

Effie Yeaw

Nature Center Annual Report

I am pleased to present this year's annual report for the American River Natural History Association and the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. As I look back on the past year, I can clearly see how your support has allowed us to accomplish these achievements and milestones.

I want to express my appreciation to our dedicated team of staff, passionate volunteers, generous donors, and committed board members. Your support has been the driving force behind our success. Together, we have continued to uphold our mission of providing environmental education to children and adults across the Sacramento metropolitan region.

As we move forward, we are filled with optimism and determination. We have ambitious plans for the coming year, including breaking ground on a new aviary for our animal ambassadors, and launching a significant upgrade to our main museum building. With your ongoing support, I am confident that we will achieve even greater heights and continue to make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve.

In closing, I want to reiterate my gratitude to our supporters, volunteers, staff, and board members. Your commitment to our organization inspires us every day, and together, we will continue to create lasting impact on our community.

Thank you for your trust, dedication, and belief in our mission.

Laurie Weir

Laurie Weir, Board President
American River Natural History Association



Money Talks

A Record-Breaking Year!

The 2022-23 fiscal year at Effie Yeaw Nature Center was another record-breaker with our total income once again passing the one million mark! The Nature Center is only able to accomplish such goals because it of the unwavering and immense support of its donors and members. Along with grants, events, the Discovery Store, and our educational programs – we are able to keep our revenue streams diverse and reliable as we grow from year to year.

The Nature Center continues to operate within its means with a majority of its revenue being reinvested into educational programs for the the schools we serve and our community.

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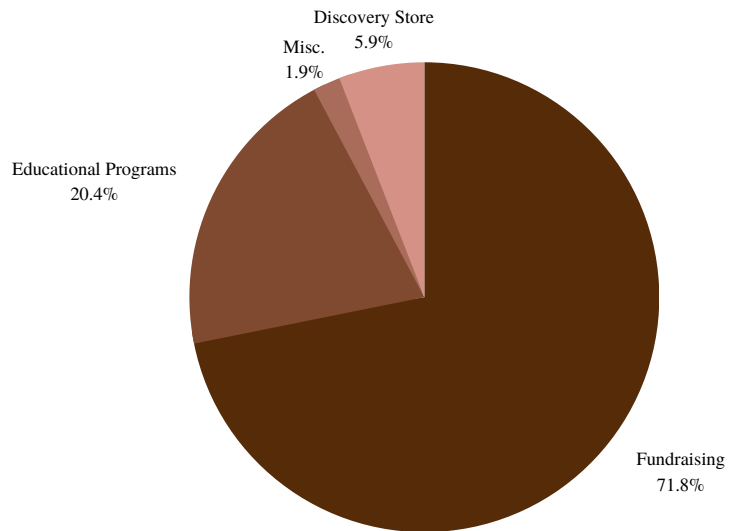
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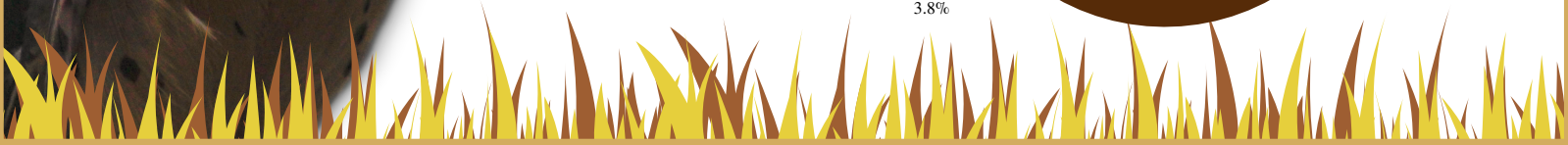
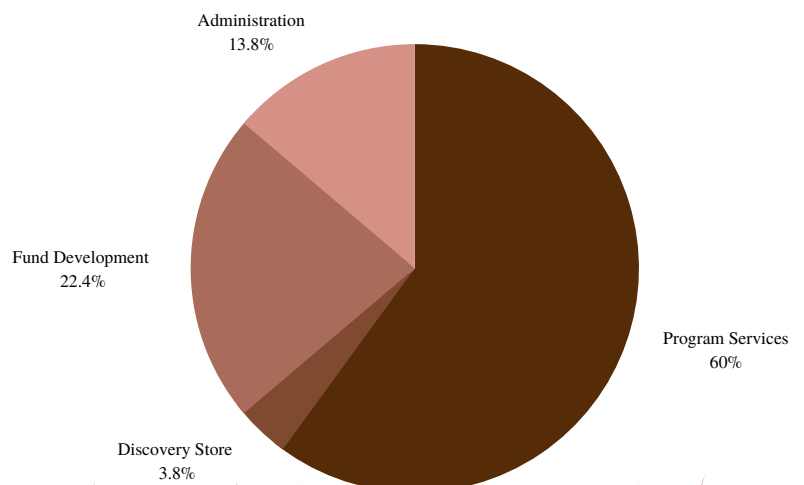
Members at Large

