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COYOTE
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MUSEUM
For Environmental Education

Looking Towards the Future



Letter from the Leadership

Dear Friends,

Three years ago, Coyote Point Museum was saved.

Thanks to the committed support of thousands of members and donors since 2006, in just three years we have:

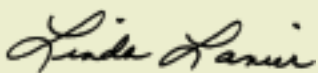
- Unveiled the Museum's first in-house designed exhibition, *The Science of Nature*, which demonstrates our new model of environmental science education – exciting, hands-on exploration of natural phenomena.
- Revamped all of our educational programs to be hands-on, fun, and explorative to encourage children and families to notice the extraordinary beauty and complexity of the natural world.
- Hosted an annual Earth Day celebration to help community members learn how they can make a difference for the environment while having fun.
- Provided a range of exciting new family-oriented events for children and caregivers to meet our animals, explore science, and be creative.

But the work isn't over. The next few years will be exceptionally exciting as Coyote Point Museum moves from surviving to thriving as a place of vibrancy, exploration, and personal engagement. In November 2009, we will unveil our next major exhibition, *Tinkering*, where children and families can experiment with actual mechanical inventions and play with gizmos, gadgets, and structures. In addition, we will continue to unveil new, exciting science and art programs of the highest quality to help children become the environmental problem solvers of tomorrow.

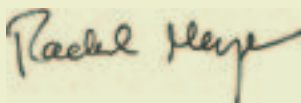
Perhaps most exciting, however, is the future renovation of Coyote Point Museum. This past year, the Board of Trustees voted to move forward on a major renovation of the Museum over the next 3-5 years. The Board has selected Fernau & Hartman Architects and Lutsko Associates Landscape to help guide the design process. In the coming months, Board and staff members will begin the process of talking to the community about the Coyote Point Museum of the future.

We thank you for your continued support as we embark on this exciting new chapter of Coyote Point Museum's long and storied history.

Sincerely,



Linda Lanier
President, Board of Trustees



Rachel Meyer
Executive Director

About Coyote Point Museum

Founded in 1954 by the Junior League of San Francisco as the San Mateo County Junior Museum, Coyote Point Museum provides engaging, educational experiences for 80,000 children and families each year through our interactive science exhibits, live animal encounters, and engaging environmental science programs. Located in beautiful Coyote Point Recreation Area in San Mateo, California, the museum offers visitors an opportunity to explore first-hand the science, complexity, and beauty of the environment.

Coyote Point Museum provides a variety of programs and exhibits to help children and families become skilled observers of the natural world, including:

Science exhibits: The Museum offers a variety of interactive science exhibits that help children and families explore and observe how nature's many complex systems work together to create our environment.

School-based education programs: We offer a wide-range of high quality, hands-on, engaging on- and off-site environmental science education programs designed to support school and group educators in science education.

Public education programs: The Museum offers numerous programs for the general public that give children and families the opportunity to explore, discover, and interact with the natural world through workshops, tours, storytelling, and camps.

Wildlife programs: As one of only 10% of zoos and aquariums nationwide that are accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the Museum is currently home to 117 animals, all of which are non-releasable due to injury or human imprinting, and most of which are native to California. The Museum offers several programs for visitors to meet and learn about our animals.

Wildlife exhibits: most of our 63 native animals can be viewed up-close by visitors in our naturalistic animal habitats.



SCIENCE-BASED EXHIBITS

In 2007, Coyote Point Museum launched a brand new exhibit development program. This program has focused on developing in-house exhibits specifically designed to expose Coyote Point Museum visitors to the science behind the environment.

In November 2008, Coyote Point Museum opened its first major in-house exhibition, *The Science of Nature*, which showcased some of the beautiful and complex elements of the natural world including magnetism, vortices, turbulence, loft, and fog. This exhibition was met with rave reviews by Museum visitors and was featured in multiple local press outlets.

In November 2009, the Museum will unveil its second major exhibition, *Tinkering*. This exhibition will encourage creative problem solving through invention and out-of-the-box thinking. Visitors will be given the opportunity to experiment with actual mechanical inventions and play with their own gizmos, gadgets, and structures.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Outreach to Schools

Each year, Coyote Point Museum provides a variety of environmental science classes to local school groups. Through our classes, tours, and field hikes, we provide experiences that foster observation and interaction. Rather than deliver information, we create opportunities through science, art and the outdoors for students to ask questions, engage all their senses, and discover what makes their world work.

