about the huts and what they represent. Your involvement whether through staying in the huts, spreading the word, lending a hand, or making a financial contribution directly supports hut maintenance, operations, stewardship of the land, and our ability to keep these experiences available for new and future generations.

Financial giving remains a vital part of our sustainability. Donations help bridge the gap between operating costs and user fees, support long-term infrastructure needs, and allow us to invest in programs that benefit the entire community. Simply put, your generosity helps keep the doors open, the wood stoves burning, and the spirit of Summit Huts spreading to young and new users.

As you read through this annual report and click through our new website, we hope you'll see some of the great projects and work we have accomplished. We also have some exciting announcements to share in the near future! We are grateful for your continued trust and support, and we look forward to another year of shared adventures in the mountains.

With sincere thanks,


Greg Guevara
Executive Director



Summit Huts 2024/25 Renovations

Francie's Cabin

Francie's Cabin, has been undergoing renovations over the last several summer seasons. Many of you have seen the new kitchen, floors and interior upgrades, completed two years ago. This summer, we wrapped up all of the exterior projects that enhance the look and, more importantly, the longevity of Francie's Cabin.

The cabin now boasts a brand new roof, new chinking around the logs, and the logs were resealed and stained, the cabin looks brand new. Metal skirting was added to the lower part of the cabin to help prevent animals from gnawing on the logs, sorry Mr. Porcupine. Lastly, new log railings were placed around the front and back decks. After several years, the remodel on Francie's is complete!

Section House

At Section House, over the last two years the Historicorps has tackled several key improvements to preserve the cabin's historic nature while enhancing comfort. The entire cabin was lifted and a concrete foundation was poured and the bottom logs replaced. The exterior now features freshly completed chinking and all of the gaps and holes were sealed and wood replaced where needed. Historicorps rebuilt or replaced all the windows and made them operable as well as leveled the floor and rebuilt the doors so they seal properly. Section House now sports a brand new metal roof. Inside, new attic insulation, fresh ceiling drywall and paint, and a new boot rack was added.

Ken's Cabin

At Ken's Cabin, the focus was on both structural upgrades and comfort improvements. New bottom logs installed were installed in the foundation and several wall logs were replaced. For the first time, the cabin now has complete ceiling insulation, new chinking sealed the gaps and spaces, and the windows were rebuilt and now open and close with ease.

A massive thank you to Historicorps for their renovations and attention to the historic preservation of these cabins. These updates reflect our ongoing commitment to maintaining and improving our huts while preserving their unique character. We can't wait for you to see (and feel!) the improvements firsthand on your next adventure!





Our Mission

to provide a backcountry refuge for self-propelled mountain users and to offer unique venues for community, charitable, and educational programs in spectacular mountain settings

your impact

Youth in the Backcountry

In 2025, scholarships through Summit Huts Association provided youth 396 winter and 250 summer overnight stays. This included 190 Summit County 5th graders from four local elementary schools, giving them the chance to experience the wonder of Colorado's backcountry firsthand.

Thanks to generous donors like you, scholarship recipients spent countless hours last year engaging in lessons, writing prompts, and games centered on stewardship, community building, and gratitude, all while exploring the beauty of their own backyard. These trips aren't just overnight adventures, they're memorable experiences that build confidence, curiosity, and a lifelong connection to the outdoors.



Sylvia, Summit County 5th grader, writes about the Summit Huts trip her class took, "I will never forget the experience I will never forget we played games, we had a dance party, we played cards and had such a good time. I will never forget this experience."

Summit Huts 2024/25 Numbers at a Glance

10,340 Hut
Visitors



70% of visitors from
Colorado



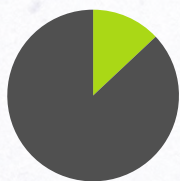
\$19,500
Scholarships
Distributed
to **646** Students



100 Volunteers
Contributed
700 Hours



13% Admin
Costs



\$49,000 Raised
from Events
and Donations



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