Bud Banker
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Chuck Halnan
Diana Wallace
Margaret Leavitt

Total Income \$1,300,972



Total Expenses \$1,136,911



Power of Volunteers

Volunteers are essential to the success of our organization.

This fiscal year 516 volunteers contributed their time, talents, and skills to the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. Volunteers serve in a variety of roles from support of daily operations, expanding our reach and audiences served, preservation and restoration of the nature study area, and so much more. To learn more about the nature center's volunteer opportunities, visit: www.sacnaturecenter.net/support/volunteer. 516 volunteers served the Effie Yeaw Nature Center for a combined total of 14,373 hours! According to the Independent Sector (independentsector.org/resource/value-of-volunteer-time/), volunteer time in California, as of April 2022, is valued at \$35.56/hour. At this rate, our volunteers' service contributions represent a value of \$511,104! Several volunteers just started and have already contributed greatly to the well-being and success of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. Other volunteers have been here longer and have accrued 100 to over 7,000 hours of service. Below are active volunteers of the 2022-2023 fiscal year and their service accomplishments. Thank you all for being a source of encouragement, strength, and inspiration.



1,000-7,000+ hours

Susie Abbott
Kari Bauer
Susan Davis
Jackie DeLu
Krystin Dozier
Cathy George
Mary Louise Flint
Elaine Hujambojoie
Gregg Hutchison
Joey Johnson
Molly Keller
Peggy Kennedy
Jennifer Kerr
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Nancy Oprsal
David Peterson
Gail Philippart
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Betsy Weiland
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500-999 hours

Jan Ahders
Bud Banker
Connor Berris
Vivian Conner
Betty Cooper
Helen Diepenbrock
Colleen Draffin
Roslyn Eliaser
Barry Grimm
Mary Howard
Teresa Kahl
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Oscar Lopez, CRHS
Bob McCleary
Beryl Michaels
Chris Miller
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Smokey Murphy
Debbie Newton
Lynne Pinkerton
Joseph Sebastian
Susan Solarz

250-499 hours

Echo Anzai
Bob Brown
Susan Brown
Sue Darst
Tim Dean
Sophie Dow
Dennis Eckhart
Emily Eklund
Chuck Halnan
Randy Lewis
Gabi Lintz
Betty Louie
Mark Lum
Dan Meier
Kathy Moore
Sam Neal
Rosie O'Grady
Shelley Richardson
Felice Risling
Mary Ann Robinson
Joni Stein
Mia Udvary
Colin Walker
Laurie Weir

160-249 hours

Joseph Bacich
Mia Bojorquez
Cassandra Chavez
Dean Conrad
Rebecca Croston
Summer Doyle
Natalia Gonzalez, CRHS
Rich Howard
Marti Ikehara
Bintu Kalenda, CRHS
Yvonne Manley
Parminder Mehmi
Katherine Roberts
Eric Ross
Rick Sterner
Bhavna Trehan

100-159 hours

Carmen Aliludin
John Barney
Lauri Beltrand
Morgan Cleckler
Leslie Cohen
Rachael Cowan
Amanda Farnsworth
Lizabeth Fernandez
Matthew Gibbs
Caryn Gordon
Lucy Higginbotham
Jane Howard
Olivia Huang
Danielle Jamet
Robin Kren
Linda McIlvoy
Renee Moskovitz
Anne Richmond
Jacob Scholar
Luke Schwedler
Joseph Strazicich
Patrick Wagner
Julia Wickware

Bringing People to Nature...

