



ANNUAL REPORT

2023

Friends of Beaver Creek Reserve
Connecting People with Nature

Friends of Beaver Creek Reserve

Fall Party & Annual Meeting

SCHEDULE

Main Lodge or Outdoor Classroom

4:00-5:00 PM

Check-In & Social Hour

5:00-5:30 PM

Dinner

5:30-7:00 PM

Annual Meeting & Awards

Let's reflect on 2022 and look ahead to 2023-2024!

Hear from our Executive Director, Erik Keisler and President of our Friends Board, John Kleven.

Jeanette Kelly, our Citizen Science and Education Director, will share about their busy fall season of Northern Saw-whet Owl banding!

We will end the Annual Meeting presentation with volunteer recognition awards.

7:00-8:00 PM

Campfire & Live Music

8:00 PM

Nighttime Activities

Looking Up! An Introduction to the Night Sky
Hobbs Observatory, 8:00 PM

Stars, planets, constellations, asterisms, telescopes, and more. Join CVAS members and learn how to take in the night sky and further engage your curiosity about astronomy! Telescope viewing if skies are clear.

Northern Saw-whet Owl Banding
Citizen Science Center, 8:00-10:00 PM

Northern Saw-whet Owl migration is underway! This is a great opportunity to learn about these tiny, charismatic, nighttime flyers, their migration, and the banding process.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Erik Keisler, Executive Director

Beaver Creek is back to our new normal! I cannot believe the amount of programs, camps, field trips and visitors that we had this last year. We have surpassed records for attendance at special events, daily visitorship, camps, and programs. As a social butterfly, I love to have people here at Beaver Creek, so this increase has truly made my heart flutter! I feel like the more people engaged at Beaver Creek, the more people that are truly experiencing our mission of *connecting people with nature*.

Last fall, we received two grants from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which was awarded to Eau Claire County non-profits. We have been able to apply and match those funds for multiple projects at Beaver Creek. The Friends Board felt that we should apply those dollars to programs, for the most part, and we have been busy using those dollars to great use. Since receiving those funds, we have been busy completing projects that have been highly prioritized since the pandemic.



• We have a new turtle tank for our snapping turtle, "Snapper" who has already out grown two tanks. This new tank will be

installed this winter for a total cost of \$30,000 using ARPA funds and a matching grant from the Eau Claire Community Foundation. We are still raising additional funds to help cover the final costs of the tank.

• We now have new ADA accessible doors for the Wise Nature Center. This includes the front doors and lower level exit door leading to the Butterfly House and Nature Nooks. The total cost for this project was \$15,000.



• We have a new Wellness Room located in the lower level near the base of the tree. This room is to be used for administering medicines for guests or a space for nursing mothers so they can sit in comfort and watch the birds at the feeders. The total cost for this project was \$10,000, and ARPA funds were matched by a grant from the Nordson Foundation.

• Our security system has been updated! There is a new keyless entry pad on the Nature Center, Main Lodge, Beaver Den Conference Center and garage, and maintenance garage. We also installed new security cameras located around the Beaver Creek campus. The total cost for this project was \$50,000.

• Water spigots were installed around our Nature Center flower gardens and inside the greenhouse to help maintain our native plants and increase efficiency for our largest fundraiser, the Native Plant Sale. The total cost for this project was \$4,000.



• Our greenhouse received another update with a new furnace and thermostat so we can better manage the heat inside while growing our native plants. The total cost for this project was \$2,000.



• The Wise Nature Center also received an upgrade! Our lobby is looking sharp with a new whiteboard calendar that displays all our upcoming programs and events, as well as phenological happenings. We also hung up new photos and signs to improve the space. The total cost for this project was \$2,500.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT *(continued)*

Erik Keisler, Executive Director



• An Eagle Scout also built us new picnic tables for the Outdoor Classroom! The space now has a fan to help circulate airflow for field trips. The total cost for this project was \$2,500.

• We added more AmeriCorps members to the Beaver Creek team to assist the Education, Marketing, and Citizen Science departments. This in turn has allowed us to welcome more students for field trips than ever before, and increase capacity building in the other areas. The total cost for this addition was \$20,000.



• And finally, we ordered and added new elements to update the Obstacle Course and Nature Nooks. The total cost for this project was \$20,000, and ARPA funds were matched by grants from the Green Bay Packers Foundation and donations from Sawyer Strong.

Investing in Beaver Creek during a time when we have gotten so busy has been very fruitful. Guests who have revisited after the pandemic

have been very happy with the changes that took place the last few years. Visitors see that we have been able to invest in this valuable community resource thanks to the support of our Friends, members, volunteers, donors, and staff.

You don't have to take my word for it... but if you look at the stats at the end of this report, you will see just how much our renewed and new memberships have increased. With the reopening of the Children's Museum of Eau Claire, the community took advantage of the Triple Play Membership and we welcomed hundreds of new families to Beaver Creek. This membership is in partnership with the Children's Museum, Chippewa Valley Museum, and Beaver Creek Reserve. Triple Play used to have the lowest membership rate, but with our success and the successes of our partners, we have seen a huge spike in new members which exposes new people to Beaver Creek and helps us continue our mission!

As far as where we are now, attendance during the Butterfly House season increased 40%, summer camps served an additional 30% more youth, and we sold more native plants than ever before during our Native Plant Sale. Beaver Creek staff and AmeriCorps members have been working diligently to increase our organization's capacity

to the community. To even better serve our community, we have increased the number of AmeriCorps members we host from one individual back in 2016 (AJ Leiden) to six full time members for the 2023-2024 season. We are serving so many more people while giving great opportunities for these members to grow professionally and advance our mission. Our Friends Board set this as a strategic goal to help our people of Beaver Creek: staff, volunteers, members, and donors. It's exciting to see the impact our staff and volunteers have on the organization and community as a whole, and that donors know their dollars are being put to good use.

Thanks to all the people who helped make last year a success. I can't wait to see how we will continue to connect people with nature next year!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erik Keisler".

*-Erik Keisler,
Executive Director*



NOTES FROM OUR NATURALISTS

Megan Giefer & John Muetz

2022-2023 was an exciting year for the education team! So much has happened across all facets of what we do here at Beaver Creek Reserve.



Field Trips

We took some time during the pandemic and revamped our field trips by modifying all lessons to be taught outdoors. Because of the positive feedback from schools and teachers, we've continued to emphasize the learning experiences taught completely outdoors! In 2022, Beaver Creek saw 2,560 students explore and discover the Nature Center, Youth Camp, and trails. We had a great team of WisCorps members that assisted and led field trips this past year. Because we have invested in an experienced teaching staff to lead all lessons, teachers were able to enjoy their time at Beaver Creek while learning along with their students. Some of the activities included, stream study, orienteering, outdoor survival, archery, animal signs hikes, live animals, and more!

Summer Camps

Starting in the summer of 2022, we overhauled the way we run summer camps and doubled the number of available spots for campers by running both a morning and afternoon session!

