

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee
Facilities Planning & Management -FPM
Preserve Staff Reports – April 14, 2023



*Thanks, Bryn, for hosting
Bucky's BIG Event
at the Preserve*

At left, Bryn Scriver, volunteer and outreach coordinator at the Lakeshore Nature Preserve, and Chancellor Mnookin use loppers to remove invasive buckthorn. PHOTO BY: [ALTHEA DOTZOUR](#)

OPERATIONS - PROGRAM MANAGEMENT – Laura Wyatt, Interim Director

Permits issued since our last meeting on March 10, 2023:

- 2023 – #19 – BTNY 460 – Hager
- 2023 – #18 – Geocache – Tent Colony
- 2023 – #17 – Geocache – Walk in the Woods
- 2023 – #16 – Geocache – Explore Preserve
- 2023 – #15 – Navy ROTC
- 2023 – #14 – ENT 303-Kress
- 2023 – #13 – ENT 302-Young
- 2023 – #12 – Curtis Stormwater Lot 60
- 2023 – #11 – Soil Science 575-EHG
- 2023 – #10 – ASUM-Tree Swallow Nest Boxes

Thank you to all who supported Day of the Badger. The Preserve raised \$8,740 (includes the \$4,000 match challenge from Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve) from 49 donors; 25 first time donors to the Preserve. Thanks to Bryn Scriver for coordinating our engagement and our “ambassadors” for working their social media.

After reviewing 21 applications we have extended offers for summer employment as Natural Areas Assistant to:

- Soleil Bienick – Conservation Biology and Environmental Studies
- Cesar Garcia – Botany
- Parker Gimbel – Environmental Science

- Ana Michaelson – Conservation Biology

Our thanks and appreciation to UW-Grounds arborists Aaron Gilmore and Andy Thurlow for working with our partners at Dane County Humane Society Wildlife Center to re-unite a barred owl to its nest, twice; first cavity nest then nesting box at Frautschi Point. See photos below.

2023 visitor count through March - individuals walking along path to tip of Picnic point – **14,704 (6073 March)**.

CAPITAL PROJECTS - Rhonda James, Senior Landscape Architect

Capital Projects adjacent to the Preserve:

- Rec Well is working toward an April 24 opening. They will have a dedication event for the Ho Chunk 12 Class Circle to the north of the building on May 4. The exterior work will continue in 2023.

Capital Projects within the Preserve:

- Lakeshore Nature Preserve Master Plan, we are editing text and graphics.

Lakeshore Nature Preserve Outreach Center is working toward wrap up of the Advanced Plan in May.

LAND MANAGEMENT UPDATE – Adam Gundlach, Field Projects Coordinator

- The Preserve’s student Natural Areas Assistants continued invasive brush control work in the southern end of Frautschi Point, sowed seed across various management units, performed burn unit preparations, and assisted with prescribed burns.
- Picnic Point – Worked with UW Grounds Department arbor crew to remove hazard ash trees bordering the burial mounds group.
- Prescribed burns completed at Willow Creek Savanna, Picnic Point, Bill’s Woods and Eagle Heights Woods April 7-10.
- Completed Preserve Natural Areas Assistant crew hiring.
- Planning 2023 field season and preparing to onboard new student hires.
- Performed Preserve-wide site checks and Picnic Point fire circle and wood rack maintenance.

OUTREACH & VOLUNTEERS – Bryn Scriver, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator

Outreach activities:

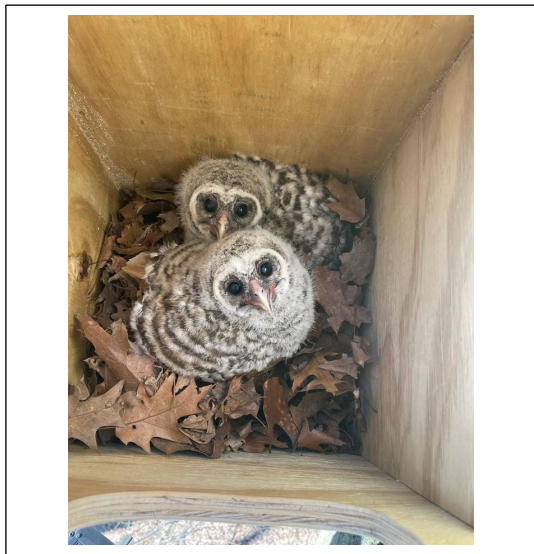
- Day of the Badger promotion and thank yous
- Promote Outreach Center Public Meeting #2

Volunteer activities:

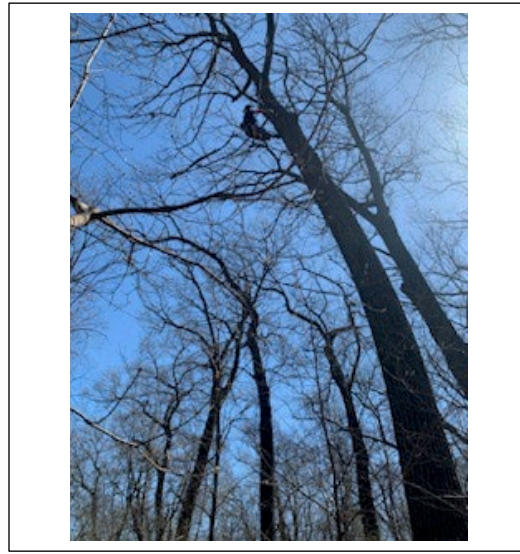
- Sun Mar 19, *Frautschi Point, remove woody invasive plants*, Drop-in event (rescheduled from 3-18) EPIC, West High School Public Health and Advocacy club, 12 volunteers
- Wed Mar 22, *Willow Creek Woods, seeding and woody invasive plant removal*, GreenHouse Residential Learning Community, 10 student volunteers



**Frautschi Point Woods: before and after removing common buckthorn and bush honeysuckle
EPIC and West High Public Health and Advocacy Club volunteers (March 19,2023)**



Waiting for Mom. Thank You!



Andy Thurlow in red oak