In addition to revamping all of our school-based programs, the Museum began to engage more closely with underserved schools located close to the Museum. In February 2009, the Museum piloted a new outreach effort with Horrall Elementary School, where 71% of the students receive free or reduced priced lunches, to provide intensive weekly science classes for 80 students.

In 2009, the Museum provided classes and tours to 9,073 children.

Summer Camps

Coyote Point Museum's highly popular summer camp program, Camp Coyote, provides personal, interactive experiences for preschool through 8th grade youth. Campers explore natural phenomena through science, art, and the outdoors which enables our young naturalists to discover how their world works; fosters creativity, imagination, and appreciation; and inspires them to care for our earth.

In 2009, 514 campers participated in Camp Coyote.

LIVE ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Coyote Point Museum is one of the only wildlife facilities in the Bay Area that focuses on educating our visitors about animals native to California. With our 63 live, native, non-releasable animals on display, visitors are able to view up-close some of the unique characteristics of these special animals. In addition, the museum is home to 54 Animal Ambassadors—live, non-releasable animals used for educational programs.



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Western Screech Owl

After upgrading a number of our wildlife habitats in 2008, Coyote Point Museum has been able to add a number of new animals to our family.

New Animals at Coyote Point Museum:

- African Hedgehog
- Burrowing Owl
- California Desert Tortoise
- California Red-Legged Frog
- European Ferret
- San Francisco Garter Snake
- Western Screech Owl

VOLUNTEERS

Coyote Point Museum depends on over 100 volunteers each year to care for our wildlife, assist with educational programs, guide our visitors, educate visitors about our live animals, and provide administrative support, among much else. In 2009, volunteers provided 7,164 hours of service.

One of our special volunteer programs is our Leaders-In-Training (LIT) program, which provides leadership development opportunities for 12-17 year olds throughout the year and particularly in our summer camp programs. LITs complete a competitive application and interview process as well as 25 hours of training. In 2009, 32 Leaders-In-Training provided 2,713 hours of service.

THE FUTURE OF COYOTE POINT MUSEUM

In the coming year, Coyote Point Museum will focus on laying the groundwork for a major facility renovation that will once again position the Museum to be a premier institution in environmental education.

The Museum's renovation will seek to address the following objectives:

- Become a place that makes the physical attributes of Coyote Point visible—from wind bursts and Bay water ripples to seasonal sun position and rainfall.
- Replace the current permanent exhibition in the Environmental Hall with flexible exhibit space that will accommodate interactive and engaging activities.
- Open the building to daylighting and to its stunning park and Bay surroundings to allow visitors to experience the outdoors as an integral part of their visit.
- The renovated building will meet the highest standards for sustainability, focusing in particular on the reuse of materials and the efficient use of energy and water. We aspire to net zero energy use in our environmentally-friendly renovated facility.
- Provide additional programming space in the form of classrooms, a "tinkering" space, and a drop-in art studio.

In June 2008, after an 8-month search process, Coyote Point Museum's Board of Trustees selected Fernau & Hartman Architects to guide the Museum into the next phase of its history. In the coming year, we will continue to engage with our local community to determine how the Museum can best serve the community in an engaging and exciting way.



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The Board of Trustees and staff of Coyote Point Museum wish to express our sincere appreciation to the following individuals and organizations for their generous support of the Museum between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009.

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79,410 visitors

9,073 children served through our school-based programs

326 school groups served

117 live animals

48,971 people touched by our live Animal Ambassadors

32 teen volunteers who volunteered 2,713 hours

112 total volunteers who volunteered 7,164 hours

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"I just wanted to let you know that I think the Coyote Point camp is really impressive.

I am blown away by all of the things they do with the kids...

it is really amazing."

Summer camp parent

"Thank you for all that you do to make the camp experience a great one for our kids. Your hands-on approach to working with the campers and camp leaders is definitely one of the keys to the success of this program."

Summer camp parent

"Excellent animal exhibits and interesting hands on displays! Very enjoyable and informative."

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HERE'S WHAT OUR VISITORS ARE SAYING:

"My daughter really enjoyed using her imagination to make the gadgets and was so proud of the finished projects!"

Coyote Point Museum parent

"This is one of best museums ever!"

School student, Daly City, CA

"This was fun! I liked how the employees and caretakers talk to you about the animals and are hands-on. Keep it up!"