With our contract with the Eau Claire Area School District and the excitement from the community, we were able to reach almost 700 students in 2022! With the high demand for summer programming, we decided to expand our camp offerings once again in 2023 and added the School District of Altoona, and the Augusta Area School District to our partnering schools, allowing us to provide DPI subsidized camp opportunities to a wider range of students in the valley.



Trails Updates

We were active on our trails in 2022 from fires, to art, and even blazing an old trail. In May, we conducted a controlled burn of the oak savannah along the south green loop under the instruction of Jim Schwiebert. In September, local artist Terry Meyer erected a stunning sculpture of a nesting Red-shouldered Hawk which can be seen towering over the oak savannah at the southernmost confluence of the red, yellow and green trails. As summer camps began to ramp up, the education team took to the trails and revitalized the overgrown trail connecting us to Big Falls County Park. This winding trail is now equipped with white trail markers to guide hikers between the two properties.

Displays and Animal Ambassadors

With grant funding through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), we hired two professional assessors to conduct a Collections Assessment for Preservation, resulting in a detailed report on our preservation needs and standards, and ensuring the longevity of our buildings, displays, and interpretive materials. One great example of how these new standards have been utilized to improve our displays is the purchase of our new snapping turtle enclosure! This tank will meet the current standards set by zoo and aquarium associations. We were able to raise enough money through grant funding and donations to move forward on providing Snapper with a new 360 gallon tank. This will sextuple the amount of livable space for him for future growth!



Butterfly House

Our Butterfly House also had a great season welcoming more visitors than we have ever seen before! In 2022, the House had 6,037 visitors walk through the doors and experience all stages of Wisconsin-native butterflies. We also ran several Butterfly Camps for grades K-5, and put up three billboards around Eau Claire County promoting the Butterfly House and all there is to explore.

CITIZEN SCIENCE CENTER REPORT

Jeanette Kelly, Citizen Science & Education Director

Another exciting year at the Citizen Science Center, with new staff and new projects!

Lia Landowski, our Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, took a job with the Army Corps of Engineers in Idaho. Before she left, we hired Bre Klockzien to fill her shoes. We made a really good choice! Bre has jumped into this position and has been making a huge splash. She has been forming new partnerships encouraging interest, developing outreach, and stretching our boundaries to bring new ideas to the Citizen Science Center. Bre has not hesitated to get involved with all things Beaver Creek Reserve. She's accomplished all of this while working on her Master's Degree. During the past few months, Bre also worked to complete Aquatic Invasive Species surveys on 14 different water bodies, worked with 13 citizen lake monitors, trained five watercraft inspectors for the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program, and worked with 14 lake groups.



Besides the work completed for the Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator part of her position, Bre also manages two citizen science programs: Acoustic Bat Monitoring and Mussel Monitoring of Eau Claire County Phase II. With help from our amazing volunteers, we were able to



survey 4 areas throughout the summer for our Acoustic Bat Monitoring program and assist in a graduate project, Bats in Small Cities. The Mussel Monitoring program worked to educate, raise awareness, and monitor 49 streams for freshwater mussel abundance and distribution throughout Eau Claire County rivers and streams.

This past September, we welcomed our new AmeriCorps members. Luke Trittelwitz, a recent graduate from UW-Stevens Point, will spend the next year working as our Avian Field Technician. Two of our new projects finally got underway this year and Luke was able to be part of both of them.

A grant from Xcel Energy and CD Besdany allowed us to start up a new American Kestrel Host project. We recruited five property owners to put up Kestrel nest boxes on their properties. The host then monitored their box through the nesting season, hoping a pair of Kestrels would take up residency... and we had success! One of our hosts had a successful Kestrel nest that produced two male and two female, healthy and well-fed Kestrel fledglings. We will continue this project next year and hope to add some additional Kestrel Hosts.

We also erected our motus towers! You have likely heard



us talking about these towers for the last year or so. This summer we installed a motus tower at Henke Acres Research Site and another on top of the Wise Nature Center. Motus is a wildlife tracking technology that uses radio signal towers to track migrating birds. Transmitter tags are placed on migrating birds and when the bird flies within 15 km of a tracking tower, the tower detects and records the signal from the tag. Data is submitted to an international database that keeps track of all tagged birds' information. The Chippewa Valley is an essential area for migration, given our proximity to both the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River flyways. We also serve as a critical migration conduit to the sub-boreal forest located north of us. As I am writing this, we have not received our first "ping" on a bird tag yet. Keep watching for updated information!

Thank you for the support this past year volunteering as citizen scientists, participating in our programming, and providing monetary support. It is exciting that even after almost 20 years, the Citizen Science Center can continue to find ways to grow and engage our community.

*-Jeanette Kelly,
Citizen Science & Education
Director*

MEET THE TEAM

Our team is currently made up of nine full-time staff, three part-time staff, and six AmeriCorps members! New this year, we decided to return to Marshfield Clinic Health Systems AmeriCorps which now has a new Community Corps program. We are so excited to welcome more AmeriCorps members to Beaver Creek and return to the Marshfield Clinic program we were a part of from 2016-2020.

On the following pages, you will get to know our staff and their roles here at Beaver Creek Reserve. Learn about some of their hobbies, interests, what they've been up to this past year, or what they are excited about for this new year!



Amber Noah

AmeriCorps Environmental Educator

Hi, my name is Amber! I'm just getting started on a second term with AmeriCorps as an Environmental Educator here at Beaver Creek Reserve! During the past year I was able to share my love of art in nature doing community programs, interacted with hundreds of children throughout field trips and summer camps, handle a few of Wisconsin's coolest native species as animal ambassadors, and even took on the Staff Astronomer label, learning how to run the 14" telescope in the Hobb's Observatory! I grew up in the area, graduating from UW-Eau Claire with a degree in Biology while bouncing my way through odd jobs in the natural resources field. Beaver Creek has given me the opportunity to solidify my decision to continue on in the outdoor education career track. When I'm not leading a hike or gazing through a telescope, you'll find me spending even more time outside

camping and hiking, reading the latest mystery series, attempting to cook as well as my mom, and exploring places I've never been! BCR has held a special place in my heart since my first field trip here in elementary school, and I'm honored to be a part of it.

Kirsten Holmes

Office & Engagement Director

2023 has been an exciting year for me professionally. After 8 years of part-time assistant office work, I was able to accept the position of Office & Engagement Director. My boys are now 16 and 14, and unfortunately, do not need as much hand-holding as they used to. We are now entering into thoughts about college tours and the last dude starting high school. My husband still loves his job with Global Finishing Solutions in Osseo. We both log many, many miles between work, baseball, football, wrestling, and basketball all over the state. I enjoy every second of every game or match; however, my Bleacher Chair might not make it another three years. Thank you all for your continued support at BCR through your hands, minds, and pocketbooks.



Bre Klockzien

Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator



In May 2023, I started my journey with Beaver Creek Reserve as the Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator and Citizen Science Technician. Beaver Creek is unlike any other reserve I have been with and offers so much excitement and knowledge between the staff, volunteers, and the work we do.

