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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

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InspectionDepartment of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

- Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
- Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions). All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.
- 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 **Jul 1**, 2011, and ending **Jun 30**, 2012

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization Open Fields, Inc.		D Employer identification number 03-0226188
	Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) PO Box 53		E Telephone number (802) 785-2077
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Thetford VT 05074		F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

H Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website: ▶ **openfields.org**

J Tax-exempt status (ck only one) — ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions). But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ **132,639.**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

REVENUE	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	27,878.
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	84,415.
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	156.
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
	6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	19,895.
6c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	3,762.	
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	16,133.	
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	295.	
7b	Less cost of goods sold	7b		
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	295.	
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	128,877.	
EXPENSES	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	75,125.
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	424.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	31,496.
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	20,171.
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	127,216.
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	1,661.	
NET ASSETS	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	131,385.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	133,046.

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Part III Balance Sheets. (see the instructions for Part II.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☒

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	83,717. 22	77,688.
23 Land and buildings	53,426. 23	70,252.
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) See L-24 Stmt	6,248. 24	0.
25 Total assets	143,391. 25	147,940.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) See L-26 Stmt	12,006. 26	14,894.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	131,385. 27	133,046.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instrs for Part III.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☐What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? **primary school education**

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

Expenses
 (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)

28 Provided primary school education to students in the Upper Valley of VT and NH. Total 18 students: Grades K (4), First (1), Second (4), Third (5), Fourth (1), Fifth (1), and Sixth (1). (Grants \$ 0.) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	120,136.
29 _____ _____ (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30 _____ _____ (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	120,136.

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (see the instructions for Part IV.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Form W-2/1099-MISC) (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Mary Helen Bentley 15 Melview Ridge Norwich VT 05055	Chair 3.00	0.	0.	0.
Nellie Pennington 169 Alger Brook Road South Strafford, VT 05072	Head of School 20.00	1,800.	0.	0.
Margaret Little 85 Dartmouth College Hwy., #903 Lyme, NH 03768	Treasurer 3.00	0.	0.	0.
Ruth Cserr PO Box 11 Orford NH 03777	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Meg McLean 101 Whipple Hill Road Lyme NH 03768	Secretary 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Terry Garrison PO Box 113 So. Strafford VT 05070	Director 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Nate Hine 169 Alger Brook Road South Strafford VT 05070	Director 1.00	0.	0.	0.

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V☒

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33	X
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34	X
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a	X
b If 'Yes,' to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b	X
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III	35c	X
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions 37a 0.		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	X
b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ , section 4955 ▶		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	X
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If 'Yes,' complete Form 8886-T	40e	X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶		

42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Karen Kreis Telephone no. ▶ (802) 785-2077
 Located at ▶ Academy Road Thetford VT ZIP + 4 ▶ 05074

	Yes	No
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country ▶	42b	X
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country ▶	42c	X

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 – Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ **43** ☐

	Yes	No
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	X
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	X
d If 'Yes' to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	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)? If 'Yes,' Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	X

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		X

Part VI **Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
47		X
48	X	
49a		X
49b		

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

b If 'Yes,' was the related organization a section 527 organization?

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
None				

e Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 **▶**

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

e Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 **▶**

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A

▶ ☒ Yes ☐ No

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 <u>Margaret Little</u>	Date <u>11/15/12</u>			
	<u>Margaret Little</u> Type or print name and title	Treasurer			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name <u>Richard L. Barrows</u>	Preparer's signature <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>11/14/12</u>	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN <u>P00232888</u>
	Firm's name ▶ <u>Richard L. Barrows</u>				
	Firm's address ▶ <u>P.O. Box 245</u>				
	<u>Thetford Center VT 05075-0245</u>	Firm's EIN ▶	Phone no <u>(802) 785-4607</u>		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

▶ ☒ Yes ☐ No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

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2011

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

Open Fields, Inc.

Employer identification number

03-0226188

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 ☒ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state.
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33-1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a ☐ Type I
 - b ☐ Type II
 - c ☐ Type III – Functionally integrated
 - d ☐ Type III – Other
- e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f ☐ If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box.
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?		
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?		
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?		

