



August 2025

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Rebranding, Growth, and Calling All Instructors!

We're excited to announce that we've recently rebranded with a fresh new logo and updated look! Our new branding better reflects the vibrant energy, creativity, and commitment that define Access AfterSchool. This fresh identity will help us connect more deeply with students, families, and partners as we continue growing and evolving our programs.

If you've ever wanted to share your passion, now's the time! We're always looking for inspiring instructors to lead afterschool classes — whether it's art, STEM, sports, music, or something entirely unique. You bring the idea, and we'll help you make it happen for students across our schools.

A few dream class ideas:

- Coding & Game Design
- Outdoor Survival Skills
 - Dance Fusion
 - Mural Painting
- Creative Writing & Publishing

If you can dream it, our students are ready to learn it! For more information on running an afterschool class, visit our website - [Teaching for Access](#)

Many families can't afford the full cost of participation, and your support helps us provide scholarships so no student misses out. Donate today and help us keep learning, connection, and fun within reach for every student.

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Accelerate (XLR8) is Starting Soon! □

We're excited to welcome students back to Accelerate (XLR8), our afterschool academic program that combines homework help, targeted reading and math practice, and hands-on enrichment activities. Students work in small groups with caring instructors who help them strengthen skills, build confidence, and discover a love for learning.

In XLR8, students will:

- Get extra support in reading, math, and study skills
- Complete homework with guidance from our team
- Participate in fun, enriching projects and activities
- Build positive connections with classmates and mentors

Program Start Dates:

- Elk Creek: August 25
- Wamsley: September 8
- Graham Mesa: September 15

Registration opens Thursday, August 14 — spaces are limited, so be sure to register early!

[Access Registration Website](#)



SecondShift Fall 2025 ⚡

SecondShift is our afterschool enrichment program offering fun, engaging classes for students to explore new interests, build skills, and connect with friends. This fall's 10-week session begins September 30th, and we already have some exciting classes open for registration — including Cross Country and a variety of activities at Rifle Middle School.

Families can sign up now for these available classes, and we'll be posting even more options soon. Stay tuned for updates!

Fall Session Tuition:

- \$30 for classes held 1 day a week
- \$45 for classes held 2 days a week
- \$60 for classes held 3 days a week

Don't wait — spaces are limited and classes fill quickly!

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BoostCamp 2025: A Summer to Remember!

This summer's BoostCamp was an incredible success! We are so proud of all our students and grateful for the amazing community support that made it possible. Throughout the program, we partnered with wonderful organizations like the Rifle Metro Pool, Rifle Climbing Center, Grand Junction Art Center, Grand Junction Get Air, Bananas, Eureka Science Center, Battlement Rec Center, and many more to create unforgettable experiences for our campers.

A special thank you to Gould Construction for sponsoring our 5th Grade Rocket Day, and to the Garfield RE-2 School District for allowing us to use their facility this summer — with extra gratitude to the kitchen staff and custodians for their hard work and dedication.

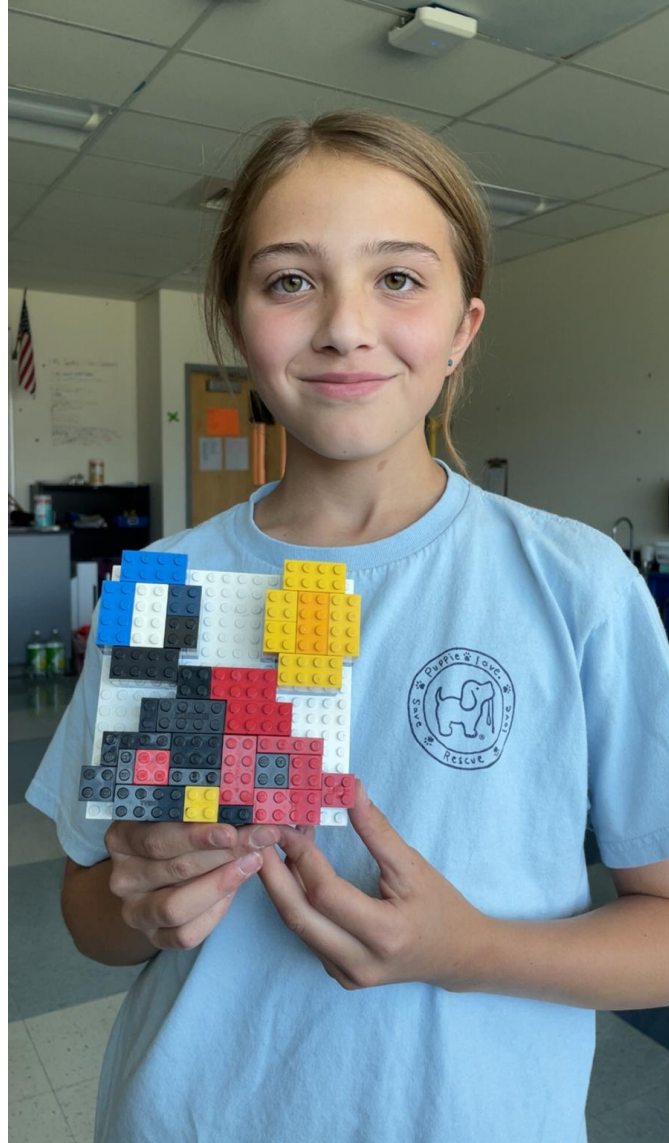
We are so thankful for the families who joined us for another great summer. As we look ahead, we won't be able to use Rifle Middle School next year, so we'd love your input on possible locations for BoostCamp 2026.

Please take a few minutes to fill out our [BoostCamp Survey](#) to help us plan for the future.

Follow our [TikTok](#) page to see more BoostCamp fun!

Together, we made this summer one for the books!





PostINDEPENDENT



From student to leader: Alondra Zepeda's full-circle journey at Access AfterSchool

Alondra Zepeda was just a sixth grader at Rifle Middle School when she first stepped into a classroom with the Second Shift after-school program, armed with a love for art, a free snack and the...

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