

By The Numbers: This fall the Nebraska Master Naturalist Program volunteers **contributed 789** hours of volunteer service in program and projects around the state, valued at **\$23,650** In their efforts, Nebraska Master Naturalists have **connected** with **5,811** Nebraskans through their volunteer service and have directly **impacted 1,006** acres across the state in resource management projects, many projects dealing with state listed at risk species and water quality. Since Nebraska Master Naturalist volunteering efforts began a total of **108,196** volunteer service hours have been contributed statewide. That volunteering is valued at **\$3,240,470** in salary savings to our partners and Nebraskans by utilizing Nebraska Master Naturalists for volunteer support in participating in a wide array of volunteer projects.

Highlighted Events:

The Winter of 2023 was again full of impactful volunteer and educational outreach events. In March we hosted our annual Spring Core 24 training in Eastern Nebraska at Schramm Education Center that spanned across two weekends. This training brought in 20 new Master Naturalists into the program membership. These new members hail from central and eastern parts of the state. It was a great experience for them to connect to the natural landscape and learn from leading conservation professionals. These new members will go on to assist in performing our organizational mission and contribute to our partners conservation missions as well.

Outreach:

In February the NMNP was represented at the Nebraska Alliance Conservation and Environment Education's Elevating Environmental Education Conference at Mahoney State Park. This conference was a wonderful opportunity to connect with formal and informal educators as well as other natural resources educators from around the state. The NMNP program staff was able to provide program information and resources to recruit new members. Later in February the NMNP was represented by the Coordinator at the Annual Nebraska Chapter of the Wildlife Society meeting in Kearney. At this event the NMNP presented in conjunction with the Community Scientists of Nebraska Network to promote the NMNP as well as the CSNN resources that connect individuals and agencies with community science projects, trainings and resources. This was a great opportunity to get the word out about both programs and how they serve the state by using volunteers to collect much needed data on dozens of scientific studies. Furthermore, in March NMNP staff was onsite in Lincoln at People's City Mission for an evening Nature outreach event sponsored by Nebraska Game and Parks. At the event we held an activity table with Nebraska Nature Trivia and handouts on the NMNP and other ways to connect with Nature in the community.

What is Ahead:

Later this spring the NMNP will be present with an outreach booth and hands on activities at several events: Earth Day Omaha, Lincoln's Earth Day celebration and Fort Kearny Expo. These traditionally have all been wonderful opportunities for us to get out our name and connect with fellow Nebraskans. Also, we have two more NMNP trainings taking place this summer. In June we will be back up at the Nature Conservancy's Niobrara Valley Preserve for a weeklong "Complete" training. And in July we will be at UNL's Cedar Point Biological Station hosting another weeklong "Complete" training. We are looking forward to these amazing opportunities to bring in new members that will add to our impact on the state in building up a volunteer force for Conservation and Natural Resource education.

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2023 1st Quarter Totals			
	Total Hours	Number of People Made	Number of Acres
	Volunteered	Contact With	Impacted
Total 1st Quarter Administrative Efforts	57.15	26	4
Total 1st Quarter Interpretation & Outreach:	313.5	4618	145
Total 1st Quarter Natural Resource MGMT:	163.8	135	307.5
Total 1st Quarter Citizen Science:	207.75	666	539
Total 1st Quarter Outdoor Skills:	47.45	366	11.25
Total 1st Quarter Volunteer Hours:	789.65	5811	1006.75
Value of Volunteer time: 29.95			
Total Value of 1st Quarter Volunteering	\$ 23,650.00		
Total Volunteer time 2010-2023	108,196	900,819.00	164,703
LTD Total Volunteer Time	\$ 3,240,470		
Value			
	Total Continuing		
	Education Hours		
Total CE Hours 2010-2023:	25,480.00		
Total 1st Quarter CE Hours:	393.4		

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