



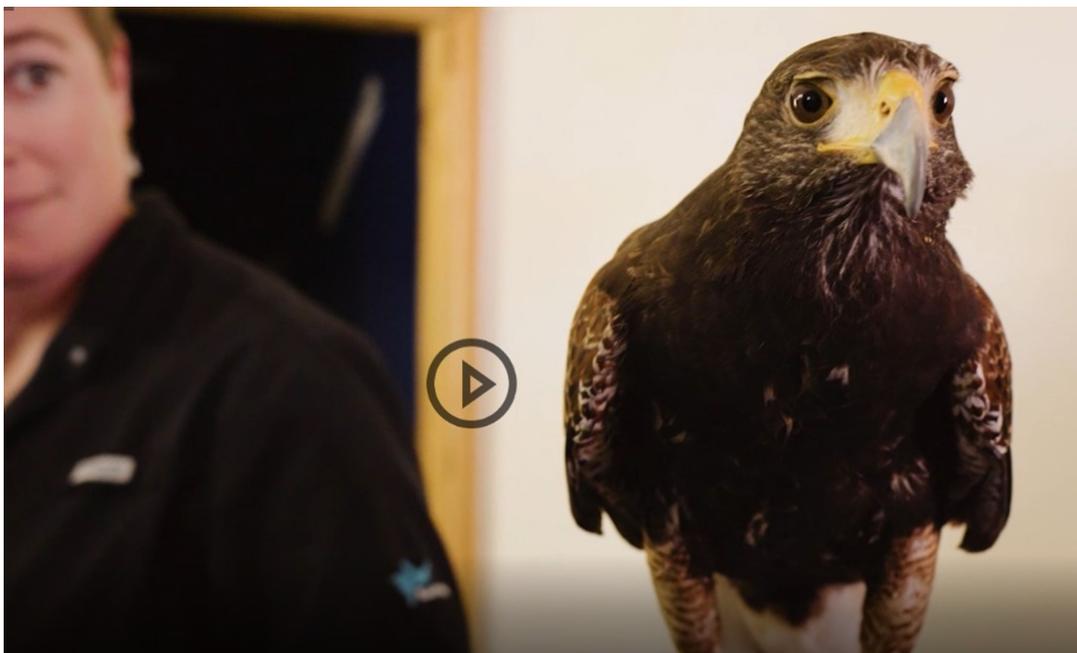
Extending arts, science and culture through education is built into the DNA of the SCFD

At her day job, Devin Jaffe works with Fizgig, Megatron, Clyde, Snakespeare and Acorn.

These are just a few of the raptor, reptile, arachnid, amphibian and mammal ambassadors employed by Nature's Educators for the nearly 900 educational events they put on each year in Colorado and surrounding states.

The Sedalia-based education and rehab organization has focused on bringing us all a little closer to the nature around us since 2008. With just one full-time, four part-time and two seasonal staff supported by 15 volunteers, the group provides programs to everything from preschools to assisted living facilities. And everybody in between.

"In order to get people willing to conserve natural places and habitats, you have to get them excited about the world around them. Our mission is to hit home in that way," Jaffe said.



As students prepare to finish up another unusual school year, SCFD organizations are making plans to be back in full swing in classrooms and event spaces across the Denver metro area. In a typical school year, arts, science and culture organization funded by the

SCFD touch every school district and classroom in the seven-county metro area. From orchestra, to dance, to science education and research, to visual arts and more, the SCFD's organizations provide education to the young and the young at heart every year.

Meet more of our organizations >



We fund culture.

In normal times, SCFD-funded organizations provide arts, culture and science events to every school district in the metro area



Engage with Us

Ready to tackle summer camps?

SCFD organizations across the Denver metro area are offering summer camps to engage and enrich. These camps cover a broad swath of experiences and come in all varieties – in person and virtual. But they are filling up fast. [Check out what might be right for your camper.](#)

SCFD Board of Directors news

The SCFD is governed by a board of directors with representation from district member counties Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson. The board oversees district funding and ensures the district is running the way voters intended. The board meets eight times a year and all meetings are open to the public.

- The next meeting of the SCFD Board of Directors will be held virtually at 1 p.m. on May 27. [Get more information for joining meetings and see the full calendar of 2021 board meetings.](#)

Board Spotlight

To help you learn a little more about the leadership of the district, we'll be featuring a brief spotlight on each of our current members of the SCFD Board of Directors. SCFD board members represent each of the district's seven-member counties and are appointed by the county commissioners in their county. In addition, the governor appoints four members.



Ann Speer, Treasurer
Douglas County Appointee

Ann Speer is currently a Wealth Manager with Cetera Investors. Ms. Speer earned her bachelor's degree in Finance from the University of Utah and has worked in the banking and finance industry since 1985, primarily in Utah, California, and Colorado. While in California Ann assisted arts and culture organizations in her community. After moving to Colorado, Ann was appointed to the Douglas County Cultural Council and served from 2007-2015, chairing the council from 2011-2015. She joined the board March 2016. Her 2nd term expires in March 2022.