

Boone's Lick Chapter 2022 Report

One of Boone's Lick chapter's highlights in 2022 was completing our first training class since 2020. Melanie Knocke, first time as Training Committee chair, did an excellent job of organizing and adapting to restrictions placed on us for meeting spaces. We had 23 graduates, including those who traveled from St. Peters and Eldon, as well as an MDC employee. Of those graduates, 2 transferred to another chapter, 11 reached their initial certification, and 2 also re-certified. The total number of members who re-certified was 58.

These accomplishments show Boone's Lick chapter's growth, and expansion beyond Columbia to cover all of Central Missouri. If we put stars on the members' hometowns in different counties the map would really surprise us. Plus, we have a growing number of Jefferson City and Cole County members.

Other highlights included creating a new Fundraising committee, and working to bolster chapter capabilities for more adaptive meetings and communication. A successful online silent auction, and a public donation online method were also accomplished.

In June we had an outdoor evening picnic get-together, and advanced training session at Stephens Lake Park. Our new Hospitality chair, Kay Callison, coordinated the meal. It was a big success, with around forty members and families attending. Ryan Russell, arborist and horticulture park manager, led a walking tour of the park after the meal. He shared ambitious plans for completing all native Missouri tree and shrub plantings in the park, and proposed an endangered U.S. oaks collection. We also had a field trip in September to Prairie Garden Trust in New Bloomfield led by Vice President Damon Kempker with 14 members attending.

After our meeting space restrictions were lifted, we were able to return to in-person meetings. With our membership spread over such a wide area we are currently holding hybrid meetings with members attending in-person or via Zoom, and are still learning about hybrid meeting technology. Our speakers are still presenting online, and have delivered excellent advanced training information. Vice President Damon Kempker has shared detailed follow up information and contact details from those speakers.

2022 was a banner year for volunteer and advanced training hours. For the year Boone's Lick had the second highest total volunteer hours in the chapter's history, and the third highest advanced training hours ever! We are looking forward to duplicating that success in 2023.

Volunteer and Advanced Training Hours

- Number of volunteer service hours = **7099**

- Number of hours volunteers participated in advanced training = **1644**

Chapter Partner Organizations (partners are local organizations that have a reciprocal relationship with the chapter)

Big Muddy National Fish & Wildlife Refuge

City of Columbia

Clark's Hill/Norton State Historic Site

Columbia Audubon Society

Downtown Urban Butterfly Garden

Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area

Greenbelt Land Trust of Missouri

Lick Creek Conservation Area

Lincoln University Native Demonstration Garden

Missouri Bumblebee Atlas

Missouri Department of Conservation (statewide volunteer opportunities)

Missouri Eagle Watch Program

Missouri Native Plant Society

Missouri Prairie Foundation

Missouri River Bird Observatory

Missouri River Relief

Missouri Stream Team

Missourians for Monarchs

Ozark Trail Association

Prairie Fork Conservation Area

Prairie Garden Trust

Rock Bridge Memorial State Park

School Outdoor Classrooms

Shepard to Rollins Trail Restoration

University of Missouri Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow Network

University of Missouri Extension (Columbia Office)

University of Missouri Jefferson Farms & Gardens

University of Missouri Lakes of Missouri

University of Missouri Raptor Rehabilitation Project

University of Missouri Sorenson Estate Natural Area

Wild Ones

Note: the above partners list shows the local (Missouri) entities we actually participated with through volunteer hours in 2022. There are a handful of other entities, which are still on our volunteer opportunities list for which no one reported any hours in 2022 (like MU Bradford Research and Extension Center) or which are not local (like Project Feeder Watch or International Dark-Sky Places Program).

Additional Information:

Select Activities Summaries:

Invasive control hours totaled **588** hours. This included work at Clark's Hill, Rock Bridge Memorial State Park, City of Columbia parks, and other various sites around the state.

Partner with the most volunteer hours: Rock Bridge Memorial State Park, with **1199** hours

Hours Summary by Category (see graph below for percentages):

Citizen Science Projects **1911**

Education/Outreach Projects **1067**

Program Support **1234**

Stewardship Projects **2887**

- Number of volunteers that achieved their initial certification in 2022: **11**
- Number of volunteers that achieved their 2022 annual certification: **58**
- Total number of active Chapter members:
Members Reporting Hours in 2022: **87**
Members Reporting at least 20 Hours Volunteer & 4 hours AT: **72**
Members Participating over the last 3 years: **124**
- Number of core class graduations in 2022: **22**

2022 Boone's Lick Volunteer Hours By Reporting Group

