

May 2024 Naturalist's Report

Admin/Finance

- We have an upcoming meeting with the Community Foundation on June 25th to better understand the structure and operation of the endowment fund.
- We have transitioned to using NetSuite to generate invoices for education programs, which allows us to accept payment directly to an invoice in a way that is documented with the rest of the center's accounting.

Building/Grounds

- Thankfully 1000 Islands did not sustain too much damage from May's storms. A long piece of flashing was torn off of the west side of the building, and some branches and trees were down in the yard. A handful of trees have since fallen down on the trails as well, but everything has been cleaned up.
- Many volunteers have come out to help manage invasive species, from cutting buckthorn to pulling garlic mustard.

Education

- May was a busy month for field trips, with 1021 students attending from schools across northeast Wisconsin.
- I am in the process of revising our field trip offerings for spring of 2025. Currently many of our programs go unused, and there is a lack of consistency in program length, setting, and quality which can make scheduling complicated. My goal is to provide a smaller offering of high-quality, diverse programming that reflects what schools have been requesting, with the hope of providing a rough draft for the July committee meeting.