



BCP PARTNER EDUCATION SUMMARY

FY 2024 Third Quarter (April– June) & Fourth Quarter (July- September)

Travis County, City of Austin, The Nature Conservancy, Westcave Preserve, Wild Basin Preserve, and Travis Audubon's Baker Sanctuary

3rd and 4th Quarter: Outreach & Education (All Partners)

Activity	Location	Events	Youth*	Adults*	Volunteer Hours
Guided Hikes	Onsite	434	2224	6511	476.75
Programs / Presentations	Offsite	12	304	1008	0
	Onsite	28	946	1071	102.5
Visiting Group/Educators	Onsite	22	65	237	0
Land Stewardship	Onsite	220	53	1325	3274
Ecological Monitoring	Onsite	109	25	184	1370.5
	Offsite	1	0	1	3
Administration	Onsite	6	6	48	42
Training	Offsite	7	0	61	0
	Onsite	17	0	31	82
Campouts	Onsite	1	14	5	0
April-September Total		857	3637	10482	5350.75

Monetary value of volunteer work (\$33.49/hour): \$179,196.62

*Numbers indicate total participation during events not unique individuals

SELF-GUIDED PUBLIC ACCESS (Estimated Annual Visitation)

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FY2024: Outreach & Education (All Partners)

Activity	Location	Events	Youth*	Adults*	Volunteer Hours
Guided Hikes	Onsite	860	4537	12309	842.25
Programs / Presentations	Offsite	20	306	1093	0
	Onsite	59	1016	1686	103.5
Visiting Group/Educators	Onsite	47	273	493	0
Land Stewardship	Onsite	444	165	2772	6862
Ecological Monitoring	Offsite	1	0	1	3
	Onsite	153	26	286	1896
Administration	Onsite	10	10	70	64.5
Training	Offsite	7	0	61	0
	Onsite	23	1	231	175
Campouts	Onsite	5	79	35	17
October-September Totals		1629	6413	19037	9963.25

Monetary value of volunteer work (\$33.49/hour): \$333,669.20

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CITY OF AUSTIN



- 69 Golden-cheeked Warbler resighting volunteers dedicated more than 1,100 hours to monitoring endangered warblers on Travis County and City of Austin BCP properties this nesting season (March – May).
- Through trainings and tours, above ground and below, staff shared information about the BCP's habitat and species to K-12 teachers, high school and college students, local firefighters, volunteer hike guides, and more.
- At 80 volunteer workdays on the JJ&T and Vireo Preserve tracts, staff engaged volunteers in restoring endangered species habitat by helping to grow more than 1,000 trees in the nursery, seeding, planting and caring for trees and other native plants, and building berms and other structures to reduce erosion and help slow, spread, and sink water on the landscape.

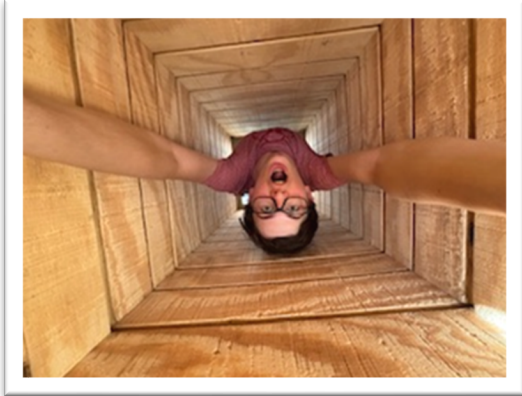


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BAKER SANCTUARY (TRAVIS AUDUBON)



- **Volunteer Activities:**

- Dispersed ice-storm brush from hiking trails.
- Created brush piles for summer cleanup in areas inaccessible to ATVs.
- Formed a "bucket brigade" to move brush away from trails.
- Encountered several rattlesnakes; volunteers returned safely.
- Repaired barbed wire fences due to road driving issues.
- Maintained trails and monitored Golden-cheeked Warblers (GCWA).

- **Educational Initiatives:**

- Presented to 4th graders at C.C. Mason Elementary (LISD)
- Led six guided hikes for various community members.
- Organized a field trip for dual language learners from Henry and Danielson Middle Schools (LISD).
- Held Baker Nature Day with 200 attendees

- **Eagle Scout Projects:**

- Five projects completed during the period:
- John Finklea and Eemaan Farsi (Troop 271).
- Adam Thompson, Jackson Kendrick, and Matthew Dippel (Troop 158).
- Resulted in 10 new trail benches and one Chimney Swift tower.

- **Girl Scout Project - First-ever Girl Scout Silver Award project:**

- Amy Chiti, Alexis Kvinta, Great Lerche, and Maya Casner (Troop 1472).
- Built and installed a Chimney Swift tower named 'Pink Widow,' which housed a Black Widow spider.



