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Field trips and Outreach:

In addition to our established roster of high caliber field trips that introduce guests to the beauty and natural history of the Preserve, the Friends added two new field trips in 2018. In February, an "indoor" field trip was held at the Veterinary School. On June 3, *Vision at the Lakeshore Nature Preserve* combined short talks, in the Eagle Heights Community Center, by Gillian Shaw, DVM, PhD and Professor David Drake, and a guided hike into Eagle Heights Woods. *Vision* attracted 65 attendees alone. Thus far in 2018, **494 attendees** have participated in **24 public field trips** and programs. With the 7 remaining field trips scheduled, we are on course to exceed last year's 600 attendees. We continue to look for additional ways to share the Preserve with members of our community who are not necessarily available on weekends or who might feel the Preserve is not welcoming of people of color. Gisela Kutzbach (and Chuck Henrikson) are leading a specially arranged PLATO field trip this morning, and in response to a request from Jerrod Buckner of the Morgridge Institute, Diane Dempsey will lead a group of children from a community center on a trip departing from the Frautschi Point parking lot on Monday afternoon, October 22. On July 31, Lillian Tong and Olympia Mathiaparanam met with Bryn Sriver and UW BioCommons personnel to explore ways to broaden awareness of and participation in the Preserve by first generation and underrepresented minority students. Recommendations from that meeting are being enacted.

Prairie Partners Interns:

The Friends supported the work of the 5 Interns for one day a week during the 2018 season. Pat Becker and Doris Dubielzig recruited 6 speakers for the educational sessions (Stan Temple (Ethics, Phenology), Amy Rosebrough (Mound Builders), David Drake (Urban Canids), Adam Gundlach (Fire Ecology), Dave Mickelson (Geologic History) and John Magnuson (Limnos Boat Tour)). Tony Abate shared the 2018 Prairie Partners Intern Feedback Survey. Question #5, "How beneficial was the educational programming to you?" received a weighted average of 4.5/5 (where 0 is not at all and 5 is Very Beneficial), and these responses: *"I enjoyed every program we had and thought each was valuable. These were especially beneficial in giving perspective and context for what we are doing...."* *"I learned a lot with each educational experience. There was a diverse set of programs."*

Projects:

Bats: Seth McGee and students Thomas Guerin, Cecilia Shortree, and Macy Peterson monitored the bats throughout the summer, learning that 4 species were active in the Preserve.

Bluebirds: 4 of 8 nest boxes produced 16 bluebird eggs and 8 fledglings (= 2017#)

Purple Martins investigated the PUMA houses but none nested there this year.

*feed them
meal worms*

Garlic Mustard Pull on May 6: only 18 bags pulled by 16 volunteers that day
Spring Planting on May 19: With Bryn Scriver and Laura Wyatt's assistance, 16 volunteers planted 6 of Glenda Denniston's flats of seedlings along the Picnic Point path and starter plants (purchased) near the kiosk at the Picnic Point entrance.

Squeaky Wheels:

Arlene Koziol responded to the June cyanobacteria blooms on Lake Mendota by taking photographs and videos of the events and sharing them with the Clean Lakes Alliance, the news media, on the Friends website (<https://www.friendslakeshorepreserve.com/cyanobacteria.html>), in the Friends Fall 2018 newsletter, *Preserve!*, and at the September 4 Friends Board meeting. She contacted Jeffery Steele, UW Environmental Health Specialist, and advocated for better notification of cyanobacteria blooms and provided models of better signage to caution people against entering contaminated waters. She urged the Clean Lakes Alliance to improve its Lakeforecast.org map legend and corrected beach notation. The Friends February 2019 "indoor" field trip will feature Professor Trina McMahon discussing cyanobacteria blooms, supported by Arlene's photos.

John Magnuson organized a June 20th tour of the Class of 1918 Marsh, which included Bryn Scriver and Adam Gundlach, wetland ecologists, and Friends Board members. The goal was to identify restoration or management activities for the Marsh. John will present our summary of the observations and recommendations from that tour to the Facilities Planning and Management staff next Monday, October 1, and to the Preserve Committee on October 24.

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