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Peter Jacobson, Jane McWilliams,
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Staff

Breanna Wheeler
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Naturalist / Natural Resources Manager

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Naturalist / Administrative Coordinator

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Naturalist / Marketing Coordinator

Kevin Mattson
Naturalist

Lillian Bell and Aga Michalak
Educational Program Interns 2021

Addie Theis
Educational Program Intern 2020

Evan Pak—MN GreenCorps Member
(September 2019-August 2020)

Kristine Kruchoski, Assistant Gambling Manager

CG Employees: Connie Jensen, Lori Johnson,
Tricia Johnson, Tiffany Martinson, Kellsey Meyer

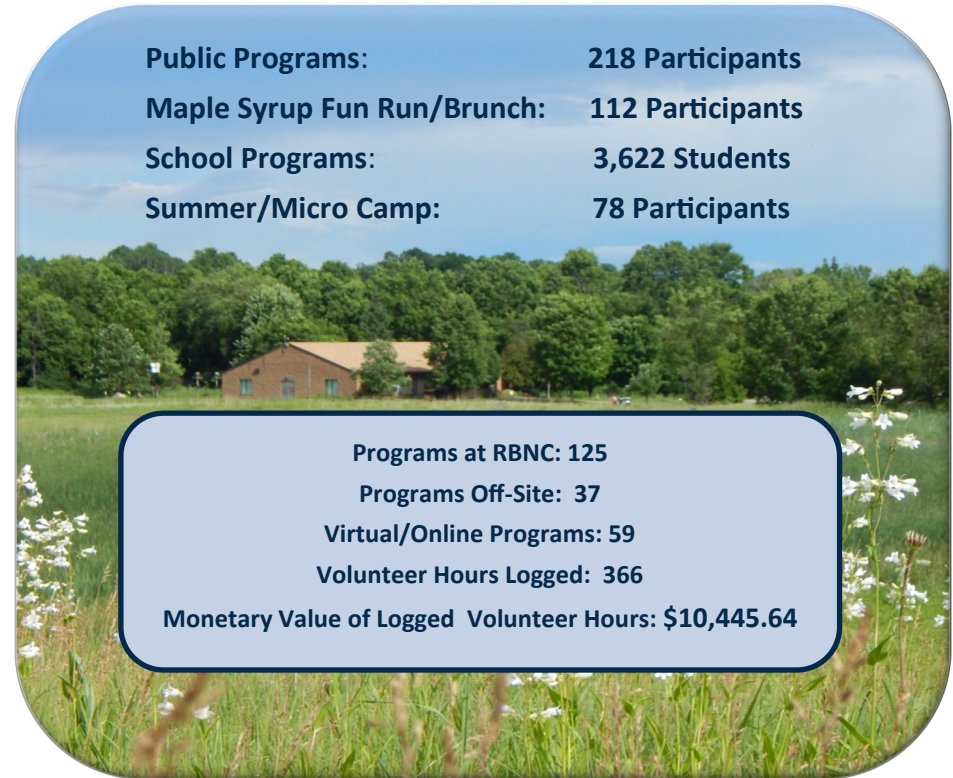


River Bend

NATURE CENTER

2020 Annual Report

Public Programs:	218 Participants
Maple Syrup Fun Run/Brunch:	112 Participants
School Programs:	3,622 Students
Summer/Micro Camp:	78 Participants



Programs at RBNC:	125
Programs Off-Site:	37
Virtual/Online Programs:	59
Volunteer Hours Logged:	366
Monetary Value of Logged Volunteer Hours:	\$10,445.64



**RBNC Staff: Brittany Smith, Katy Anderegg, Breanna Wheeler
Molly Olson, Kevin Mattson**

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Trail Hours
Everyday 6 am - 10 pm
No entrance fees

Become a Member, Volunteer or Donate
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Helping people discover, enjoy, understand, and
preserve the incredible natural world that surrounds us.

NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THANK YOU—RBNC has held financially steady through the pandemic. How?

- increased memberships and donations from you
- not rehiring some roles and reshuffling duties when people resigned, and
- A 20% reduction on all staff work hours/salaries from April 2020-April 2021.

Main activities include:

- Staff adapted their work settings from at RBNC, to home, to some of both.
- School programs continued and curriculum was adapted to fit the needs of each school, summer camps adjusted, and public programs were offered when it was feasible (some virtual/online, others small group and timed activities).
- Hosted a MN GreenCorps Member, Evan Pak, who assisted with waste reduction education and sustainability from Sept 2019-August 2020.
- Piloted an exciting Field Biology Internship at RBNC class with Faribault High School
- Applied successfully for COVID relief grants and increased proposals for grants from foundations which were funded.

Thank you for your dedication to RBNC and for making nature connection possible here. We can't do what we do without you!

2020 SUMMARY OF REVENUE & EXPENSES

2020 Operational Revenue Sources

Memberships / Donations / Fundraising Events **47%**

Misc. (Grants / Rentals / Gift Shop) **30%**

Programs / Event Fees / Contracts **19%**

Charitable Gambling **4%**

Total Revenue = \$443,607

2020 Operational Expense Categories

Programs / Events **67%**

Administration **30%**

Fundraising **3%**

Total Operational Expenses = \$369,987

(data source: 2020 year end profit and loss statement and 2020 Audit)

*2020 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 or virtually. Participating schools include:

- *Faribault Public Schools
- *Northfield Public Schools
- *Nerstrand Elementary School
- *Medford Elementary School
- *Clean Water Partners/ City of Faribault (Stormwater Education)
- *Rice County (Waste Reduction)
- *Divine Mercy Catholic School
- *Faribault Lutheran School
- *And Many More

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.



School Program



Faribault HS Biofield Internship at RBNC



2020 Volunteers - Most Hours

NATURAL RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

In 2020: invasive species removal, tree planting, maple syruping, picnic table repair

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)