

Seven Ponds Nature Center

2018 Annual Report



SEVEN PONDS NATURE CENTER

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Mission

The mission of Seven Ponds Nature Center is to conserve the natural environment of the nature center as a sanctuary for native plants and animals, as a living classroom for environmental education, and as a peaceful retreat for its visitors. The nature center's mission, further, is to foster an understanding and appreciation of our natural world, and to develop an environmental ethic in the people and communities of Southeast Michigan through education, service as a community resource, and responsible stewardship of nature center and adjacent lands.

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2018: The Year in Review

INTRODUCTION

Seven Ponds Nature Center enjoyed a year of stability amongst its staff and innovation in its program offerings. The challenge of connecting people with nature is ever-present, and our naturalists continued to work to make those connections through new, innovative, and unique programs.

The year was a successful one at Seven Ponds Nature Center, where the focus continues to be that of connecting people with nature. Our mission to serve Southeast Michigan guides us forward: as a sanctuary for native plants and animals, a living classroom for environmental education, and a peaceful retreat for our visitors. Thousands of school-age children took part in a wide variety of educational



opportunities, including school field trips, Traveling Naturalist programs, Annie's Big Nature Lesson, scout programs, Knee-high Naturalists, Camp Seven Ponds, and weekend activities. The nature center offered a wide range of trail walks, workshops, classes, field trips, club activities, and field tours, intended for audiences ranging from pre-school children to families to adults, and open to members and non-members alike. A number of projects were completed at the nature center, each intended to improve either our visitors' experience or enhance the grounds for native wildlife.

As we move forward and embrace the challenge of connecting people with nature, let's take a look back at the year now behind us.

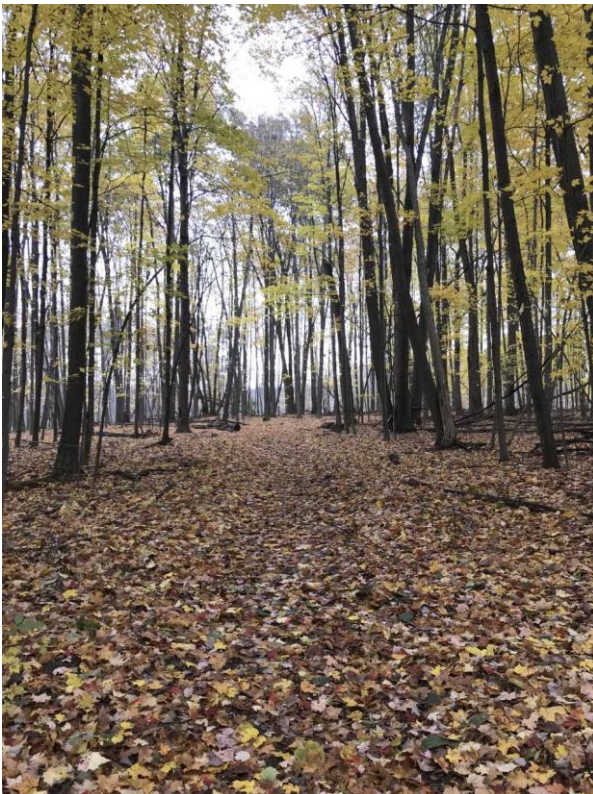
LAND STEWARDSHIP

For more than five decades the staff and volunteers of Seven Ponds have worked to nurture and care for the land and water around the nature center. As such, we are the proud stewards of nearly 500 acres of forests, fields, grasslands, ponds, and wetlands. The nature center serves as a living textbook of the natural communities found in Southeast Michigan. Working to preserve native species, remove invasive species, and maintain the trails, nesting boxes, prairies, and woodlands is an ongoing challenge and requires the efforts of the entire naturalist staff, maintenance crew, and numerous volunteers.



