



## 2011 ORGANIZATION PROFILE

### MISSION

*The Tahoe-Baikal Institute (TBI) promotes international understanding and global cooperation in meeting environmental challenges through inspiring, place-based watershed education in two of the world's premiere freshwater ecosystems: Lake Tahoe in the Sierra Nevada and Lake Baikal in southern Siberia.*



### PROGRAMS

*SUMMER ENVIRONMENTAL EXCHANGE (SEE) – Each year, TBI unites promising young leaders from around the world in a 10-week exchange at Lakes Tahoe and Baikal to study watersheds, develop leadership skills, learn from science and policy professionals, and actively participate in research and restoration projects in local communities.*

*PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGES & WORKSHOPS – TBI facilitates workshops, study tours, and internships focused on community sustainability, professional development, cultural exchange, and partnership building.*

*ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATIONAL CENTER – TBI is developing the Tahoe Basin's only place-based environmental education center for overnight groups of all ages at a USDA Forest Service-owned site on the northeastern shore of Fallen Leaf Lake adjacent to Lake Tahoe.*

### RESULTS

- TBI has over 350 alumni worldwide contributing in the fields of science, natural resource protection and management, community sustainability, policy development, and civil society.*
- TBI's emphasis on place-based service learning results in exchange participants substantively contributing to on-the-ground research, conservation, restoration, and planning projects, thus benefiting local organizations, agencies, and communities.*
- TBI projects support sustainable communities and a healthy environment by focusing on important watershed issues, including aquatic invasive species, water quality monitoring, restoration planning, fisheries management, forest health, and transportation planning, among several others.*



### SUPPORT

- TBI Programs are made possible by contributions from individuals, corporations, small businesses and partner organizations (~60%); restricted grants (~24%); program fees (16%); and from other sources such as events (~13%).*
- Program and administrative expenses are kept to a minimum thanks to generous in-kind support from many partners. Expenses are as follows: Programs (~87%), Management and General Admin (~7%), Fundraising (~6%).*