

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2011

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07/01, 2011, and ending 06/30, 2012

B Check if applicable: C Name of organization COLORADO CONSORTIUM FOR EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE EDUCATION D Employer identification number 84-1497653 E Telephone number (719) 598-9755 G Gross receipts \$ 751,080. H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes X No H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No H(c) Group exemption number K Form of organization: X Corporation L Year of formation: 1998 M State of legal domicile: CO

Part I Summary

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include: 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission... 2 Check this box... 3 Number of voting members... 4 Number of independent voting members... 5 Total number of individuals employed... 6 Total number of volunteers... 7a Total gross unrelated business revenue... 7b Net unrelated business taxable income... 8 Contributions and grants... 9 Program service revenue... 10 Investment income... 11 Other revenue... 12 Total revenue... 13 Grants and similar amounts paid... 14 Benefits paid to or for members... 15 Salaries, other compensation... 16a Professional fundraising fees... 16b Total fundraising expenses... 17 Other expenses... 18 Total expenses... 19 Revenue less expenses... 20 Total assets... 21 Total liabilities... 22 Net assets or fund balances.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here Signature of officer TRACEY TOMME Date PRESIDENT/CEO

Paid Preparer Use Only Print/Type preparer's name Doreen B Meiz Preparer's signature Doreen B Meiz Date 1-14-13 Check if self-employed PTIN P00841439 Firm's name STOCKMAN KAST RYAN & CO, LLP EIN 84-1509584 Firm's address 102 N. CASCADE AVENUE, SUITE 400 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80903 Phone no. 719-630-1186

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) X Yes No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions. Form 990 (2010)

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

OUR ORGANIZATION IS THE PREMIER PROVIDER OF INFORMAL SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION IN SOUTHERN COLORADO. SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 173,321. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 160,899.)

ON-SITE MISSIONS: OUR PRIMARY ON-SITE MISSIONS ARE DELIVERED THROUGH OUR SUBSIDIARY, THE CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER OF COLORADO (CLCC). THESE MISSIONS UTILIZE A \$2M SPACE SIMULATORS TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO PURSUE STEM CAREER FIELDS AS THEY APPLY THE LESSONS THEY HAVE LEARNED IN THEIR CLASSROOM TO RELATED REAL-LIFE, TIME-CRITICAL PROBLEMS IN A STRESSFUL BUT EXCITING ENVIRONMENT. SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 4,441. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 19,657.)

DISTANCE-DELIVERED MISSIONS: MANY STUDENTS IN HISTORICALLY DISADVANTAGED REGIONS OF THE STATE, REGIONS WITH HIGH RURAL, POOR, AND/OR MINORITY POPULATIONS, NEVER HAVE THE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENTARY STEM EDUCATION. DISTANCE-DELIVERED MISSIONS ARE ONE WAY WE STRIVE TO REACH AS MANY OF THESE STUDENTS AS POSSIBLE. ONE WAY WE DELIVER THIS SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION IS THROUGH THE INTERNET, WHERE WE FLY MISSIONS SIMILAR TO OUR ON-SITE SIMULATIONS RUN BY A CHALLENGER FLIGHT DIRECTOR DIRECTLY TO DISTANT CLASSROOMS. A CURRENT NASA GRANT IS HELPING US IN THIS AREA.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 353,817. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 83,642.)

PUBLIC EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND SUPPORT FOR OTHER COMPLEMENTARY STEM PROGRAMS: WE ALSO FOCUS ON REACHING LEARNERS OF ALL AGES AND FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 531,579.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 20b regarding organizational requirements and reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II.</i>		X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III.</i>		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J.</i>		X
24 a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25.</i>		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25 a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>		X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II.</i>		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III.</i>		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i>		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i>		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I.</i>		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II.</i>		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I.</i>		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1.</i>		X
35 a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i>		X
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i>		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI.</i>		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	