



ANNUAL REPORT '22

Fostering personal and community growth through the challenge of rock climbing

A vibrant community

People are searching for a sense of belonging and a place where they try new things. Climbing gyms have always provided that sense of belonging and security for me, which is largely why I do what I do.

If you've been to Teton Rock Gym recently, you've probably observed what Jacob and I witness every day. People at Teton Rock Gym know one another. More than at any other gym I've ever climbed at, there is a tangible sense that the people who climb here are known.

It gives me joy to see folks who met here going on adventures and connecting outside of our facility. I'm proud to be a part of a gym whose members are kind and welcoming, and who swiftly bring newcomers into the fold. It's fun to see, and it makes TRG a great place to work.

We are grateful to all of you for making this gym the supportive and welcoming space that it is.

- Jen Piperno, Development Director

The year in numbers:

596

Adult and Youth Members

10,000

Gym Visits

28

Events

30

Adult Classes

24

Youth Climbing Programs

92

Winter Sports Students

86

Afterschool Participants

33

Summer Camp Participants

The Team

Our two full-time staff continue to hold a lot in their buckets.

Together, they manage gym operations, finance, facility maintenance, and route setting.

When they aren't coaching youth, teaching adult classes, managing programs or hosting events, they are applying for grants, raising money or forming partnerships to support TRG's programs and events.

Jacob Yufa

Executive Director, Climbing Instructor

Jennifer Piperno

Development Director, Climbing & Aerial Instructor

Board of Directors

Our board of directors volunteers their time and energy to ensure that the rock gym remains Teton Valley's vibrant, responsible, and welcoming climbing hub.

Brian Emory

Jared Bissen

Jansen Gunderson

Shannon Calhoun

Christopher Trudeau

Kami Archibald



Youth Programs

Mini Monkeys: Minis learn the basics of climbing while building confidence, strength, and balance through games, bouldering, and roped-climbing.

Monkeys: Monkeys master top-rope belaying & climbing commands and are introduced to knot-tying and lead climbing.

Recreational Team: Rec team introduces movement techniques, injury prevention, and conditioning as well as opportunities to compete locally.

Junior Team: Junior Team is for climbers interested in progressing faster, competing in local comps, lead climbing, and training harder for climbing.

Advanced Climbing Team: Advanced team introduces climbing-specific training, intermediate-advanced technique development, and goal setting. This program emphasizes endurance & mobility training, as well as mental preparation, teamwork, and competition climbing.

Summer Team: This invite-only group is comprised of Advanced and Junior Team kids who want to maintain their fitness and further their progress over the summer months.

ABC Summer Camp: Above and Beyond the Classroom, a local nonprofit, partners with TRG to offer indoor and outdoor climbing opportunities to many Teton Valley youth who otherwise would not have the chance to climb.

TRG Summer Camp: TRG's outdoor camp is a fun and challenging program for kids to develop confidence and fundamental skills for bouldering and roped climbing outdoors, including knots-tying, belaying and rappelling.

Winter Sports: Climbing is a Winter Sports option for students K-12 in our local school district. In 2021 we hosted 5 weeks of programming for elementary, and 5 weeks for Middle and High school students.

Free Youth Programming

ABC Camp: TRG partners with ABC, Above and Beyond the Classroom in Teton Valley to host an indoor climbing camp and guided outdoor climbing in Teton Canyon. In 2022, TRG hosted 40 ABC students for a 6 week indoor session

Family Climb: Every first Saturday of the month, families can climb at the gym for free. Rental gear and belay instruction is also free. This event provided 600 people the opportunity to climb for free in 2022.

Adult Programs & Events

In '21-'22 TRG offered 40 classes to our adult community. We provided the following classes:

Top Rope 101

Basic Climbing Movement

Intermediate Climbing Movement

Lead Climbing 101

Multi-Pitch Efficiency

More Pitches in your Crag day

Self Rescue

Anchor Building

Intro to Aerial Silks

We strive to offer these classes at a reasonable price for the public and our adult members.



Local Partners



Industry Partners



ARC'TERYX



Grants & Fundraising

\$13,822.50

Tin Cup Contributions in 2022

These funds were used to purchase a new flooring system for the entire rock gym!



\$3,050.00

Reel Rock Film Festival Profits

These funds were used to cover the costs of our free family climb programming for the year.

\$4,832.48

Teton Springs Foundation Grant

This money was used to purchase and construct a MoonBoard for the rock gym.



Donors

Thank you to all of the individuals and businesses who donated to Teton Rock Gym in 2022. Your continued support helps us continue to provide high level programs and services for the Teton Valley climbing community.

Thank You

-Jen & Jacob

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