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TRAVIS COUNTY



- Travis County strengthened community engagement through new and ongoing partnerships. Notably, we collaborated with Latino Outdoors and Bat Conservation International to host a late-August evening bat hike, deepening our focus on inclusive, conservation-driven outreach.
- We expanded education efforts by partnering with River Place Elementary School for in-class programs and provided interactive tabling opportunities at events such as the Wildflower Center's Nature Night, Travis Audubon's Purple Martin Parties, and Steiner Ranch's Firewise event.
- Volunteers continued vital restoration activities, including reforesting swales and berms at the Medway tract, seed collection and processing, bat acoustic monitoring, and live fuel moisture tracking.
- Other highlights included hosting International Observe the Moon Night with stargazing activities and Pride on the Preserve: Pollinator Edition in partnership with Local Queer ATX. We also launched a volunteer-led guided hike program, further expanding our outreach and educational offerings.



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WILD BASIN



- April 8th Total Solar Eclipse: The preserve was open on April 8th and had a full parking lot to accommodate guests that made reservations to view the total solar eclipse.
- Speaker and Social Series: This monthly in person speaker and social event allows the public to participate in a relaxed atmosphere learning opportunity. Q3 & Q4 Topics Included:
 - New and Proposed Species Listings under the Endangered Species Act in TC by Debra Scott
 - Land conservation, collaboration, and our growing network of TC Parks by Christy Muse
 - Wild Stories and experiences about Wild Basin by Judy Walther, Kiki Corry and Niki Lake.
 - BCP - South Austin Caves by Drew Thompson and Cait McCann Teran
- Walk to the Waterfall Wednesday (June and July): Every Wednesday in the months of June and July a trail guide provided a guided hike to the waterfall area. Reservations were free and allowed people to secure their spot.
- Tacos and Trash Service Day (September): Had 25 students and staff from St. Edward's University eat breakfast tacos and pick up trash along the Hwy. 360 boundary of Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve. They collected 37 bags of loose trash, one tire and a few random car bits. We also recycled two bags worth of plastic, aluminum cans and glass bottles, five oversized plastic items and a five-gallon bucket full of metal.
- Stewardship Highlights: Volunteers have been helping to restore several sections of degraded trail by laying down mulch and setting rock steps. The mulch is from working with Travis County TNR crews to chip vegetative debris removed from the trail and boundary at Wild Basin. In addition to restoring the trail, this helps reduce the fuel load in the preserve and improve erosion control measures along the trails.



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WESTCAVE



- Total Eclipse April 8th, 2024- 31 vehicles with 116 people in attendance within awe as the moon blocked out the sun for 3 minutes at Westcave.
- Hosted 160 Smithsonian travelers from around the country on April 6th for two half day explorations of Westcave from the grotto to the building. Guests were amazed by the lush grotto in the middle of Central Texas.
- Partnered again with El Ranchito to give 92 campers (4th-9th grade) over 4 camp sessions the opportunity to hike to the grotto and immerse themselves with the sounds of nature.
- During the last El Ranchito camp session 26 campers (8-9th) learned the 12 steps to archery success by Education Manager at Westcave, Meagan Whitehouse, and Environmental Coordinator from Wild Basin, Paul V.



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The Nature Conservancy



- 54 volunteers worked 167 hours on invasive species removal, bird surveys, and trail maintenance.
- Travis Audubon and CAMN hosted engaging field days.
- BSA Girls Troop 441 had a fun campout.
- Austin Youth River Watch checked water quality in Barton Creek.
- The Grassland Savanna Collective met at Barton Creek Habitat Preserve to tour and share management ideas.



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ACTIVITY DEFINITIONS

Guided Hikes

Hikes on the BCP guided by staff or volunteers; includes education about the BCP, wildlife, and land management practices.

Programs/Presentations

Presentations by staff or volunteers about the BCP and related scientific and land management topics; includes educational events and programs.

Land Stewardship

Volunteer work on the BCP that includes removing invasive species, preparing for prescribed burns, creating fuel breaks, restoring habitat, patrolling, and maintenance of grounds, trails & facilities.

Ecological Monitoring

Includes surveys of endangered species, vegetation, and nuisance species such as cowbirds, hogs and red imported fire ants.

Campouts

Campouts on the BCP, usually organized by outside groups such as the Boy Scouts.

Visiting Groups/Educators

Groups visiting or hosting an event on the BCP that was not organized by BCP staff.

Administrative Help

Volunteer help with administrative work such as office work, research, and event coordination.

Training

Volunteer training & other trainings that support the BCCP's mission. Examples include educating emergency response and infrastructure maintenance staff about protecting sensitive environmental features and complying with clearing restrictions.