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in column (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in column (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in column (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any 'unusual grants'.)						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2011 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33-1/3% support test – 2011. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33-1/3% support test – 2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants'.)						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose.						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513.						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf.						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge.						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5.						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons.						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year.						
c Add lines 7a and 7b.						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6.						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources.						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975.						
c Add lines 10a and 10b.						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets. (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ▶ ☐**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

15 Public support percentage for 2011 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a **33-1/3% support tests – 2011.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ ☐**b** **33-1/3% support tests – 2010.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ ☐**20** **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions. ▶ ☐

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

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SCHEDULE E
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Schools**

- **Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 13,
or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.**
► **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

OMB No 1545-0047

2011**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

Open Fields, Inc.

Employer identification number

03-0226188**Part I**

	YES	NO
1 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?	1 X	
2 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	2 X	
3 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it had no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If 'Yes,' please describe. If 'No,' please explain. If you need more space, use Part II. <u>See attached brochure, "Open Fields School". This brochure is widely distributed in the general community.</u>	3 X	
4 Does the organization maintain the following?		
a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	4a X	
b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	4b X	
c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	4c X	
d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? If you answered 'No' to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.	4d X	
5 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a Students' rights or privileges?	5a	X
b Admissions policies?	5b	X
c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?	5c	X
d Scholarships or other financial assistance?	5d	X
e Educational policies?	5e	X
f Use of facilities?	5f	X
g Athletic programs?	5g	X
h Other extracurricular activities? If you answered 'Yes' to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.	5h	X
6a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	6a	X
b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered 'Yes' to either line 6a or line 6b, explain on Part II.	6b	X
7 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4 01 through 4 05 of Rev Proc 75-50, 1975-2 C B 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If 'No,' explain on Part II.	7 X	

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Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Open Fields, Inc.

03-0226188

Part I

Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a ☐ Mail solicitations
b ☐ Internet and email solicitations
c ☐ Phone solicitations
d ☐ In-person solicitations
e ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants
f ☐ Solicitation of government grants
g ☐ Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in column (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total						

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1 <u>Egg Auction</u> (event type)	(b) Event #2 <u>Fall Auction</u> (event type)	(c) Other events <u>NONE</u> (total number)	(d) Total events (add column (a) through column (c))
REVENUE	1 Gross receipts	18,381.	5,113.		23,494.
	2 Less. Charitable contributions	3,600.	0.		3,600.
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	14,781.	5,113.		19,894.
DIRECT EXPENSES	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	3,636.	126.		3,762.
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d).				3,762.
	11 Net income summary Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10				16,132.

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add column (a) through column (c))
REVENUE	1 Gross revenue				
DIRECT EXPENSES	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d).				
	8 Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1, column (d) and line 7				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: _____

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'No,' explain _____

10 a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' explain _____

11	Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in

a The organization's facility

b An outside facility

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name

Address ▶

15a Does the organization have a contact with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____

c If 'Yes,' enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶

☐ Director/officer

☐ Employee

☐ Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Pt V, Line 35b All income was from activities related to the group's exempt purpose.

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 Other Expenses

Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)

Bank Charges	-22.
Public Relations	1,548.
Program Expenses	161.
Payroll Taxes	5,456.
Supplies	2,326.
Office	1,683.
Depreciation	1,939.
Camp program expense	6,029.
Annual Fund Appeal	1,051.

Total	<u><u>20,171.</u></u>
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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Form 990-EZ, Page 1, Part II, Line 24

Line 24 - Other Assets:	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Prepays		
Tuition Receivable	6,080.	0.
Other Receivable	168.	0.
Total	<u><u>6,248.</u></u>	<u><u>0.</u></u>

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Form 990-EZ, Page 1, Part II, Line 26

Line 26 - Total Liabilities:	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	506.	4,894.
Deferred Revenue & Prepaid Tuition	11,500.	10,000.
Total	<u><u>12,006.</u></u>	<u><u>14,894.</u></u>

Form **4562**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)**Depreciation and Amortization**
(Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

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2011Attachment
Sequence No **179**

Name(s) shown on return

Open Fields, Inc.