We have been busy in the Citizen Science world with birds, mussels, bats, and aquatic invasive species! I have been lucky to be involved with master naturalists, program presentations, and our large events like Butterfly Fest, Day of Caring, and Boofest and cannot wait for more! Water is one of my favorite parts of working in natural resources, so getting to spend my days exploring lakes, rivers, and streams has been the best part of my days. If I were to choose the best part of being at Beaver Creek, it would be the people. Everyone involved with Beaver Creek is incredible!

I already have so many great memories here, but if I had to choose just one, it would be floating down the Chippewa River to find freshwater mussels! We had a few people from Beaver Creek join us on our hunt and found a variety of species! The day was filled with adventure, learning, and lots of laughs!



Megan Giefer

Naturalist

What a year it has been! 2023 has been a successful year and one for the books! To start it off, we had a great Butterfly House season and almost doubled the number of visitors during the months of July and August. A special thank you to all those who volunteered time to make it such a fantastic season! I already cannot wait for next year. This summer we also hosted and led a Wisconsin Master Naturalist Volunteer Training. We had an awesome group of individuals who were very excited to learn about the great things here at Beaver Creek and throughout the Chippewa Valley. In addition to this summer, I led our younger group of Nature Nuts for the first time! We had so much fun learning about what lives in the water and forest, what makes weather so neat, and what planets we can find in space! I even got to learn a couple of news songs myself. I have so many wonderful memories from camp this year.

Some fun adventures I have been able to do this year include traveling to Canada and camping at Sleeping Giant Provincial Park, which is right outside Thunder Bay, and hiking to the Top of the Giant (located in my picture). This is a 16-mile out-and-back trail with incredible views of Lake Superior, which I highly recommend! I have also been able to take our annual, sisters backpacking trip to the Porcupine Mountains in the Upper Peninsula with my sister, Kristen. Hiking across rivers and streams, viewing the beautiful spring flora, and relaxing by the campfire every night... these are just some of the special memories I will always cherish. To top it off, watching the Northern Lights dance along the sky in March has been one of the highlights of the year!



Eve Kramer

AmeriCorps Environmental Educator

Hello! My name is Eve, and I am excited to be joining Beaver Creek as an Environmental Educator and AmeriCorps member. I grew up on a small family farm with nature a big part of daily life, which I quickly embraced. I channeled that passion into college and graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a degree in Wildlife Ecology and minors in Biology and Professional Writing. While in college, I spent a semester

at the University of Idaho on the National Student Exchange Program which gave me a unique opportunity to learn about wildlife conservation in the western states. Since then, I have worked a variety of jobs, including positions at a wildlife sanctuary, an aquaponics facility, a vet clinic, and Climate Impact Corps. Outside of work, I spend a lot of time doing all kinds of outdoor recreation, reading, writing, gaming, and making art. You will also likely catch me volunteering at or attending the Midwest Renewable Energy Association's annual Energy Fair in Custer, WI. I am grateful to be part of this next chapter at Beaver Creek!

Deanna Grelecki

AmeriCorps Environmental Educator

Hello! My name is Deanna, and I am beyond excited to continue my journey at Beaver Creek Reserve! This will be my second AmeriCorps term as an Outdoor Educator. I have absolutely loved diving into the field of environmental education, and Beaver Creek has so many amazing and unique opportunities to help people truly connect with nature. I am very proud of the work I did taking my love of anthropology and history

to help revamp the lessons, materials, and Voyageur Cabin for Beaver Creek's Wisconsin Fur Trade programming! Other favorite memories from the past year include taking staff kayaking outings down the Eau Claire River and working with volunteers in creating a magical experience in the Butterfly House. The staff, and especially the volunteers, are absolutely wonderful people to work with!!!!

When I am not at work, I love to find new places to explore, whether that be restaurants, stores, or local/state/national parks, experiencing new locales keeps life interesting. I also enjoy staying in with a good book or tv series and a nice mug of tea! I am currently reading "The Radium Girls," which is a fascinating recounting of radium and its side effects through the eyes of the Dial Watch factory girls and I cannot put it down!

Make sure to stop on by and experience the wonders of Beaver Creek and the fabulous people that work here!



Jim Schwiebert

Naturalist

A couple of exciting things happened on Beaver Creek property this past year from a land management perspective. I was fortunate to be able to work with the County Forester and a private contractor to conduct a jack pine salvage timber sale on Beaver Creek property. Logging is not a usual occurrence at Beaver Creek, but we had an opportunity to salvage some over-age jack pine along with some dead and dying oak wilt trees. It was a selective harvest and should result in a healthier but different stand in the future. Another success was the treatment of spotted knapweed at Henke Acres. The areas that were sprayed last year were almost entirely devoid of spotted knapweed this year. Spot spraying should control the rest but we continue to monitor this nasty invasive. I've also led some hikes, helped with school groups, led classes in snowshoe lacing, foraging, and tree ID. There are lots of ways to plug into nature and learn at the Reserve. Please join me for a class if you can; I'd love to see you! Oh yeah, as you can see from the picture, I'm still chasing mushrooms!



Kim Cesafsky

Nature Center Coordinator

Hi, my name is Kim Cesafsky. I'm the new Nature Center Coordinator at Beaver Creek Reserve. As I'm writing my bio, I just wrapped up my first week of training.

I've met an amazing and caring group of staff and volunteers. They are all AWESOME and I'm excited to meet the rest of the volunteers in the coming weeks. I was fortunate enough to participate in a mussel monitoring program on Monday. Tuesday I received a personal tour from Erik, the Director of BCR. I was impressed by

all the improvements and updates that have been implemented within the last few years. The volunteers from the bird banding program were in the building on Tuesday so I stopped by to introduce myself. I was told if I stop by when they are banding a bird, they will let me hold and release it. How cool is that! Wrapping up my week was Day Of Caring. 100 volunteers came out to help paint, stain, repair and clean up the grounds. It was eye opening of what was accomplished in one day! Thanks again to all the volunteers who came out to help.

I feel very blessed to be a part of all of this. Connecting myself and others with nature is truly rewarding. A day doesn't go by without hearing laughter from the team.

When I'm not at work I enjoy spending time with my nature-loving husband Chris, my three adventurous boys and my three precious grandchildren. Over the years Chris and I have created our own paradise in our backyard with many flower beds, a vegetable garden, bird feeders and a koi pond.

I also enjoy hiking, kayaking, painting and crafting. I hope to add cross-country skiing to my list of activities that I enjoy doing. The farmers almanac is predicting lots of snow this year so this might be the year!!

Julie Felske

Membership & Donation Manager

This November I will celebrate my eighth year at Beaver Creek as the Membership and Donation Manager. Before I was an employee, I volunteered as a Nature Center weekend host for many years. Beaver Creek Reserve has been a part of my family's lives since we moved to the Chippewa Valley 16 years ago. My kids have grown up going to summer camps, attending family programs, hiking the trails, and now as volunteers. My oldest works as a Caterpillar Lab volunteer in the summer months and my youngest started helping out with Nature Nuts camp this year. When we aren't at Beaver Creek, you can find us hiking, biking, kayaking, camping, and exploring.



