

# Organizations, Associations And Foundations

## **Atalanta Association**

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The Atalanta Project is a not-for-profit educational enterprise founded in 1994 by members of SUBUD USA. The project is being built on 44 acres of land donated by the Manitou Foundation in Crestone, Colorado. Our intention is to create a place that fosters and demonstrates the ability to live with personal responsibility, in peace and harmony with all creation.

Atalanta is using permaculture land use design to create the setting for demonstrating sustainable living through cultural, economic and environmental programs. Our buildings demonstrate alternative methods and materials, renewable energy sources and ecologically appropriate technology. Our current projects include the Community Co-op Orchard Garden, the High Valley Dairy Goat and Sheep Co-op, a Therapeutic Riding Program and plans for a dormitory on the land.

In addition, we have sponsored workshops in alternative building technologies and permaculture, an Eco-Arts Camp, and cultural events, such as the Volunteer Recognition Day Luncheon, Community Easter Egg Hunt, and the May Day Celebration. This project will benefit the SLV Community, as well as drawing participants regionally, nationally, and globally with opportunities for participation in all programs, including mentorships.

## **Baca Grande Property Owners Association**

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### **Four goals of Baca Grande POA:**

- (1) The Baca Grande Property Owners Association was formed in December, 1972 to serve the owners of property in the Baca Grande Planned

Community by acting to preserve, protect and enhance property values within the Planned Community.

- (2) To operate and manage the Planned Community known as the Baca Grande and to operate and manage the real estate, lots and properties included within the community, for the purposes of preserving, protecting and enhancing the value of the community for the benefit of the members.
- (3) To enhance the health, well being and safety in the community.
- (4) To manage and maintain association property for the benefit of all owners.

The Baca Grande POA also includes: Baca Grande Stables, Camper Village, Los Cumbres Golf Course & Pro Shop, Maintenance & Road Report, EMTs and North Crestone Park. We also provide newcomer packages of information.

## **Center Area Chamber of Commerce**

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The Center Area Chamber of Commerce (CACC) is a strong community organization, focusing not only on traditional economic issues but also on civic issues. Center Area covers a far reaching area around the Town of Center. Our rural lifestyle and the importance of our agriculture make individuals and businesses outside of town just as crucial to its success as the community and businesses within the town. Everyone is invited to be a member. Individual and business memberships are available, starting as low as \$25/year.

The CACC promotes local spending, encourages expansion of existing businesses and development of new business. CACC sponsors community events, such as a Breakfast at the Center Invitational Wrestling Tournament to benefit local school groups, a Harvest Festival each Fall, and Christmas Activities each year. On-going projects include town beautification, community assistance, and community promotion.

### **Saguache Chamber of Commerce**

The website <http://www.saguache.org> has photos and stories by Cecil Hall on history of Saguache.

PO Box 441, Saguache, CO 81149  
719 655-2805

*For other Chambers in the region,  
see Resource Guide, Calendar of Events.*

### **Crestone Baca Land Trust, Manitou Institute**

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719 256-4265

### **Crestone Moffat Business Association**

PO Box 293, Crestone, CO 81131  
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### **EarthArt Institute**

Education in sustainable living, appropriate technologies, holistic health, artistic/cultural events  
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719 256-5003

### **Ecovillage Network of the Americas (ENA)**

Sustainable Communities & Education Network  
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719 256-4221

### **Khmer-Buddhist Educational Assistance Project (KEAP)**

Nonprofit organization assisting with Buddhist renewal in Cambodia  
<http://www.keap.org> 719 256-4306

### **Manitou Institute**

PO Box 118, Crestone, CO 81131  
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A non-profit organization since 1994, dedicated to honoring the world's wisdom traditions and encouraging sustainable ways of living lightly on the Earth, for the benefit of all. We support local spiritual retreat centers, the Manitou Habitat Conservation Plan, the Crestone/Baca Land Trust, the Earth Restoration Corps, Earth Origins Seeds and ScSEED.

### **Mysterious Valley Forum**

Exploring the anomalous activities in the Valley, meets 2nd Saturday of month 719 256-4407.

### **Pilots for Prevention**

A Mentoring Program "Helping Youth Travel Through Challenging Times"

**Volunteers:** Mentors are carefully screened volunteers. They are interviewed, and background checks and reference checks are conducted. They are then matched with a youth of similar interests. Mentors enrich their own lives through the joy of a developing soul. They help a youth build character and self-esteem, and both youth and mentor learn from each other. A mentor makes a strong commitment for a few hours each week and receives a lifetime of gratitude.

**Youth:** Youth are chosen and referred to the program that have additional risk factors in their lives. A youth at risk of making negative choices includes children being raised by a single parent, latch-key youth with a lot of unsupervised time, youth who have moved numerous times, children in foster care, or children of parents who are too busy, neglectful or drug or alcohol addicted. The youth participate only with the support and permission of their families or guardians.

**Activities:** The youth and volunteers are invited to a fun and healthy activity every month. Pilots for Prevention offers individual attention and on-going support to participants. Creative drug and alcohol prevention programs are offered in Saguache County Schools. Once a week in each of the three school districts, PFP offers "Homework Club" with snacks, tutoring and educational games provided after school.

I challenge you to consider becoming a mentor. And if you do, don't choose the beautiful child on center stage. It is the youth with the dirty face and the angry glare that needs a friend.

This program is funded through the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division State of Colorado Department of Human Services. It serves youth throughout Saguache County, regardless of income, and is administered by the Center Consolidated School District.

*Saguache County Pilots for Prevention*  
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## School of Living Arts for Creativity & Ecological Culture

719 256-4611

Classes in cosmology, healing, creativity, individual and community empowerment

## ScSEED

### Saguache County Sustainable Environment & Economic Development initiative

(See Inside Front Cover)

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## Upcoming projects

### Saguache County Strategic Plan, Strategy 1:

to encourage the communities and people of Saguache County and the San Luis Valley to work together for mutual benefit.

- *Leadership Development:*

Increase the capacity of citizens to manage their resources, participate in local government and community-based organizations, protect the environment, and accumulate wealth through a variety of compatible, sustainable enterprises.

- *Valleywide Summit Planning:*

Building connections with other citizen groups in the Valley, developing ways to confer and to support and build on one another's work.

### Saguache County Strategic Plan, Strategy 2:

to develop small businesses and cooperative enterprises that sustainably use and add value to county resources.

- *Promote ScSEED Dollars Project:*

See page opposite inside front cover, for more information.

- *Microenterprise Loans & Learning Circles:*

Small Business Start-Up loan program, with small group business training and mutual support of loan recipients.

- *Support Chef's Collaborative connections with Valley producers.*

### Saguache County Strategic Plan, Strategy 3:

to preserve and protect the rural agricultural community character and environmental health.

- *Supporting installation of weather stations around the Valley; and, wetland reclamation projects, in collaboration with Natural Resource Conservation Services, and other agencies such as the Soil Conservation Districts.*
- *Support the Saguache County Master Planning process.*
- *Explore predator control project.*

### Saguache County Strategic Plan, Strategy 4:

to increase lifelong health care, educational, vocational, recreational & social opportunities.

- *21st Century Community Learning Center Grant:*

These learning centers would be in each of the three school districts' facilities, and emphasis will be placed on after-school tutoring and enrichment opportunities for youth, and, continuing education and enrichment classes in the evening for adults.

- *Day Care Feasibility, Needs and Planning Project, for Center, CO*

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### Upper Valley Area Potters & Party Association (UVAPAPA)

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### Villa Grove Area Merchant's Association (VGAMA)

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