Business or activity to which this form relates

Form 990 / Form 990EZ

Identifying number

03-0226188**Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179****Note:** If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I

1	Maximum amount (see instructions)	1	
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	
4	Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2010 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instrs)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2012 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.**Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)**

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)**Section A**

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2011	17	1,718.
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		

Section B – Assets Placed in Service During 2011 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only — see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27.5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property	01/12	18,765.	39 yrs	MM	S/L	221.
				MM	S/L	

Section C – Assets Placed in Service During 2011 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions)

21	Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations — see instructions	22	1,939.
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

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Form 4562 (2011)

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable

Section A – Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed?					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	24b If 'Yes,' is the evidence written?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost		
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions).								25		
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use:										
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use:										
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. Enter here and on line 21, page 1								28		
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26. Enter here and on line 7, page 1								29		

Section B – Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other 'more than 5% owner,' or related person if you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

	(a) Vehicle 1		(b) Vehicle 2		(c) Vehicle 3		(d) Vehicle 4		(e) Vehicle 5		(f) Vehicle 6	
30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)												
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year. Add lines 30 through 32												
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?												
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C – Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions)

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?	Yes	No
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions.)		
Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is 'Yes,' do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles		

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2011 tax year (see instructions)					
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2011 tax year					43
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report					44

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Open Fields School relies on tuition, donations, fundraising events, and grants to keep tuition as low as possible. Scholarships are available to help keep our doors open to children from a variety of backgrounds.

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*Quietly doing our thing
since 1971*

What is Open Fields?

A small non-graded independent school open to all children, ages 4 through 12

They manage to maintain a warm, safe, creative environment where children know they are cared about and welcome. If only every child could have such a wonderful school to go to!

Diana Eastridge, parent

A home-like setting with a maximum of 30 students working with 3-4 teachers

I miss having teachers who don't just teach subjects, but really teach about life...I really want to thank you. You've made a significant difference in my life, and one I'm very pleased and grateful for.

Sara Mae Bush, class of 1984

A non-competitive environment where each child is encouraged to do his or her best

I enrolled (my daughter) in Open Fields School because the school could accommodate a broad range of abilities and disabilities, acknowledging everyone's strengths and weaknesses...Open Fields was a life saver to my family and my children.

Michelle Van Namee, parent

A school which provides a strong grounding in a basic curriculum, with enrichment in theater, music, art and foreign language

The academic program provided not only for the students' basic requirements, but presented a wide array of various topics, which would be explored further if there was interest from students. In my son's case, this led to his studying Algebra, Latin, and computers at his own pace, starting in the 4th grade.

John Hikory, parent

A school which encourages children's natural curiosity and promotes a life-long love of learning

While I was there, I participated with groups of students in experiments in model rocketry, designing of geodesic sculpture, establishing of an internal monetary system, publishing a fiction magazine, writing and producing films, writing and performing plays, exploring local wildlife areas, and experimenting with chemistry and physics. The amazing thing is that most of these were not formally organized activities.

Jeremy Thorne, class of 1979

A low-key atmosphere in which to learn, free from the pressures of academic competition, testing, and homework

I remember my Open Fields experience (1981-1986) as the most influential of my life, one that continues to affect the ways I learn, work and relate to others.

Lara "Rose" Finlay, class of 1986

I feel that Open Fields challenged my child and kept him interested in learning. He really blossomed in the caring and supportive atmosphere.

Lesley Rower, parent



A school which recognizes that each student is an individual and which assists each child to develop at his or her own pace

At Open Fields I interacted with my peers in a relaxed, non-competitive atmosphere where no stigma was attached to being 'different'.

Lara "Rose" Finlay, class of 1986
Small class size, a commitment to individual attention, and a strong desire to make things better for youngsters make Open Fields School the best place for some of our local children to receive their education.

Robert F. Johnston, educator

A place to explore and discover and learn

I credit (Open Fields) with really jump starting an early creative development that has continued up until this day.

Lance Funston, class of 1979

A place to gain self-confidence and self-discipline

My experience at Open Fields gave me confidence in my ability to make decisions about my own education.

Sara Mae Bush, class of 1984

A rural setting which encourages a variety of outdoor activities, from exploring fields, woods, streams and hills to sledding and playing soccer and kickball on the green

Childhood should be fun. Learning should be fun. There should be excitement, humor, warmth, hard work with a purpose, love. In short, school should be a positive experience and promote a love of learning that will last a lifetime.

Jean K. Aull, Director