John Muetz

Naturalist

My name is John Muetz and I am proud to have completed my first year in this new Naturalist position. Though this was my first year as a full-time staff member, I have been involved with the organization in many capacities over the years, starting out as a summer Naturalist Intern, working as an Office Assistant, and most recently working on preserving and recording Beaver Creek's long history of environmental education as an AmeriCorps member. My background is in social studies education, but I

have always had a passion for studying environmental history and how human beings shape and are shaped by, the natural world. Over the past year I have enjoyed learning the ins and outs of maple syrup making, working with all of the great volunteers in the Native Plant Sale, running summer camps, and seeing students from all over the Chippewa Valley out for field trips!

Kris Bohlinger

Operations Manager

My name is Kris; I am the Operations Manager at BCR and have worked at BCR for about five years. My job is so fun and exciting, I never know what the day will bring. I love "my office" as it is the great outdoors of Beaver Creek Reserve/Henke Acres. A few of the capital projects for this year were upgrading the security system and reinsulating the Wise Nature Center. I like the diversity and challenges of my job. Every time I complete a project, it becomes another great memory of BCR as it is off my TO DO list. In my free time, I like to relax on a quiet lake.



Maggie Warnke

AmeriCorps Environmental Educator

Hi! My name is Maggie and I just started as an AmeriCorps Environmental Educator for the 2023-2024 term! I recently graduated from UWEC with a degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. However, after spending my last few summers as an outdoor educator and working in the Colorado Rockies this previous spring, I wanted to take my love for the outdoors and pursue a new path! I enjoy working with kids and am excited to lead field trips and camps, as well as learn more about Wisconsin's plants and animals within this position. I enjoy traveling and this past year I have lived in France, Colorado, Minnesota, and now I'll have my feet planted in Wisconsin! I am happy to be able to spend another year exploring the natural beauty around the Eau Claire area and discover all Beaver Creek has to offer.



Kristen Giefer

Marketing & Program Director

I just started my fourth year at BCR, and have continued to love my job and all the people that come with it! I have made a lot of memories this past year... from growing pumpkins in our little pumpkin patch for Boofest, to looking at the "stars" using a constellation viewer at Nature Nuts summer camp, and walking in the water at Big Falls County Park to help our Citizen Science Center team monitor for mussels. There is so much I enjoyed and not enough room to share!

This past year, I also visited Voyageurs National Park with my family in August, and Salem, MA with my parents in October... which were both on my bucket list! I am so excited for the new experiences, opportunities, and knowledge 2024 will bring. Cheers to 2023 and bring on the new year!



Tori Lindert

AmeriCorps Marketing & Volunteer Coordinator

This is my second year at Beaver Creek and my first as an AmeriCorps member! Some of my favorite things I did this past year were raising and tagging Monarch butterflies, filming/creating some of the Feature Friday videos for our social media, helping run our special events, and learning how to cross-country ski! This isn't exactly what I'd pictured myself doing (a college graduate with an English degree) a year after graduation, but I couldn't be happier that this is the path I've found. Connecting closer with nature for myself and helping others do the same has brought me such joy. I am beyond excited to see what my second year here brings!



Luke Trittelwitz

AmeriCorps Avian Field Technician

My name is Luke Trittelwitz and I am the AmeriCorps Avian Field Technician here at Beaver Creek Reserve. My position allows me to work with all our Avian Monitoring Programs: Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survival (MAPS), Bluebird Restoration Project (BRP), American Kestrel nest boxes, Weekly Banding, Northern Saw-whet Owl Banding, Motus Telemetry, and educational programs. I recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point with a bachelor's in Wildlife Ecology and Management. I added three minors to my program at UWSP: Biology, Conservation Biology, and International Resource Management. My experiences have allowed me to work with all sorts of unique people, places, and organisms. From black bears to freshwater mussels, from the ceded territories to Ecuador, I have many perspectives and stories to share with you all.



Jeanette Kelly

Citizen Science & Education Director



Hi, I am Jeanette Kelly and I have been enjoying my twelfth year here at Beaver Creek Reserve. As the Citizen Science and Education Director my goal is to encourage a strong personal connection between people and nature. My background is in both education and research, so my dual role at Beaver Creek Reserve is perfect for me. My goal is to work with our fantastic volunteers, naturalists, and citizen science staff to make Beaver Creek a sought-after facility to gain knowledge and skills for folks starting out in natural resources or environmental education fields.

I cannot lie... I have an amazing job. My favorite thing about my job is that I am always learning something new from the animals I observe, from the amazing staff, or from the intelligent and talented group of volunteers that I have the pleasure to work with. I look forward to year 13!



Boofest, Oct 2022



Staff Kayaking Trip, Oct 2022



Volume One's Best Night, Feb 2023

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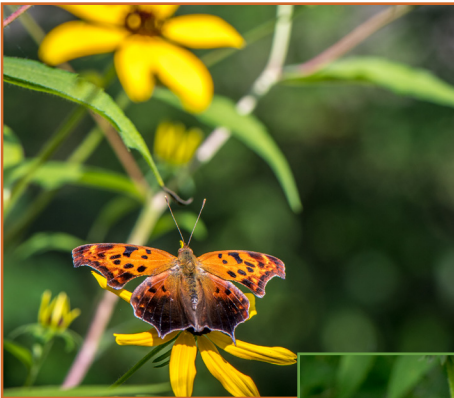
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VOLUNTEER REPORT

Hours recorded from:
January 1 - December 31, 2022

Total Hours: 7,641
Total Volunteers: 669

Department	# Volunteers	Department Total Hours	Sub-Department Total Hours	% Hours
Beaver Creek Reserve				
Beekeeping	11	1375	228	17%
Maple Syrup	5		100	7%
General Programming	8		392	29%
Nature Center Host	16		655	48%

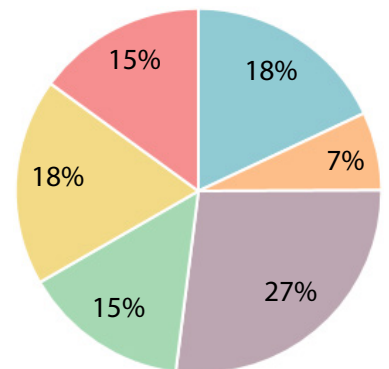
Butterfly				
Butterfly House	13	530	400	75%
Caterpillar Lab	14		130	25%

Citizen Science Center				
Bird Banding: Weekly	20	2067	669	32%
Bird Banding: MAPS	10		283	14%
Bird Banding : Owls	19		723	35%
Bird Banding : Avian Monitoring Program	5		18	1%
Nest Box Monitoring: Kestrel	11		155	7%
Bat Monitoring	3		18	1%
Christmas Bird Count	12		71	3.4%
General Programming	8		131	6%