The year marked the seventh in a row of a tree planting project called “Forest of the Future,” which is intended to improve the woodland around the interpretive building and beyond through the planting of native tree species. Funds obtained through the nature center’s “Buy-a-Tree” campaign, as well as funds from area garden clubs, were used to purchase a native tree species to be planted. In 2018, 32 trees were planted, with focus given to the Woodland Wildflower Area and cedar swamp area near the A-frame bridge. This was the first year we were able to begin removing the protective fencing placed around some of the earliest trees planted in this effort, as many trees had grown sufficiently to be resistant to deer and small animal browsing. These fence enclosures were in turn used to protect this year’s plantings.

Songbirds enjoyed another successful year of nesting, as nearly 100 nest boxes were utilized by several native bird species, including Eastern Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, House Wrens, and Black-capped Chickadees. Each box was monitored weekly, with results and data submitted to NestWatch, a national project coordinated by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. By participating in the NestWatch program, Seven Ponds contributes to the scientific endeavor to better understand the status and trends in the reproductive biology of birds. In addition to songbird nest boxes, Seven Ponds maintains more than 40 larger nest boxes, which are utilized by a wide range of birds and other animals, including Wood Ducks, Eastern Screech-Owls, Gray Squirrels, and at least one ambitious pair of White-breasted Nuthatches!



The nature center provides nearly seven miles of walking trails, which are available to members and non-members. As always, these trails are in regular need of attention, including removal of downed trees and branches, trimming of overgrown plants, wood chipping, and mowing. By maintaining this network of trails, our visitors have access to a wide variety of habitats.

The never-ending battle against non-native, invasive plants continued in 2018, as it must. These non-native invaders spread at will if not kept in check, often out-competing native species, to the detriment of all the native animals for which native plants form the basis of the food web. Nature center staff and volunteers worked on

at least fifteen species of invasive plants, including garlic mustard, glossy buckthorn, honeysuckle, crown vetch, oriental bittersweet, autumn olive, Canada thistle, dame's rocket, and purple loosestrife, in areas throughout the nature center's property, including near the building, in the North-80, in Earl's Prairie, around the lakes, at Richie Pond Preserve, and at Jonathan Woods. The effort against invasive plants is spearheaded by naturalist Cathy Wesley, who coordinates with volunteers and a local contractor. Of note is an attempt to eliminate crown vetch from the weedy areas in front of the interpretive building, where this plant has become widespread. The area was treated using a method known as solar sterilization. The soil was then turned with a farming disc and replanted with winter wheat to provide ground cover. In the spring, a mix of native grasses will be planted.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

If connecting people with nature is the focus of our mission, environmental education for children is at the heart of that focus. To that end, the nature center continued several successful endeavors aimed at guiding the next generation into an understanding and relationship with the natural world. Pre-school children, public and private school children, home-schooled children, scouts, and weekend visitors took part in such varied offerings as school field trips, homeschool programs, scout programs, Knee-high Nats, Traveling Naturalist programs, seasonal walks, and other special programs for children and families. Fourth and fifth grade classes from Borland Elementary School in Imlay City and Dryden Elementary School took part in Annie's Big Nature Lesson, which immersed these students in a full week of environmental education, during which Seven Ponds Nature Center became their classroom away from school. A revamped summer field school became Camp Seven Ponds, a full summer of week-long, age-appropriate day camps full of fun, games, and activities, with each week's camp focused on a nature-based theme.



Seven Ponds naturalists ventured into the surrounding communities for a number of outreach programs. These included festivals and other community gatherings where our naturalists were able to interact with visitors, answer questions, and provide information about Seven Ponds. New on the slate of outreach opportunities was the Woods-n-Water Weekend in Imlay City, a three day event with a focus on the outdoors, attracting thousands of visitors daily.

The Winter Series continued this year, featuring unique presentations on six successive Sunday afternoons from late January through February. Topics during this year's series included *Perfect Little Planet*, *Colorado Birding: Prairies, Foothills, and Rocky Mountains*, *Seven Ponds is Going to the Dogs*, *Tropical Nature*, and *The Zoo Experience*.

