

Teachers In the Parks T.I.P.S.

Helping Exeter's Children Bridge the Summer Learning Gap

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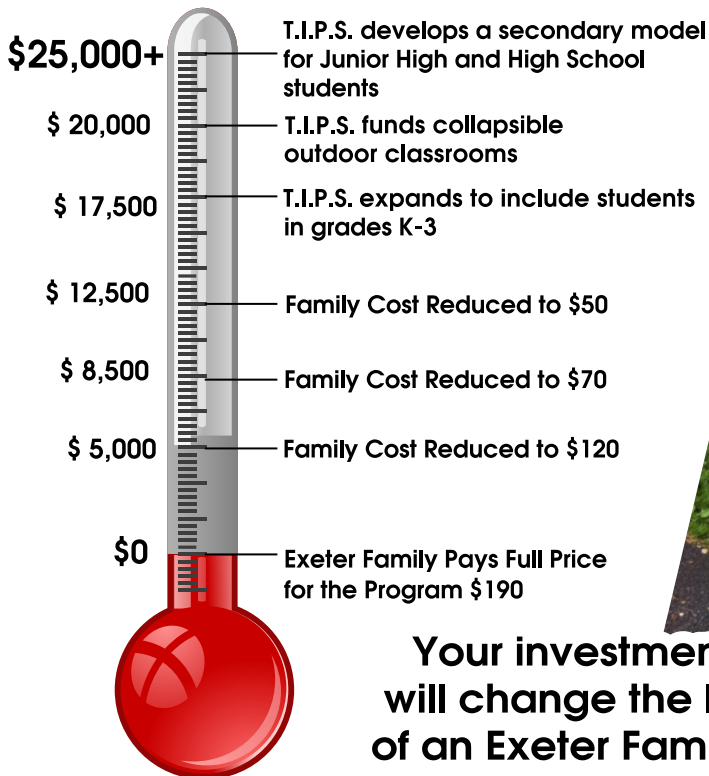
Dear Exeter Supporter,

My name is Matt Hathaway, fourth grade Exeter teacher and founder of Teachers in the Parks (T.I.P.S.). Exeter teachers developed T.I.P.S. with one goal in mind: help our elementary students transition academically and socially between grade levels. Children of all levels lose so much to the "Summer Learning Gap" and often spend the first part of the year simply getting back to where they left off in June. We hope to partner with community-minded individuals and businesses who have an interest in helping our vision grow.

T.I.P.S. started in 2004 with a group of students in my first class. I met with students on the back porch of my parents' house, and we would often walk down to Lorane Hollow Park for open spaces. Eventually, parents simply met me in the park, and "Teachers in the Parks" was born. We have since reached hundreds of children in our community, even as local districts have been forced to make difficult financial cuts to summer programs and services.

T.I.P.S. recently joined forces with the Exeter Community Education Foundation*, a registered nonprofit organization, and accepts no funding from the Exeter School District. Our business plan is simple. We get rid of the stigma of "Summer School" and the traditional expenses of educating children by meeting children in our community parks. We've replaced facilities costs with a blanket, utility costs with mother nature, and transportation costs with a friendly carpool or a pair of sneakers! Your donation truly goes toward driving

down the cost of the program for local families and improving the quality of education for children. Partner With Us.



**Your investment
will change the life
of an Exeter Family**

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Hathaway
T.I.P.S. Founder



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