Hobbs Observatory				
CSC: Comet Tracking	2	1122	15	1%
CSC: Radio Astronomy	5		260	23%
Astronomy Outreach	15		375	33%
Starfest	18		84	7%
Astronomy Offsite Programs	10		102	9%
Miscellaneous (repairs, cleaning astronomy update)	18		183	16%

Maintenance				
General/Facility Maintenance	145	1403	583	42%
Trail Maintenance	210		820	58%

Events				
Candlelight Snowshoe Hikes	6	1144	32	3%
Maple Syrup Saturday	5		25	2%
Greenhouse/Native Plant Sale	13		250	22%
Nature Nuts	41		718	63%
Butterfly Fest	8		32	3%
Boofest	3		12	1%
Holiday Crafting for Kids	15		75	7%



- Beaver Creek Reserve
- Butterfly Program
- Citizen Science Center
- Hobbs Observatory
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Day of Caring, Sept 2023



Volunteer Group, June 2023

Thank you to all our volunteers for donating your time to Beaver Creek Reserve. We couldn't do what we do without you!

Friends of Beaver Creek Reserve 2024 Operating Budget



Income	2023 Budget	2023 Jan-July	2024 Budget
<i>Donations</i>	78,167	46,810	82,075
<i>Memberships</i>	69,458	38,813	72,931
<i>Grants</i>	287,375	109,202	301,744
<i>Fees</i>	165,505	139,393	173,780
<i>Special Events</i>	29,768	27,932	31,256
<i>Gift Shop</i>	22,108	16,573	23,213
<i>County Contract</i>	198,450	90,000	208,373
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	6,380	631	6,699
Total	857,211	469,354	- 900,072
Expenses			
<i>Wages/Benefits</i>	604,245	340,886	634,457
<i>Maintenance/Utilities</i>	78,820	50,518	82,761
<i>General Operations</i>	159,297	127,284	167,262
<i>Gift Shop Expense</i>	13,781	1,738	14,470
Total	856,143	520,426	- 898,950
Capital Budget/Covid			
<i>Donations</i>	474,094	207,389	497,799
<i>Expenses</i>	45,498	104,435	47,773
Balance	429,664	51,882	- 451,147

GRANTS 2022

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).....	\$100,000
Besdany Kestrels.....	\$2,000
Department of Natural Resources - AIS, LCR.....	\$2,076
Department of Natural Resources - AIS, LCR.....	\$10,371
Department of Natural Resources - AIS, LCR.....	\$3,706
Department of Natural Resources - AIS, LCR.....	\$51,527
Department of Natural Resources - AIS, LCR.....	\$12,447
Eau Claire Community Foundation - Dick and Marlene Cable Family Fund.....	\$3,000
Eau Claire Community Foundation - RCU Professional Development Fund.....	\$400
Eau Claire County - Land Conservation.....	\$645
Eau Claire Garden Club.....	\$175
Green Bay Packers Foundation.....	\$6,000
Lower Long Lake - Clean Boats, Clean Waters.....	\$4,343
Trails - Maintenance.....	\$18,872
Trails - Projects.....	\$45,000
Xcel Energy Natural Resources Fund.....	\$5,080

Total: \$265,642

**FRIENDS OF BEAVER CREEK RESERVE, INC.
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021**

	2022			2021		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE						
Donations	\$ 193,371	\$ 28,331	\$ 221,702	\$ 202,825	\$ 18,061	\$ 220,886
Annual Campaign Donations	-	52,793	52,793	117,698	-	117,698
In-Kind Donation	10,876		10,876	8,888	-	8,888
Membership Contributions	61,590		61,590	58,264	-	58,264
Activity and Entrance Fees	127,041		127,041	68,745	-	68,745
Program Fees	63,472		63,472	32,605	-	32,605
Grants	181,850	19,000	200,850	233,736	15,000	248,736
Eau Claire County Contract	180,000		180,000	180,000	-	180,000
Wildland School Fees	57,982		57,982	57,125	-	57,125
Calendar Sales	282		282	1,411	-	1,411
Income from Gift Shop Sales (Net of Cost of Goods Sold of \$12,398 and \$14,706)	13,655		13,655	7,582	-	7,582
Investment Income (Loss)	(222,143)		(222,143)	65,549	129,749	195,298
Change in Value of Funds Held at Eau Claire						
Community Foundation	(25,003)		(25,003)	16,257	-	16,257
Other Income	8,555		8,555	4,907	-	4,907
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	199,393	(199,393)	-	94,580	(94,580)	-
Total Support and Revenue	850,921	(99,269)	751,652	1,150,172	68,230	1,218,402
EXPENSES						
Salary and Wages	552,532	-	552,532	505,556	-	505,556
Equipment and Supplies	75,592	-	75,592	76,783	-	76,783
Utilities	40,767	-	40,767	34,522	-	34,522
Printing and Postage	12,097	-	12,097	12,296	-	12,296
Program Expenses	21,170	-	21,170	10,657	-	10,657
Repairs and Maintenance	139,492	-	139,492	287,978	-	287,978
Travel and Conferences	26,992	-	26,992	6,217	-	6,217
Insurance	25,818	-	25,818	23,660	-	23,660
Office Expense	14,537	-	14,537	5,997	-	5,997
Professional Fees	15,462	-	15,462	9,503	-	9,503
Advertising	12,485	-	12,485	6,452	-	6,452
Scholarships	-	-	-	9,464	-	9,464
Depreciation	5,958	-	5,958	5,958	-	5,958
Other Expenses	23,841	-	23,841	13,041	-	13,041
Total Expenses	966,743	-	966,743	1,008,084	-	1,008,084
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(115,822)	(99,269)	(215,091)	142,088	68,230	210,318
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	1,998,368	1,354,886	3,353,254	1,856,280	1,286,656	3,142,936
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 1,882,546	\$ 1,255,617	\$ 3,138,163	\$ 1,998,368	\$ 1,354,886	\$ 3,353,254

DONATIONS 2022

Covid Campaign *(Jan 2022)*

Kim & Don Bodeau
Kathy Brandner
Eileen Cvancara
Phillip Fey
Sue & David Gordon
Joan Hamblin & David
Schifeling
Patty & Dave Hoban
Kari & Paul Kerber
Timothy L. Kobernat
Laura & Robert Mattison
Marlin & Lois Mueller
Dr. & Mrs. Jeff & Missy
Stepanek

For the Doug and Kate Lindsay Adventure Fund

Kathryn Lindsay

For the Jim Schwiebert Butterfly House Fund

Anonymous

75th Anniversary Fund

Anonymous x13
Carol Accola
Amazon Smile
Ark Animal Hospital
Dean J. Arnold
Arrowhead Properties
Terry Balding
Kathy Brandner
Rory Cameron
Charter Next Generation
Chippewa Valley Spirit All Stars
Chippewa Valley Watercolor
Artists
Janet Cline
Carlyn Conway
Deborah Cray
Mary Dale for bird seed
Heather DeLuka
Dig It Greenhouse and Gifts
Eau Claire Animal Hospital
Eau Claire Community
Foundation 25th
Anniversary Grant Catalog
Fund