Four clubs are associated with Seven Ponds: Astronomy Club, Beekeeping Club, Birding Club, and Photography Club. Each of these clubs offers opportunities for learning, exploring, and engaging with other like-minded people. During 2018 the clubs continued to meet, mostly at Seven Ponds but occasionally off-site, generally on a monthly basis. On any given Tuesday, Friday, or Saturday evening, the nature center's parking lot may be overflowing with visitors, as these clubs' activities are often very popular.

Among the special opportunities offered by Seven Ponds Nature Center are field tours. These field tours visit ecologically unique regions of our state or beyond, and have a natural history or birding focus. In 2018, Seven Ponds led five field tours. In January, participants on a Texas birding tour enjoyed a week in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and South Padre Island. April found Seven Ponds naturalists Carrie Spencer and Cathy Wesley leading a group to Great Smoky Mountains National Park to enjoy the great flowers of the Great Smoky Mountains. Naturalist Carrie Spencer provided a four-day adventure for women during an August natural history field tour to the Les Cheneaux Islands of Michigan's eastern Upper Peninsula. In September a group of intrepid birders spent a week exploring the bevy of birds and bountiful beauty of the California coastal area of Monterey, which included a pelagic boat trip on Monterey Bay. The final field tour of the year occurred in December, when a group of birders explored the mountains and deserts of New Mexico. These field tours are led by nature center staff, generate revenue for the nature center, provide wonderful opportunities for our participants, and – most importantly – help strengthen the relationship between the nature center and our patrons.



SPECIAL EVENTS

The nature center hosts five events throughout the seasons, including WinterFest, Eco Days & Native Plant Sale, Party at the Ponds, Enchanted Woodland, and Birdseed Saturday.

WinterFest, held on the last Saturday of January, was hampered by non-winter weather for the second year in a row. The day's schedule normally includes such seasonal activities as ice skating, snowshoeing, snowman building, and traditional ice cutting on the pond. With snow absent and ice thin, naturalist and event coordinator Katie McKiernan improvised, providing visitors with a full slate of fun, non-snow related activities. Thus, despite the lack of winter weather, WinterFest 2018 was a success nonetheless.

Each May, Seven Ponds celebrates spring with our Eco Days & Native Plant Sale, a weekend of nature-based activities augmented by a sale of native grasses and wildflowers. In 2018, the weekend agenda included paper making, seed bombs, crafts, owl pellet dissecting, build your own birdhouse or nesting platform, chalk murals, pond dipping, trail mix station, insect investigations, and both a bake sale and herb sale. Chief naturalist Carrie Spencer coordinated the event, and was on hand to assist prospective plant purchasers with knowledgeable advice and suggestions.

Initiated in 2017 as a celebration of the nature center's 50th year of service, Party at the Ponds resumed in August of 2018, offering visitors a full day of free, wholesome fun for the entire family. Included this year were complimentary snacks and beverages, history displays and interpretations throughout the building, children's area with fun, old-time games, naturalist-led trail walks, field netting, pond dipping, golf cart tours, canoeing on the ponds, and prairie wagon rides. The Stingers were on hand with their Country Store, the Friends of Herbs held their herb sale, and the Seven Ponds clubs were represented with information and demonstrations by club members. The day of celebration ended in the dark with a bonfire and s'mores.



The Enchanted Woodland is a fun and educational Seven Ponds tradition for the young and young-at-heart alike. Coordinated by naturalist Nancy Kautz, the evening consists of an escorted walk along a candlelit trail where children meet creatures of the nighttime forest, such as Skunk, Raccoon, Opossum, and Coyote, among others. These costumed characters delight their visitors with an entertaining and informative performance. The trail walk ends inside the nature center where hot cider and donuts await.



Come October, many nature center patrons begin filling their bird feeders, and a large number of them rely on Seven Ponds to be the supplier of their seed stock. Birdseed Saturday is an opportunity to purchase various bird seeds from Seven Ponds, and the day is enhanced with a full slate of bird-related activities. This year's program included an in-depth look at many people's favorite feeder bird, the Black-capped Chickadee, presented by event coordinator Cathy Wesley. Also included on the itinerary was a naturalist-led hike, crafts and games for the entire family, a gift shop sale, bake sale, and used book sale, and live birds with the *Spirit of Alexandria Nature Bus*.

