

WISCONSIN Master Naturalist



Annual Summary 2018

The Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program is a growing network of well-informed citizens dedicated to natural resources education and service within their communities. Volunteers perform at least 40 hours of volunteer service each year and receive 8 additional hours of training annually to maintain certification. Partner organizations throughout the state deliver the volunteer trainings, which provide coursework in natural history, interpretation and conservation stewardship in both classroom and field settings.

2013-2018 IN REVIEW

Volunteer Hours Reported

22,094 stewardship

20,481 citizen science

+ 38,706 education

81,281 Total volunteer hours

for value* of **\$2 million**

9 Instructor trainings

125 Instructors

56 Partner organizations

58 Volunteer training courses completed

229,425

People reached through volunteer-led programs

855 Master Naturalist volunteers residing in

63 of Wisconsin's 72 counties

17,156

hours of advanced training for Master Naturalist Volunteers

*The dollar value of service hours is calculated by using figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics data, indexed by the Independent Sector.

"I am inspired and want to continue learning more about nature and to volunteer in a variety of ways."

- 2018 Master Naturalist Volunteer

"Overall, I loved the program and the experience and feel well-equipped to further increase my knowledge and my volunteer opportunities from this point forward because of the resources the program gave me."

- 2018 Master Naturalist Volunteer

IN 2018

MASTER NATURALIST VOLUNTEERS RECORDED:

26,388 hours of volunteer service

\$651,500 of value to the state of Wisconsin

63% of those reporting service hours gave more than the required **40 hours** per year

23% reported more than **100 hours** of service in 2018

192 new volunteers

65,427 people reached through volunteer-led programs

OF 2018 COURSE PARTICIPANTS (312 RESPONSES)

After taking the course:

All of the respondents said their knowledge about Wisconsin's natural resources **increased**, and **74%** reported that their knowledge **"increased a great amount."**

The percentage who feel they have the knowledge to **volunteer** related to natural resources **increased from 56% to 87%**.

92% know where to find appropriate **volunteer opportunities**.

200 PARTICIPANTS AT THE FIRST STATE-WIDE CONFERENCE IN 2018

25 scholarships

14 volunteer trainings



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