Eau Claire Community
Foundation David T. Bodeau
and Family Fund
Eau Claire Community
Foundation RCU and
ECCF Nonprofit Professional
Development Grants Fund
Eau Claire Community
Foundation Robert R.
Southard Memorial Fund
4H Eau Claire Clovers
Amanda Geissler Memorial
Foundation, Inc.
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Susan & John Glenz
Brenda Gray
Rachel & Peter Hart-Brinson
Trisha Heidtke
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David & Candis Hensgen
Krista Hines
Joan & Richard Holum
Meg & Ron Hughes
Northwestern Bank
Jack & Sally Kaiser
Kelly Kavanagh
Dave & Linda Kragness
Jim Lindberg
Peggy M McAloon
James & Karen McCrady
Patricia & David Mertens
Diane M. Meuli through
Thrivent Choice
Karen & Daniel Mittag
Nestle Health Science
Network For Good
Ann & John Paddock
Dr. & Mrs. Robert & Juanita
Peck
John & Sharon Price
Ramone's Ice Cream Parlor
Natalia & Yuri Ripeckyj
Kyle & Debbie Rogers
Scheels of Eau Claire
Susan & John Schomburg
Judy & Jim Schwarzmeier
Joyce Smith
Sons of Norway Loven Lodge
05-029

Pegg Sprague
Linda Stead & Linda Erickson
Dr. & Mrs. Jeff & Missy
Stepanek
3rd & Vine
TruBilt Collision Center
Joseph Turner
Tom & Gloria Wagener
Walmart - Corporate Office
Johanna Warloski
Wisco Finishers, LLC
Wisconsin Association for
Environmental Education
Becky & Dave Wood

Benevity Community Impact Fund

Michelle Hagar
Maxwell Hull
Thomas McGee
Joe Rupslauskas
Michelle Washebek Hackett

Charities Aid Foundation of America

Nicholas Foiles
Trisha Heidtke
Carol Mikita

For the Butterfly Gardens

Eau Claire Garden Club

For the CSC Kestrel Program

Judy & Jim Schwarzmeier

For the Motus Project

Christopher & Jana Lind
Billy Wilson & Priscilla
Capelle-Haehn

For the Obstacle Course

Eau Claire Community
Foundation Dick and
Marlene Cable Family Fund
Green Bay Packers Foundation

Endowment

Anonymous x10
Amy Alpine & John Grump

DONATIONS 2022 *(continued)*

Endowment *(cont.)*

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Richard R. Arnold
Marlene Arntson
Rick & Sandy Ayres
James & Donna Backus
Hon. & Mrs. Thomas & Jill Barland
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Donald Baughman
Bruce Bayley
Dick & Florence Bedward
Jackie & Ed Belka
Jane Blockhus
Kim & Don Bodeau
Pauline Boehm
Dr.'s. Terry & Susan Borman
Eau Claire Community Foundation
Thomas Bruckner
Sara & Thomas Bryan
Michael & BebeAnna Buck
Terri & John Buhrow
Sharon Bussard
Nickolas & Regina Butler
Brad & Becky Carter
Dennis & Antoinette Ciesielski
Kathy Clark
Linda & Dan Clark
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Eileen Cvancara
Bob & Merrelyn Dawson
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John & Alice Droske
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Katherine Duplessie
Eau Claire Community Foundation Richard J. Ziemann Fund
Bill & Vicki Emery
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Janet Etnier
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Mary & Ray Fandel

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Steven & Kim Gillett
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Carole & Wayne Halberg
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Marilyn Jaskot
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Deborah Konkel
Gary & Opal Kunz
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Mandy & Tim Lange
Carol Larson
Robin Leary
John & Jane Lokken
David Lundberg
Richard Magyar & Lyria Palas
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Laura & Robert Mattison
Bill & Cathy McCann
James & Karen McCrady
Chad & Sara Mickelson
Karen & Daniel Mittag
Joe & Joy Motto
Kate Mullins
Sarah & Greg Newman

Martha & Michael O'Halloran
James & Sarah Paulus
Dr. & Mrs. Robert & Juanita Peck
Karen Possley
Merey & Jerry Price
Stephanie & Tim Raap
Natalia & Yuri Ripeckyj
Drs. Stephen & Carla Rogers
Mary Rosolack
Lilian Ruda
Joe Rupslauskas & Michelle Forsman
Drew & Mary Ryberg
Dan Scherbert
Robert & Carmen Schmidt
Judy & Jim Schwarzmeier
John R. Selin
Ardath Solsrud
Catherine & Dale Southard
Ede & Terry Strand
Luther Strasburg through Thrivent Choice
Randall & Lori Stutzman
Summit Dental Consulting
Rick Swenson
Carole & Ron Thompson
Delton Thorson
Susan & Roger Tietz
Terry & Judy Valen
Dr. & Mrs. Gerald & Joan Vandervelde
Martin & Karen Voss
Tom & Gloria Wagener
Chuck & Debbie Wells
Robert & Jane Williams
Karl & Barb Wise
Larry Zorn

For the Citizen Science Center Fund

Anonymous x2
Jeff & Kristen Brown
Carolyn Buvala
Warren Gallagher & Stella Pagonis
Janet Goodwin
Dave & Linda Kragness
Pat McKearn & Richard Smith
Roger & Kathi Michelson

DONATIONS 2022 *(continued)*

Endowment *(cont.)* **For the Citizen Science Center Fund** *(cont.)*

Sarah & Greg Newman
Natalia & Yuri Ripeckyj
Judy & Jim Schwarzmeier

For the Doug and Kate Lindsay Adventure Fund

Anonymous
John & Lynn Gunderson
Kathryn Lindsay
Alec Lindsay & Kate Teeter
Elizabeth Lindsay-Qureshi
Dianne & Ron Powers

In honor of Alec and Kate Lindsay

Ken Parejko

For the Henke Acres Fund

Anonymous
Janet Goodwin
Dave & Linda Kragness
Kyle & Debbie Rogers
Sharon & William Schulte
Judy & Jim Schwarzmeier

In honor of Preston Henke

Dr. & Mr. Jill & Ned Lenhart

In memory of William Henke

Craig Carlson
Kevin Pifer
Robert & Amy Reichardt

For the Jim Schwiebert Butterfly House Fund

Anonymous x4
Paul & Margaret Almquist
Jeff & Kristen Brown
Janet Goodwin
Barbara Gramenz
Patty & Jeff Henry
JoAnn Klink
Joy Lancour & matched by Xcel
Energy
Karen Overhulser
Kenneth & Vickie Schafer
In memory of Karen Alf
Amy & Jeffrey Segerstrom