SEASONAL ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

Winter activities and programs offered in 2018 included four Winter Bird Walks, Scavenger Hunt Hike, Wreath Making Workshop, The Cone Phenomenon, participation in the Lapeer County Christmas Bird Count, Winter Solstice Hike, Yoga at the Ponds series, Nature Crafts, Stranger in the Woods, Flurries of Flakes, Shelter Building, Snow Detectives, Winter Science, Nature Journaling, Snowshoeing at the Ponds, and Sweetheart Night Hike.

Spring activities and programs offered in 2018 included Spring Awakenings, March Morning Hike, Shamrock Planter Building, The Greening of Seven Ponds, four Land Stewardship Days, Equinox Night Hike, Nature Journaling, two Demonstration Gardens Workdays, Salamander Foray, five Spring Bird Walks, two Wildflower Walks, Curious Canoers of Seven Ponds, Fly Tying, Painting at the Ponds, Evening Paddle, and a Morning Paddle at the Ponds.



Summer activities and programs offered in 2018 included Hiking Around the Ponds, Wetland Walk, Family Fun Day: Bug Catching, two Garden Workdays in the Demonstration Gardens, Yoga at the Ponds series, Golf Cart Tours, participation in the North American Butterfly Association's Butterfly Count, Curious Canoers, Family Field Netting, three Summer Seasonal Walks, Garden Workday: Woodland Wildflower Area, Summer Beauty at Jonathan Woods, Nature Journaling from



the Canoes, Adult Learners – Summer Wildflowers, Evening Paddle on the Ponds, and four Land Stewardship Days. Two birding field trips were offered: An Evening at Nayanquing, and a Bird Drive on the Wild Side at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. For the first time ever, a stand-up paddle boarding class was offered on Treetop Pond, which was very popular. A Trail Rally was conducted in June, during which teams of adult nature enthusiasts competed on the trails of Seven Ponds, searching for clues and solving puzzles.



Autumn activities and programs offered in 2018 included four Land Stewardship days, A Sunday Walk in the Woods, two Golf Cart Tours, three Fall Bird Walks, Yoga at the Ponds series, Seasonal Walk – Change is in the Air, Evening Paddle, Painting at the Ponds, Jonathan Woods Walk, Family Orienteering, Prairie Seed Collecting Walk, Journaling in Nature – Autumn Equinox. Back by popular demand, stand-up paddle boarding was offered for a second time this year.

MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

For more than five decades the nature center has produced its quarterly newsletter, *Heron Tracks*, which is sent to all Seven Ponds members. The newsletter consists of an informative natural history article written by a Seven Ponds naturalist, a seasonal program schedule, acknowledgement of grants, gifts, donations, memorials and honorariums, club news, fliers for upcoming events, field tour information, volunteer news and opportunities, and information about many other happenings at the nature center. The staff, led by media coordinator Karen Page, works hard to get the newsletter mailed out and in the hands of our members prior to the start of each new season.



Each month, an e-newsletter is sent via e-mail to nearly 2,000 subscribers. This e-news is a condensed monthly version of our quarterly *Heron Tracks*, highlighting the programs, activities, and events scheduled for the upcoming month. Additionally, an e-blast is often sent out for specific events and activities.

Naturalist Cathy Wesley manages the nature center's social media presence, including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. These internet avenues are used for education, information, and as a way to highlight the happenings at Seven Ponds.

Numerous fliers and brochures are published and printed as a means of advertising the various events and opportunities provided by the nature center, such as WinterFest, Eco Days & Native Plant Sale, Party at the Ponds, Birdseed Saturday, Enchanted Woodland, Camp Seven Ponds, Trail Rally, birding and natural history field tours, birthday parties, club activities, etc.