...and nature to people. In a year of weather extremes, the 2022/2023 school year saw heavy rains, flooding, and high temperatures, but neither hail nor rain nor heat could keep us from serving the public! Our volunteers and staff worked to clear trails after the floods that inundated our region and kept campers hydrated and happy through the record heat of summer. Thanks to the support of staff, volunteers, and donors, we served a record number of school children this year, not to mention the many visitors who enjoyed our Nature Center and who participated in programs and events. In total, we served 66,872 people this year. We could not have done this without your support!



51 Nature Camps

589 children engaged in topics ranging from nature's engineers to space to kayaking!



519 K-12 School Programs

Our school programs reached 15,800 children, including 1,766 kids that through our Urban Nature Program, received 70 free Effie Yeaw Nature Center School programs.



264 Customized Educational Programs

14,302 members of the public were provided education at community events such as the Reptile Expo and adult-focused programs including Young at Heart, Nature of Things, and the UC California Naturalist program.



35,170 Museum Visitors

35,170 members of the of the public visited the Effie Yeaw Nature Center's main building where they were able to have close-up encounters with animal ambassadors and learn natural and cultural history of the Lower American River in our museum.



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Followers: 7,990



Website

28,000 monthly users



Instagram

Followers: 2,732



E-Newsletter

Subscribers: 9,972

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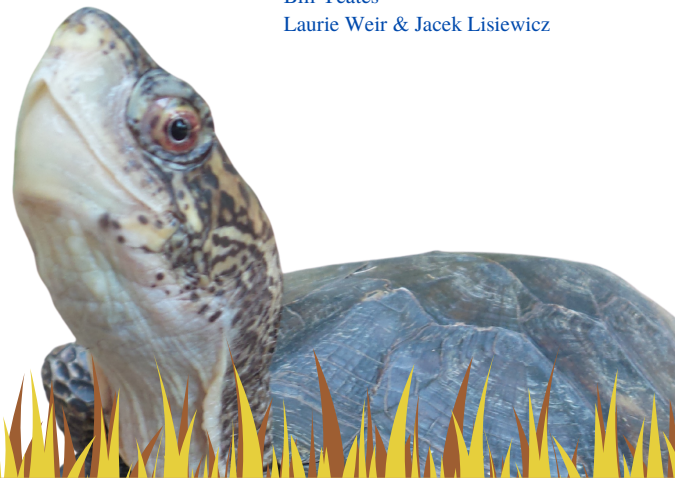
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Heidi Sanborn
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Your Support and Involvement Improves the Quality of Life in our Community

Our lives are enhanced through time in nature, and the Effie Yeaw Nature Center has been providing and maintaining nature to the Greater Sacramento area for over 46 years. During this time the center has educated children, preserved the parkway, and tended to its resident animals - all thanks to your support. To become more engaged in the center's programs and services, please don't hesitate to reach out.



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Discovery Store Coordinator

Karen Kosenski



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Brena Seck

Kristen Angelini

Hannah Steurer

Jacob Sasscer

Audrey Heath

Cassie Chavez

Animal Care Manager-in-Training

Renee Covey

Animal Care

Alyssa St. John

Blake Rabe

Weekend Receptionist

Janay Sawdon

Facilities Manager

Dan Root

Grounds & Building Maintenance

Steven Wolcott

Consider becoming a monthly donor! These gifts help us fund our programs, services and animal care costs and provide a stable, consistent income throughout the year. By spreading your donation over a year, it's easier to give more generously.

Make a planned gift! You can make a transformative one-time gift by naming the Effie Yeaw Nature Center in your will, sharing an unexpected windfall, transferring stocks or bonds, or donating your required minimum IRA distribution.

Consider volunteering! Volunteer time is invaluable! We need volunteers to help implement our programs, maintain our gardens and trails, docent education programs, or help in the Discovery Store or office.

For more information on volunteering or donating, please contact us at 916-876-4918, or email info@SacNatureCenter.net.

