



Merrohawke Nature School

2025 Annual Report

"Merrohawke provides connection to others and nature that are unparalleled."
- 2025 parent

At Merrohawke, learning never stops. No matter the wind or weather, world events or individual worries, we are committed to showing up as strong as we can for the children and families who seek the unique learning experiences Merrohawke provides on land and at sea.

This is only made possible by families and philanthropic supporters who choose to stand beside us and vision a world where *all* children grow strong by nature--and then roll up their sleeves to help make it happen.

One year ago, just as we began a new fiscal year, the forest we visit daily was aflame with wildfires. We learned first-hand the power of a creative community who gather together to face a daunting challenge. This coincided with changes in national leadership and a waterslide of uncertainties filtering into our daily lives.

But still, each morning, the sun rose, the barn swallows returned to nest, the charred forest grew new life, and the children arrived to spend another day here at the farm, and in summer, aboard the *F/V Erica Lee*. And we were ready to greet them. But dang! It was a HOT summer. Twenty-one days of extreme heat- as high as 118 degrees challenged us to think on our feet and adapt.

As we look across the horizon, we are visioning our future here in Boxford, and we have big dreams! This includes indoor classrooms to both offer a reprieve from weather and enhance learning about, and with, nature. In May, we engaged a team of architects to draft a master plan for this property, and we are excited to share it widely, soon!

In the meantime, we remain deeply grateful for those who chose to invest in strong youth through supporting our work at Merrohawke. YOU are the wind in our sail!

-Katie Morse Yeomans
Executive Director & Co-Founder



2025 By the Numbers

39,326 hours of learning in and about nature
delivered to 628 youth on land and sea

82% of students return each year.

297 children on waitlist. All programs fill to capacity soon after opening registration. (One infant is on our waitlist for 2028-2029 pre-school year.)

36% increase in students served with medical and developmental needs compared to 2024. This includes students diagnosed with ADHD, anxiety, OCD, ODD, PTSD, autism, & Down syndrome

56 children received financial aid or camperships valued at \$71,813, thanks to Merrohawke's donors.

After attending Merrohawke, parents reported that their child notably increased their:

- Knowledge of nature
- Appreciation for nature
- Curiosity for learning
- Sense of well-being and confidence

"Merrohawke's programs are always well run. It's the only program where I feel in complete trust that my kids are safe and well cared for. That stems from a trust in their capabilities, both in the forest and on the water, but also in character. I have no doubt that they will look out for my kids the way they look out for their own, and hire staff who also carry that same strong moral compass." -2025 parent



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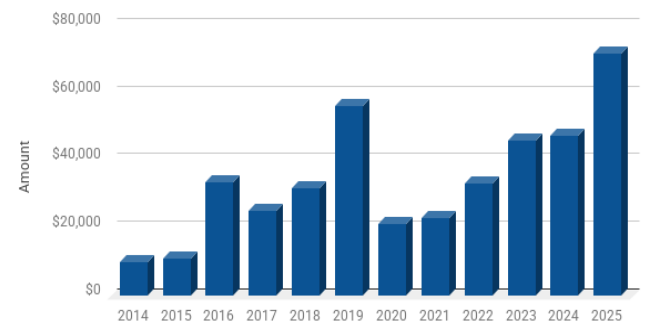
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*"We are grateful for
Merrohawke's philanthropic
supporters, especially this year when we
sought out a scholarship. This place is
magical and our son loves attending.
It's shaped him into a very nurturing and
confident kid. **We are so grateful that
Merrohawke exists.**" - 2025 Parent*

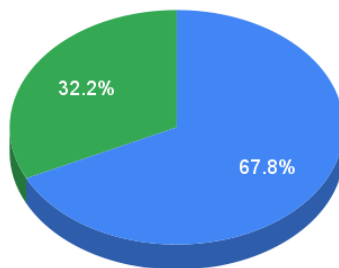
Financial Aid & Camperships Awarded



Financial Overview

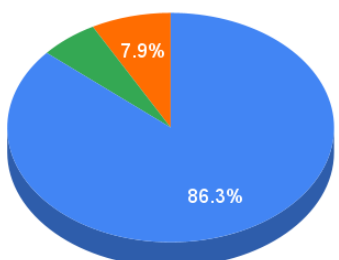
FY2025 Revenue

- Education Programs
- Philanthropic Support



FY2025 Expenses

- Education Programs
- Fundraising
- Administrative



Fiscal Year End Sept. 30

2025

2024

Revenue

School Year Programs	\$337,898	\$285,848
Philanthropic Support	\$288,777	\$290,102
Summer Programs	\$271,030	\$258,772
Interest Income	\$4,802	\$8,136
Total Revenue	\$902,507	\$842,858

Expenses

Education Programs	\$745,592	\$685,330
Fundraising	\$50,161	\$98,931
Administrative	\$68,365	\$65,500
Total Expenses	\$864,118	\$849,761

Net Income (Loss) \$38,389 -\$6,903

Unaudited

Audited