Local newspapers such as the *Tri-City Times* and *The County Press* are notified of our schedule, and are regularly invited out to Seven Ponds to report on the happenings at the nature center. Press releases are sent to several news agencies regarding special events and grants received.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Metal fencing installed around the Woodland Wildflower Area

The Woodland Wildflower Area is an enclosed section of woodland located south of the interpretive building. The nylon fencing intended to protect the wildflowers from grazing deer had been a problem for the past few years, with many tears needing mending, and entire gaps where deer had broken through. This year metal fencing was purchased and installed, which has effectively eliminated the possibility of deer entering the area.

Eagle Scout Project – bird feeding station and songbird nest boxes

After many months of planning and preparation, local Boy Scout Brendan Leddy (Troop 189), a senior at Clarkston High School, executed a two part project at Seven Ponds: completely revamping the bird feeding station outside our Discovery Room, and constructing twenty high-quality songbird houses. In September, Brendan's crew converged at the nature center and worked hard for two straight days to complete the project. It didn't take long for the birds to adapt to the beautiful new feeders. The songbird nest boxes will be placed at the nature center's Richie Pond Preserve on Hosner Road, where we currently do not have any bird houses.

Adhesive dots applied to windows

The nature center's windows offer wonderful views to the outside world, where deer, woodchucks, squirrels, and other woodland creatures can often be viewed at close range. The windows also provide an excellent vantage point from which to enjoy the many birds that frequent our feeders. All too often, however, birds collide with the windows, as they see the reflection of woods and sky as a continuation of their world. Hawk decals and other such measures have proven to be ineffective deterrents, and the result of these high-speed collisions is often the death of the bird. In an effort to reduce bird-window strikes, the nature center applied adhesive dots, spaced two inches apart, on the windows to the rear of the building. These dots are barely visible from the inside looking out, but present to the birds what appears to be an impenetrable barrier. Thus, window strikes have nearly been eliminated at



Seven Ponds.



Bee Hive young reader's area added to library

Seven Ponds has always been a special place for parents to bring their very young children, even more so with the addition of the Nature Nook a few years ago. Due to a generous donation from one of our members, the staff was able to create a section in the nature center's library specifically for emerging readers. Dubbed the Bee Hive, this area includes a bee hive rug, several nature-themed pillows, a bench, overhead lighting and tree leaves, and our entire collection of children's nature literature. Parents and young readers now have a comfortable place to sit together, reading and learning about the wonders of nature.

Critter Corner renovation

A substantial grant from the Tau Beta organization of Detroit was just what was needed to transform our formerly nondescript live animal area into an amazing new Critter Corner. A local builder was contracted, and once the structure was in place, our naturalists and a couple volunteers painted a delightful natural scene, from upland woods to wetland to freshwater lake. Now our turtles, frog, salamander, and fish have a natural-looking corner to call their own.

Water Bottle Refilling Station

In an effort to reduce the amount of plastic used at the nature center by staff and visitors, we installed a new drinking fountain complete with a water-bottle refilling station. This was made possible due to a large number of supporting bids at our 2018 Holiday Auction.

FINANCES & FUNDRAISING

The nature center's annual budget is based largely on earnings from our Endowment Fund and Reserve Fund, as well as membership fees, program fees, donations from supporters, contributions from local service groups and other organizations, and grants from community foundations. To supplement these revenue sources, the nature center holds four special fund raisers: Bird-a-thon, Wine Tasting Benefit, Holiday Auction, and Special Gifts Campaign.

The Seven Ponds Bird-a-thon is held each year in May, when a small team of birders canvass Lapeer County with the goal of identifying as many bird species as possible in a single day. Leading up to the day of the event, pledges are solicited on a per-bird basis as well as flat amount pledges. On the morning of the big day, before first light, the team was standing on the edge of a marsh, listening intently for the first birds of

the day: Swamp Sparrow...Marsh Wren...Red-winged Blackbird...Sora!...Virginia Rail!...**AMERICAN BITTERN!** And on it went, with plenty of warblers, vireos, thrushes, sparrows, woodpeckers, ducks, gulls, shorebirds, and others added to the day's list. By searching a wide variety of habitats throughout the county, such as deciduous woodlands, pine stands, wetlands, weedy fields, agricultural land, lakes and ponds, and even towns, the team aimed to identify a hundred or more birds. This year, the group tallied raising over the process.