In memory of Mabel Rae Askay

The McWilliams-Nehring
Family

In memory of Georgene Britton

Michael Britton
Robert & Lisa Wisner

In memory of David Hanson

Gloria & Ken Zich

In honor of Jim Schwiebert's 65th birthday

Pamela & David Hemker

Event Sponsors Butterfly Fest

Culver's of Eau Claire

Earth Talk for Northwoods Elementary

Jeanette Kelly & Matt Andre

Earth Week Challenge

Bobcat Plus
City of Eau Claire
Eau Claire Chamber of
Commerce
Eau Claire County
Eau Claire Energy Cooperative
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Festival Foods
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Force
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UW-Eau Claire
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Frosty Frolic

Joan & Larry Giefer

Maple Syrup Saturday

Hy-Vee

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Reese Bertsch
Jennifer Fesenmaier
Joni Grove
Susan Holm
Rebecca & Jeremy Ostedt
Christina Prestin
Melinda Smith
In honor of Alex's 10th birthday
Rick & Geri Long

Honorariums

In honor of Blanche and Steve Dobson

Anonymous

In honor of Tully Friar

Anonymous

In honor of Brian and Kirsten Gierhart

Christopher Gierhart

In honor of Johanna and Rebecca Hall

Jessica Nocito

In honor of Christina Haas

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In honor of Dr Mary Landwehr

Monica Jones

In honor of Sage White Body

Rebecca White Body

Butterfly Sponsors American Copper in honor of Connie Viken

Jennifer Heywood
Reanne Reed-Viken
Martin Viken

Pearl Crescent in memory of Evelyn Wallace

James Wallace
Jeff Wallace
Jeffrey Wallace
Steve Wallace

DONATIONS 2022 *(continued)*

Memorials

In memory of Carol Anderson

Michael Siker

In memory of Larry Bennett

Roy Anderson

Carolyn Buvala for the General
Endowment Fund

Kathy Clark

Melodie Glenn to purchase
bird seed

Bill & Pat Henke for the Bird
Banding Program

Kenneth Jain & Kimberly
Peach for the General
Endowment Fund

Christine Kondrasuk

Karen & Daniel Mittag

Mary & Gary Rambo

Patricia Solfest

Terry & Judy Valen

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William & Cynthia Cole

Christopher & Mary Groh

Gerald & Mary Jacobson

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Richard & Mary Willi

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In memory of Rose Bertram

Robert Bertram

In memory of Anstice Capelle

Joni Franson

In memory of Florence Eberhardt

AnnMarie Anderson

In memory of Bob Elliott

William & Mary Kell Cayley

Robert Dennert & Julie

Simonsen Dennert for the
General Endowment Fund

Richard & Sandra Dirks

Michael Siker

Ann Simonsen Oswood

George Stecher

In memory of Norm Falch

Dick Beinborn & Ann

Sendelbach Beinborn

Randy Harelstad, Sue Brunner,
and Thomas & Marilyn Day

Lynn Falch

Rick & Mary Kay Lange

Barbara & Richard Marshall

Scott & Karen Weier

Bill and Kay Wessling

In memory of Carol Gutsch

John & Marsha Arnette

Mark & Catherine Beckfield

Chippewa Valley Watercolor
Artists

Vicky & Nick Lauseng

Michelle & Paul Schlosser

In memory of Sawyer Johnson

Anonymous x10

Anonymous for the General
Endowment Fund

Carol & Robert Brown

Timothy & Tessa Burns

Paula & Andy Bussman

Elizabeth & Travis Christman

Jessica Cichocki

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Donnellan Real Estate, Inc

Barbara Dresel

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Sandra Sorensen

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Samuel & Cheryl Stagliano

Tammy Steinmetz

Larry & Linda Stelter

Michelle Stephany for the Doug
and Kate Lindsay Adventure
Fund

Sonja & Jeffrey Stock

Suzanne Thompson

Charles & Jacalyn Wagner

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Lucille White

Wishes & More

In memory of Joseph Larsen for the Butterfly House

Kathy Clark

Kimberly Daniels

Cheryal & Stan Keisler

In memory of Garth E. Melville

Garth & Vickie Melville

In memory of James Merkel

Jeff & Leslie Bates

Neil Hanson

Jerry & Betty Harper

Bill & Cathy McCann for the
Butterfly House

Dianne & Ron Powers for
the Doug and Kate Lindsay
Adventure Fund

Judy & Jim Schwarzmeier

Michael Siker

Marian Spoolhoff

In memory of Maureen O'Brien

Terry & Judy Valen

In memory of Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd and Anna Ohl

Martha Terry & Michael Ohl

In memory of Duane Pride

Tracy Pride

In memory of Lenore Quigg

Heidi DeGarmo

Mary Verbelen

In memory of Jennifer Sanderson

Elizabeth Mazzei

DONATIONS 2022 *(continued)*

Memorials *(cont.)*

In memory of Ron and Lynn Sandquist

Anonymous

Memorials *(cont.)*

In memory of Ruth Verbrugge

JoAnn Klink

Earthbound Environmental Solutions

Mary & Edmund Elworthy

Michael Frazzell

Joan & Larry Giefer

Carolyn Ginder

Susan Halseth

Patty & Jeff Henry

Laura & John Kaiser

Ruth Kruger

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Raissa Schnitzius

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Donor Spotlight

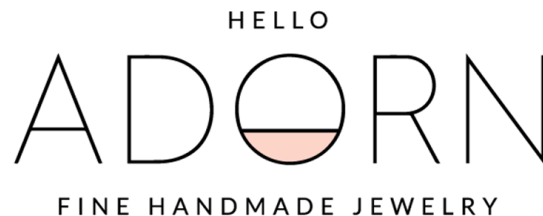
This year's donor spotlight is Hello Adorn!

Hello Adorn is a simple, minimalist, handmade jewelry store located right in Eau Claire. Fifteen employees from Hello Adorn volunteered at

Beaver Creek back in the fall of 2021 to help collect native seeds for our spring Pollinator Run/Walk

for Earth Day 2022! They ended up collecting five, one-gallon bags full of native seeds for us! These

seeds were then saved and spread around Beaver Creek during the event in April by participants.



These Earth Day champions did not stop there... this spring, Hello Adorn donated 100% off their proceeds from their patchwork bracelet sales on Earth Day to Beaver Creek Reserve. The patchwork collection takes the remnants of 4-7 different chains, and creates one-of-a-kind bracelets, and no chain is going to waste. How neat it is for a local business to not only support our planet, but also support another local organization that also strives to educate and raise awareness for conservation.

Thank you Hello Adorn for all your support to Beaver Creek Reserve, our planet, and community. We are excited to continue our partnership in the future!