Visitor, Santa Rosa, CA

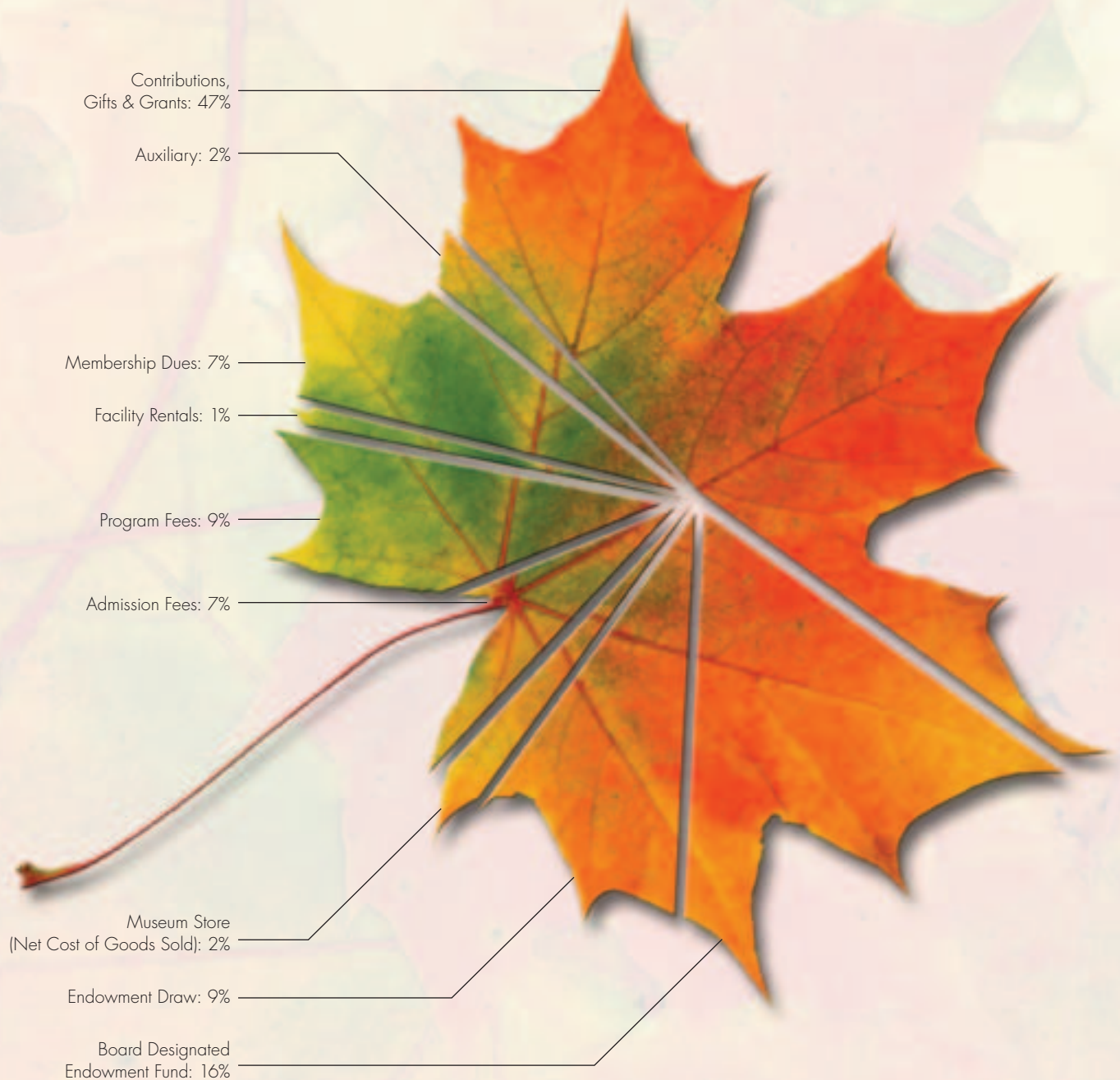
"My son is already planning out which camps he's going to go to next year!"