117 species,
\$3,000 in

The third annual Wine Tasting Benefit took place in June at the Metamora Golf and Country Club. The evening included wine pairings along with rolling food tables with wonderful dining selections. Several high-quality items and experiences were auctioned off during the event's live auction, and numerous items were also won by lucky ticket holders during the raffle. A 52-card raffle was also held for a well-stocked party bin. With ticket sales and the help of generous sponsors in addition to the auction and raffles, the evening netted just over \$24,000 for the nature center.

In December the members of Seven Ponds are invited to celebrate the season at the annual Holiday Auction and Christmas Party. Items donated by members and other supporters are displayed for silent auction, with a select number of high-quality items and experiences up for bid during the evening's live auction. As usual, a good time was had by all, and by the time the dust had cleared and the building had been rearranged to once again look like a nature center, the night's festivities had garnered nearly \$22,000 in net income.



Our year-end Special Gifts Campaign is an opportunity for our members and supporters to show their support with a monetary contribution. An appeal was sent out during mid-November, and by the end of the month donations began arriving in the mail. Some small, some large, all important and each one very much appreciated. By the end of the calendar year the campaign had brought in just over \$28,000 in funds, which helped close the gap on our 2018 budget.

Several organizations supported Seven Ponds through financial donations and grants in 2018. The Four County Community Foundation granted \$14,500 in support of school field trips, Annie's Big Nature Lesson, and a training workshop for teachers. Tau Beta Association of Detroit provided a \$5,000 grant to renovate our Critter Corner. Lapeer Optimist Club (\$2,500) and Lapeer Kiwanis Club (\$3,000) provided funds in support of Lapeer area school children attending field trips to the nature center. The Rochester Garden Club awarded the nature center just over \$500 to help pay for the adhesive window dots to reduce bird-window strikes. Near the end of the year, both Four County Community Foundation and the Lapeer County Community Foundation provided matching grants in the amount of \$4,389 to pay for the start-up and year one costs of the center's new CRM and website upgrade.

STAFF, BOARD, & VOLUNTEERS

In contrast to the previous year, during which three longtime employees retired and three new staff came aboard, 2018 was a year of stability among the staff. New staff continued to learn and grow into their roles, and seasoned staff embraced new responsibilities and opportunities for growth and professional development.

The naturalist staff consists of Chief Naturalist and Director of Environmental Education Carrie Spencer, full-time Naturalists Cathy Wesley, Katie McKiernan, and seasonal Naturalist Nancy Kautz. Diane Rankin is the nature center's Office Manager, administering payroll and bookkeeping among other duties. Media Specialist Karen Page and Gift Store Manager Stacey Hollinsworth also serve as the center's receptionists, greeting visitors at the front desk and checking in participants for programs. Mike Grappin oversees the maintenance of the building and grounds. Daryl Bernard is the Executive Director.

The Board of Directors welcomed new member Sandy Cornell and returning member Kathy Churchill, as Nan Toppin took a hiatus after concluding her second consecutive three-year term. Mary-Sue Weber continued as board chair, Nancy Buck continued as vice-chair, Paul Messing continued as treasurer, and Joanna Pease took on the role of secretary. By unanimous vote, long-time board member and nature center volunteer Charlie Turner was named a Lifetime Board Member. The board met six times throughout the calendar year to discuss nature center business and policies, review finances, and consider future opportunities.

John Lines (Astronomy Club) and Ron Schank (Butterfly Garden), two long-time volunteers with the nature center, were honored as Seven Ponds *Volunteers of the Year* for their dedication and commitment.

