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#### Staff

Breanna Wheeler, Executive Director

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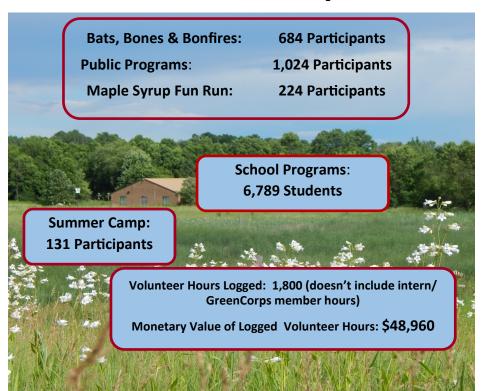




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# 2019 Annual Report



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## 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 2019 marked a turning point as the first full year without temporary naturalist staff. The decrease in staff turnover has 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 nature connection possible at RBNC!

### 2019 SUMMARY OF REVENUE & EXPENSES

2019 Operational Revenue Sources		
Memberships / Donations / Fundraising Events	48%	
Programs / Event Fees / Contracts	34%	
Charitable Gambling	12%	
Misc. (Grants / Rentals / Gift Shop)	6%	
Total Revenue = \$368,750		

2019 Operational Expense Categories		
Programs / Events	56%	
Administration	32%	
Buildings & Grounds	6%	
Fundraising	6%	
Total Operational Expenses = \$369,742		

(data source: 2019 year end profit and loss statement and 2019 Audit)

\*2019 audited financial statement available upon request

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

#### SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

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

\*Faribault Public Schools \*Rice County (Waste Reduction)

\*Faribault Community School \*Divine Mercy Catholic School

\*Nerstrand Elementary School \*Faribault Lutheran School

\*McKinley ECFE \*And Many More

\*Cannon River Watershed Partnership / City of Faribault (Stormwater Education)

#### OTHER PROGRAMS

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







# NATURAL RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

#### In 2019:

25 acres of buckthorn removed 5 acres of garlic mustard/Dame's rocket removed Overlook steps project completed

#### Currently -

116 acres are in active conservation status

- \* 36 acres native prairie
- \* 2.5 acres woodland establishment
- \* 77.5 acres invasive species removal (buckthorn, garlic mustard, Dame's rocket, 54 of these acres are for rare and endangered species)