Summer camp parent

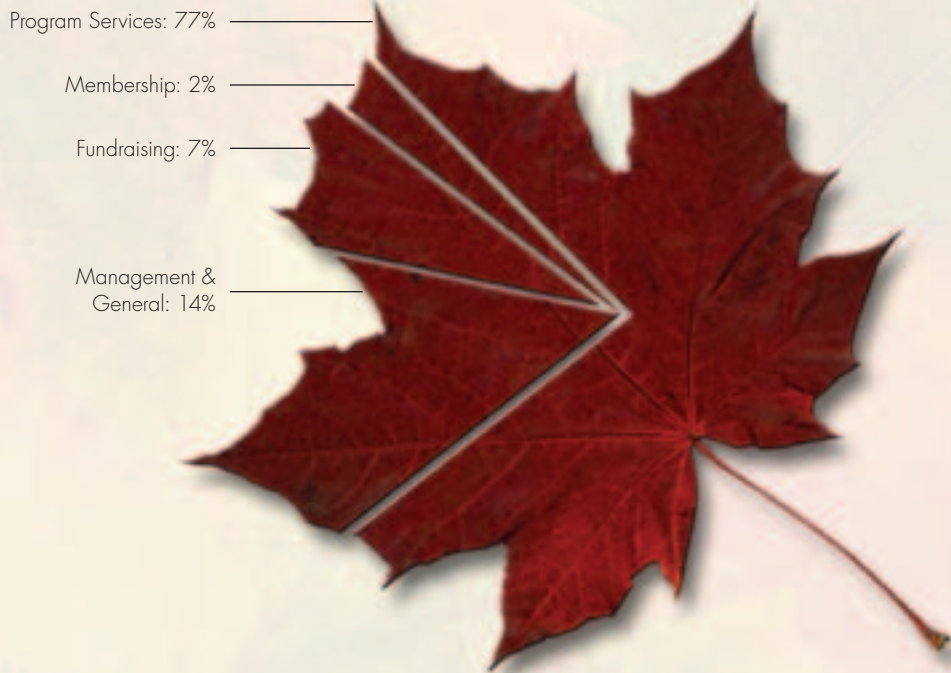
Statement of Finances

FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF COYOTE POINT MUSEUM'S FINANCIAL RESULTS BETWEEN JULY 1, 2008, AND JUNE 30, 2009. THESE FIGURES INCLUDE IN-KIND DONATIONS AND EXCLUDE ALL OTHER NON-CASH ITEMS.

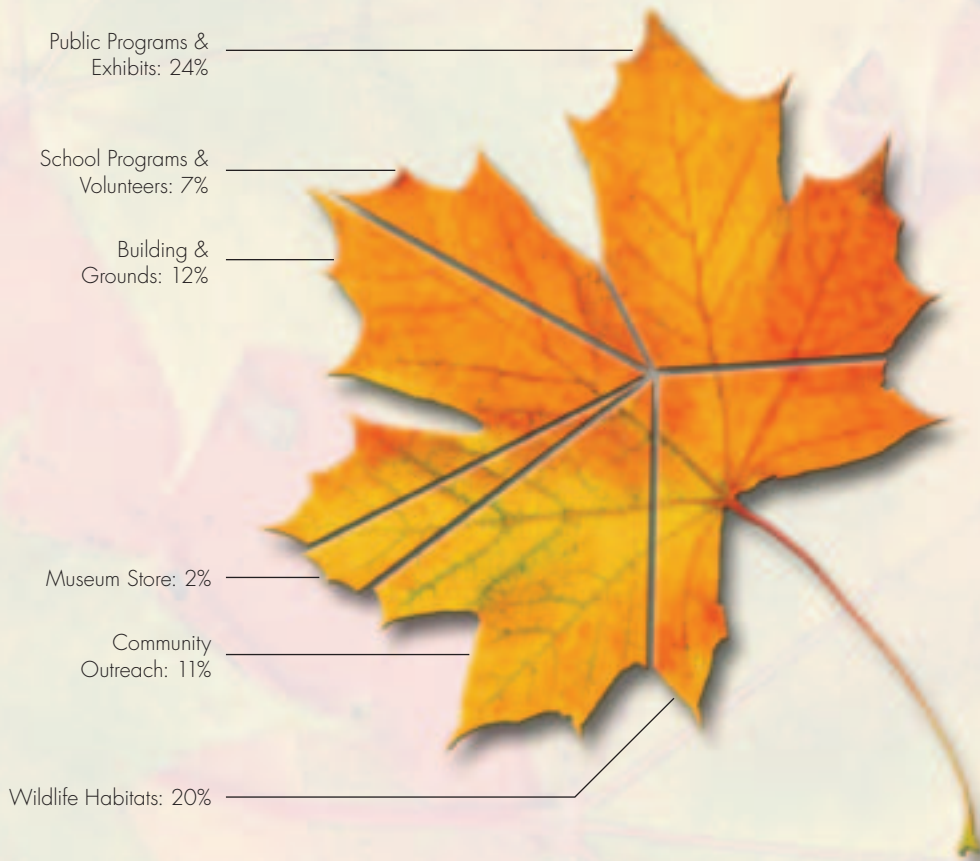
SOURCES - TOTAL REVENUE:\$2,318,332



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Winter Calendar: December - February

EXHIBITIONS



TINKERING - NEW EXHIBIT!