Patchwork Bracelets



*Pollinator Run/Walk,
April 2022*

BEAVER CREEK NUMBERS

Donations by the Numbers (Jan 1-Dec 31, 2022)

Total # of In Kind Donations: **33**
 Total # of Event Sponsors: **20** (13 in 2021)
 Total # of Donors: **537**
 Total Checkout Donations: **\$2,169** (started in 2022)
 Average Donation: **\$284**
 Total for 2022 75th Anniversary Fundrasier (through Dec 31, 2022) : **\$87,319.79**

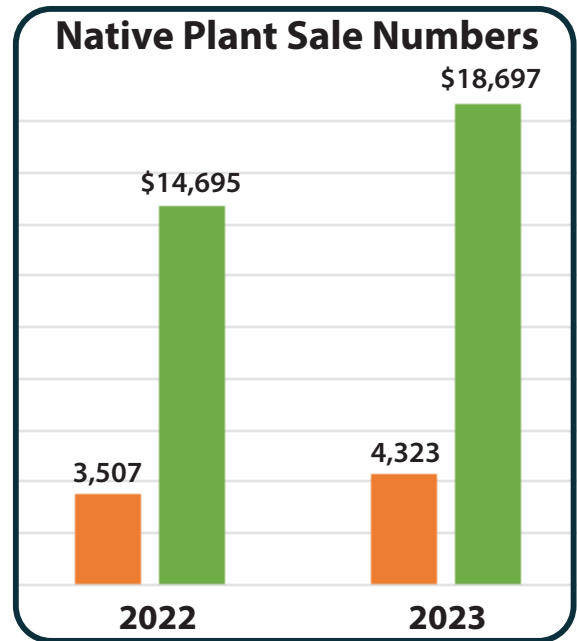
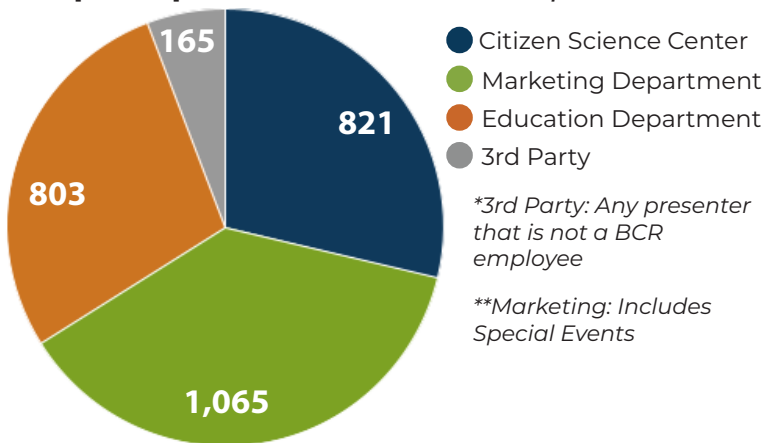
Donate to our **Annual Mission Fund!**
 Help us cover the costs of smaller recurring, unexpected, or much needed updates!

Beaver Creek by the Numbers (Jan 1-Dec 31, 2022)

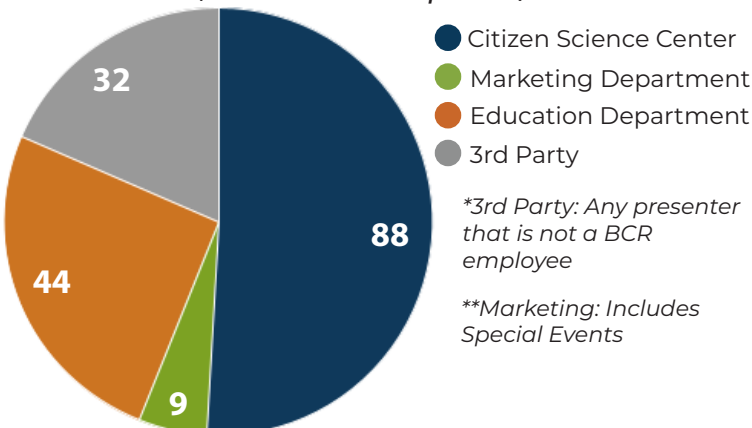
Total memberships sold in 2022: **1,380**
 New memberships in 2022: **308**
 Camper days (overnights): **26,600**
 Field trips: **55 & 33 Earth Talks** (9 virtual, 28 in-person in 2021)
 Total kids from field trips: **2,560** (839 in 2021)
 Entrance rates: **11,258** walk-ins to the Nature Center (7,983 in 2021)
 Month with most visitors: **July** with **2,971** visitors
 Total rentals in 2022: **543** (116 in 2021)
 Kayaks: **16**
 Cross-Country Skis (does not include events): **390**
 Snowshoes (does not include events): **137**

**Due to rolling memberships, total active members can be difficult to calculate on an annual basis*

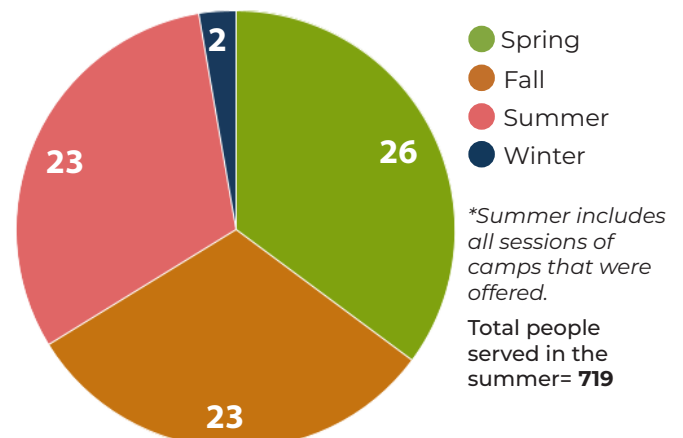
Number of People Served Through Programs per Department (both virtual & in-person)



Number of Programs Offered per Department (both virtual & in-person)



Number of Field Trips Offered per Season



What does your donation look like?

Because of your support, we can continue to follow our mission of *connecting people with nature* by encouraging one another to spend time outside and appreciate the beauty of our environment.



Adventure Programs



Butterfly House



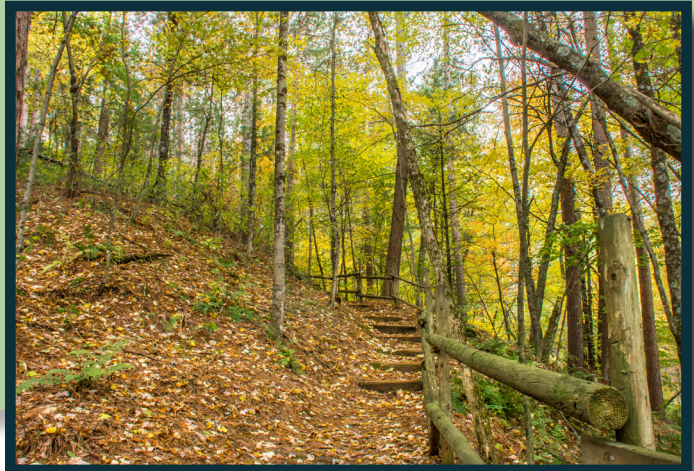
Citizen Science Center



Field Trips & Summer Camps



Henke Acres



Trails & Gardens