The Friends of Seven Ponds, formerly the Women's Auxiliary of Seven Ponds (but still known as the Stingers!), contributed to the nature center's activities and events in many ways. They once again held their annual rummage sale in mid-June, as well as book sales and bake sales at various events throughout the year. As usual, the Stingers were also key volunteers at the nature center's Holiday Auction and Christmas Party in December.

Two long-standing volunteer groups, the Friends of Herbs and the Butterfly Gardeners, continued their efforts to enhance the nature center with their beautiful and well-maintained gardens.

Throughout the year, dozens of volunteers helped us in so many ways, including with *Heron Tracks* mailing, live animal care, building maintenance and housekeeping, seed jug filling, trail work, invasive species removal, nest box monitoring, gift store inventory, and special events. We truly appreciate the dedication of our volunteers!



CONCLUSION

As we look back at another successful year at Seven Ponds, we must also look forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead.

As the world changes, so must our nature center. To that end, we are implementing a new customer relationship management software system and completely revamping our website. This new system will help add efficiency for our staff and operations, and bring convenience and increased opportunities for our members and guests.

Still, Seven Ponds will continue to be what it always has been: an organization dedicated to preserving a piece of pristine Michigan woods and wetlands, a staff committed to providing high quality environmental education, and a place where visitors can always enjoy a peaceful retreat.

Connecting people with nature – it's what we do!



Seven Ponds Nature Center Investment Funds

Endowment Fund

Market Value on 1/1/2018	\$2,351,104.84
Market Value on 12/31/2018	\$2,077,396.18
Income to General Account in 2018	\$106,103.12

Reserve Fund

Market Value on 1/1/20178	\$354,790.46
Market Value on 12/31/2018	\$313,720.41
Income to General Account in 2018	\$15,936.92

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	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	2018 TOTAL	2017	2016
School and Youth Groups															
Seasonal	0	0	0	225	225	10	9	39	0	113	0	0	621	821	978
Explorer	0	0	111	183	794	377	0	0	232	1177	299	0	3173	3493	3471
Traveling Naturalist	785	126	743	650	533	137	0	0	0	0	41	98	3113	1461	2670
Scouts	13	0	35	41	20	0	14	0	55	32	139	18	367	388	311
Homeschool	7	0	9	19	12	2	0	0	6	9	7	13	84	97	115
Birthday Parties	0	0	0	48	0	24	0	49	0	35	0	31	187	180	87
Annie's Big Nature Lesson	0	278	436	0	222	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	936	975	154
SUBTOTAL	805	404	1334	1166	1806	550	23	88	293	1366	486	160	8481	7415	7786
Misc. Adult/Fam. Programs															
Nature Center	5	0	4	0	104	26	0	0	19	33	9	0	200	144	305
Away	0	12	170	1027	179	257	0	172	514	19	73	102	2525	2273	2855
SUBTOTAL	5	12	174	1027	283	283	0	172	533	52	82	102	2725	2417	3160
Member & Public Activities															
Camp Seven Ponds	0	0	0	0	0	39	77	27	0	0	0	0	143	176	207
Knee-High Naturalists	19	19	30	22	0	0	0	0	11	20	20	15	156	168	218
Pgms/Videos/Etc.	80	111	28	28	76	41	62	30	51	62	22	14	605	1102	696
Special Events	103	0	0	0	252	195	0	250	0	368	0	150	1318	3123	3483
Field Trips	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	12	54
Field Tours	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	7	11	0	0	7	45	26	45
Rentals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	62	100	89
SUBTOTAL	212	130	58	60	328	297	139	314	73	512	42	186	2351	4707	4792
Volunteer & Interest Groups	214	325	315	290	188	207	131	168	147	217	138	126	2466	2752	2511
Casual Visitors	300	225	407	398	646	726	857	672	622	535	266	214	5868	5986	5586
TOTAL	1536	1096	2288	2941	3251	2063	1150	1414	1668	2682	1014	788	21891	23277	23835