How will we meet the environmental challenges of today and tomorrow? Every invention, from a sewing needle to a solar cell, came to be as the result of tinkering and experimentation. Coyote Point Museum's newest exhibition will capture the beauty and intrigue of mechanical processes and highlight the importance of tinkering in the process of innovation.

SAVE THE DATE



CAMP COYOTE

Mark your calendars!

Summer camp sign-ups:

February 2nd Early-Bird Registration

February 9th Open Registration

Explore, discover and engage at our highly popular environmental science and art camps. Become a Premium member by January 31, 2010 and get early-bird registration for Camp Coyote!



EARTH DAY

Save the Date: Coyote Point Museum's Annual Earth Day Celebration will be Sunday, April 19, 2010 from 12 – 5pm.

ONGOING

FREE FIRST SUNDAYS

Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7

River Otter Feeding

Daily at 12:30pm

Always a family favorite, watch our frisky river otter frolic and play during the daily feeding.

Keeper Talk

Tuesday – Saturday 11:30am

Our wildlife keepers will discuss a different animal every day and answer your questions about animal behavior.

Tuesday Tales

Every Tuesday at 11:00am

Enjoy an enriching story, animal presentation and exploration activity conducted by our Museum's volunteers. A distinctive program for children 2-5 years old and their caregivers.

Wildlife Show

Wednesday and Friday 1:30pm,
Saturday and Sunday 1 & 3pm

Our wildlife shows are "wildly" popular! Meet some of our Animal Ambassadors and learn interesting facts.

Animal Enrichment Experience

Thursday 3:30pm

Watch our wildlife pounce, puzzle, and play!

Growing Scientists

Wednesday, 10:15 - 11:15am

Session dates:

January 6 - February 3, 2010

February 10 - March 10, 2010

Investigate botany, bubbles, clouds and chemistry with Coyote Point Museum! This class isn't just for preschoolers—parents or caregivers are involved as well. Enjoy hands-on exploration of science and environmental art in this exciting 5 week program.

Topics change each session so you can sign up all year and learn something new every time. Classes are for children 3-4 years old and their caregivers.

Fee: \$55 per session for members / \$70 per session non-members

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/3: Homeschoolers' Day

10am - 1pm

Homeschooled students and their teachers can enjoy live animal encounters, tinkering, building, and experimentation.

\$20/student

12/8-12/13: Book Fair

Open during regular Museum hours

Give yourself, family members, or friends the gift of a great book while helping Coyote Point Museum. All net proceeds from the fair will benefit the Museum.

12/12-12/13: Earth-Friendly Gift Wrapping

12 - 5pm

Minimize your eco-footprint and learn earth-friendly ways of wrapping gifts. We'll have demonstration and practice stations so you can try different ways of wrapping presents with reusable, recyclable, or biodegradable materials.

12/13: Winterfest

12 - 5pm

As winter grows darker and we approach the longest night of the year, come explore the science of light and dark. Tinker with prisms and mirrors, track shadows, and make sparks. Get a closer look at our live animals and find out how they use both light and night.

12/21-12/23 and 12/28-12/30: Winter Break Camp

8:30am - 5:00pm

Enjoy a variety of environmental science and art activities during Winter Break!

Pre-registration required. \$190 for members/\$215 for non-members per session.

12/22-12/23 and 12/29-12/30: Winter Explorer Days

10:00am - 3:00pm

Drop in for fun and educational science and art activities!

12/24, 12/25, 1/1: Museum closed

1/18: Martin Luther King Day

Museum open 12-5

2/15: Presidents' Day

Museum open 12-5



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2009 Holiday Gift Guide

GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

During the month of December, receive \$10 off all gift family memberships. Your gift will last all year long and includes personalized Membership cards, free entry to Coyote Point Recreation Area, and guest passes. Not valid for renewals.

To order, go to www.coyoteptmuseum.org/support-us/become-a-member.

TRIBUTE GIFTS

Perfect for someone who has everything, your gift of \$25 or more gets your loved one a card, featuring one of our non-releasable animals, acknowledging your contribution in their name (gift amount will not be specified). To order, call 650.340.7591.

ADOPT-AN-ANIMAL

Give the gift of your favorite animal at Coyote Point Museum! Adopt one of our furry and feathered friends for your loved ones and know that you are helping to feed, care for, and enrich the lives of the non-releasable animals in our care.

To order, come to the Museum or go to www.coyoteptmuseum.org/support-us/adopt-an-animal.

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