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Environmental Educators 2017-2018

Abigail Barten, Augusta Grumdahl, Allison Shaw,
Leah Weston



River Bend NATURE CENTER

2018 Annual Report

Bats, Bones & Bonfires: 848 Participants
Public Program: 690 Participants
Maple Syrup Fun Run: 160 Participants

School Programs:
7,618 Visits

Summer Camp:
119 Participants

Volunteer Hours Logged: 2,400
Monetary Value of Volunteers: \$61,000



RBNC Staff: Breanna Wheeler, Katy Anderegg, Kelly Peterson, Brittany Smith, Molly Olson and Sherri Becker

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Interpretive Center Hours
Monday—Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday 9 am - 4 pm
Trail Hours: Everyday 6 am - 10 pm

Become a Member/Donate/Volunteer
Today at www.rbnc.org



NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Thanks to all who have provided resources of charitable donations and volunteer time! Your contributions are needed to help people discover, enjoy, understand and preserve the incredible natural world that surrounds us. Your commitment changes the lives of people in this community and region and powers River Bend Nature Center - your local nature connection complete with education, conservation and recreation opportunities.

The year 2018 was a year of transition and building the team as we hired ongoing naturalists with no prescribed end dates. This change has already increased our ability to accomplish more, be creative, invest in program development and further strengthen the nature center. We have covered a lot of ground but still have much to do, which we can't do without you.

Thank you for making this important work possible!

Breanna



2018 SUMMARY OF REVENUE & EXPENSES

2018 Operational Revenue Sources

Memberships / Donations / Fundraising Events	51%
Programs / Event Fees / Contracts	31%
Charitable Gambling	10%
Misc. (Grants / Rentals / Gift Shop)	7%

Total Revenue = \$360,178

2018 Operational Expense Categories

Programs / Events	55%
Administration	32%
Buildings & Grounds	8%
Fundraising	6%

Total Operational Expenses = \$377,235

(data source: 2018 year end financial statement)

*2018 audited financial statement available upon request

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

RBNC Naturalists provide educational field trips within a sixty mile radius of River Bend Nature Center. Programs are provided mainly at RBNC but can also be provided in schools. Participating schools include:

- *Faribault Public Schools
- *Faribault Community School
- *Nerstrand Elementary School
- *McKinley ECFE
- *Rice County (Waste Reduction)
- *Divine Mercy Catholic School
- *Faribault Lutheran School
- *Any Many More
- *Cannon River Watershed Partnership / City of Faribault (Stormwater Education)

OTHER PROGRAMS

Summer camps, school's out adventure days, lunch & learns, school outreach, daycares, senior living, service clubs, homeschool, scout programs, birthday parties, and more.



NATURAL RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

NATURAL RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS:

- *Summer intern volunteer hours - 550.5
- *Burned 33 acres of prairie
- *Planted 15 different forb species across 36.78 acres of prairie

SECURED GRANT FUNDING:

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP):

Prairie enhancement and maintenance across 36.78 acres for 10 years

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):

Buckthorn removal and hardwood establishment across 26 acres for 3 years

Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL):

Invasive species removal across 54 acres of dwarf trout lily habitat for 3 years