

Nebraska Master Naturalist Program 2017 Second Quarter Report



By The Numbers: In this quarter, Nebraska Master Naturalists have contributed **2,465** hours of volunteer time valued at **\$58,099** in conservation service. In their efforts, Nebraska Master Naturalists have connected with **16,886** Nebraskans and has impacted **4,911** acres across the state in direct conservation work. Since tracking began in fall 2010, Master Naturalists have contributed a total of **50,461** volunteer service hours valued at **\$1,188,861**.

Highlighted Events: This was another busy Spring for the Nebraska Master Naturalist Program. We hosted three training events: April 21st-22nd, 28th-29th at Shramm Park, June 4th-10th at the Nature Conservancy's Niobrara Valley Preserve, and June 25th-July 1st at Cedar Point Biological Station. With these three training events, we added 35 new members into the program; that brings our total to 390 Nebraskans Trained as Certified Nebraska Master Naturalists since 2010. The Training held at The Niobrara Valley Preserve was the 6th time we have hosted at that facility in 5 years, continuing our strong relationship with The Nature Conservancy in Nebraska. Furthermore, the training held at Cedar Point Biological Station was our first training where we were able to offer three Graduate course credits through the College of Education. We plan on conducting this training event in 2018 as it was a great opportunity for Science educators to become Master Naturalist and earn course credit.

Other highlighted events include, the Izaak Walton Leagues' Creek Freak Facilitator Training held at Pioneers Park in Lincoln in April. This workshop trained over a dozen Master Naturalists in how to use the Creek Freaks Curriculum with youth and adults. Also The Nebraska Master Naturalist partnered with Ponca State Park and hosted a training and volunteer day on May 6th. In this event Master Naturalists were able to tour the park and facilities, learn about the programs and volunteer needs of the park. To cap it off a dozen Master Naturalist Members were on hand to assist in planning the park's pollinator garden. This event further connected our program and resources of Ponca State Park.

Outreach: In May, the Nebraska Master Naturalist Program held an outreach booth at Nebraska Game & Park Commission's Annual Fort Kearny Expo. This was another fantastic year for the event, where we made contact direct with over 350 individuals. This year we also presented onstage in the partner's tent. This quarter the Nebraska Master Naturalist Program also established an official partnership with the Hastings Museum. This will be a great resource and facility to have to further the mission of the Nebraska Master Naturalist Program.

What is Ahead: The Nebraska Master Naturalist Program is looking ahead to a very active third quarter. In August the Nebraska Master Naturalist will be involved in several public presentations and events surrounding the Solar Eclipse on the 21st. In September we will host our final training of the year at the Crane Trust near Grand Island. We hope to add 15 more members to the program with this event. Also in September the Nebraska Master Naturalists will be at Game & Park's Missouri River Expo at Ponca State Park. This is always an excellent event to recruit new members and promote conservation in Nebraska. And finally program staff and members are in the process of organizing the first ever Master Naturalist Conference. This event will be held a day prior to the Nebraska Legacy Conference. This event will showcase keynote speakers, and presentations of Master Naturalist Member's work and projects they have been involved in.

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2017 2nd Quarter Totals *7/31/17			
	Total Hours Volunteered	Number of People Made Contact With	Number of Acres Impacted
Total Volunteer Hours 2010-2017:	50,461	557,377	44,786
Total 2nd Quarter Administrative Efforts	223.72	1895	50.5
Total 2nd Quarter Interp & Outreach:	1279.6	9055	685.2
Total 2nd Quarter Natural Resource MGMT:	214.85	1225	2932.75
Total 2nd Quarter Citizen Science:	566.9	2919	1210
Total 2nd Quarter Outdoor Skills:	179.35	1791	32.5
Total 2nd Quarter Volunteer Hours:	2,465	16,886	4911.95
Total Value of Volunteer time: \$23.56			
Total 2nd Quarter Value of Volunteer time:	58,099		
	Total Continuing Education Hours		
Total CE Hours 2010-2017:	12490.8		
Total 2nd Quarter CE Hours:	505.5		

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