

Headwaters Science Center Fact Sheet - 2011

Who We Are:

Headwaters Science Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit science center whose mission is to promote science education in northern Minnesota. HSC is a member of the worldwide Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC), an organization of science centers and museums dedicated to furthering public engagement with science among increasingly diverse audiences. HSC is managed by a Director and Board of Directors.

What We Do:

HSC served 30,000 visitors in 2010 and the number increases every year. School groups from about 25 counties account for one quarter to one third of visits.

* Provide exhibits and programs that help visitors of all ages enjoy and understand many important areas of science

* Provide parents and mentors a place filled with activities to demonstrate the enjoyment of learning to their children beginning in very early childhood

* A destination for tourists and a community attraction that focuses on learning all aspects of science and promoting intellectual thought

* Provide opportunities for K-12 and college students to discover potentially lifelong interests through stimulating ideas, supporting science fairs, and offering science programs and camps

* Provide instructors with workshops, teaching kits, outreach programs, and exhibits that enrich and support school science curricula across northern Minnesota

* HSC helps schools, Bemidji State University, 4H, Girl Scouts, Master Gardeners, ECFE, Master Naturalists, RAPP (Relatives as Parent Partners), other educational and community groups, and Beltrami County bring programs and exhibits to this region

* Provide employment for 8 persons and volunteer opportunities for hundreds including those with disabilities

* HSC maintains many ecological collections and loans them judiciously to other educators

Demographics of Headwaters Science Center’s Service Area:

	Bemidji	10 Mile Radius	50 Mile Radius	100 Mile Radius
Population	13,000	24,108	92,722	497,326
Households earning less than \$25,000/year	44.8%	35.4%	38.3%	35.3%
Racial composition				
White	84.3%	87.5%	81.3%	93.2%
Native American	11.5%	8.7%	16.0%	4.2%
Other minorities	4.2%	3.8%	2.7%	2.6%

Groups from the following Cities/Towns have visited HSC or attended off-site HSC Programs

Argyle	Fosston	Onamia
Badger	Gary	Park Rapids
Bagley	Goodridge	Pine River
Baudette	Grand Forks, ND	Ponemah
Bemidji	Grand Rapids	Ponsford
Blackduck	Hibbing	Puposky
Brainerd	International Falls	Red Lake
Cass Lake	Karlstad	Red Lake Falls
Chisholm	Kelliher	Redby
Clearbrook	Lake George	Solway
Cloquet	Laporte	Thief River Falls
Cohasset	Lino Lakes	Turtle River
Crookston	Mahnomen	Wadena
Deer River	Menahga	Walker
Duluth	Minneapolis	Warren
East Grand Forks	Naytahwaush	Waubun
Erskine	Nevis	White Earth

Our Operating Costs:

Our operating costs for 2010 were \$229,000

Costs covered by:

- Contributions and Grants= 33.4%
- Earned income (admissions, programs) = 52.0%
- Store sales = 14.6%

Our Present Needs:

We need to raise \$40,000 by December 15 to secure a \$40,000 matching gift. This money will be used in part to pay for a Director and operational costs.