

NATURE FOR ALL



Friends,

At Quarry Hill, we've always been rooted in nature. In person and in the great outdoors is where we like to be and where we strive to bring people together.

Because of you, we can provide immersive, innovative experiences in nature that connect our community, enhance learning, welcome newcomers, engage curiosity, preserve the land, and open the doors to nature for ALL.

As a non-profit, we rely on the generosity of our supporters and members.

50% of our operating revenue is generated through your program, field trip, and event fees.

39% of our operating revenue is generated through your financial contributions and grants from donors, foundations, and business sponsors.

Whether you attend a program or give in support of our mission, YOU are the reason that the Quarry Hill community is vibrant, educational, and growing.

Your support benefits our entire community by:

- Increasing environmental and scientific literacy
- Supporting hands-on education for children, adults, and seniors year round
- Preserving natural spaces that inspire people to get outdoors
- Maintaining the Nature Center facilities, exhibits, park, and trails as a place to enjoy nature in an environment that is open to all with no entrance fee

Join us in supporting nature for ALL.

Please donate today by returning the enclosed envelope or online at QHNC.org





"I wonder what you wonder?" closes every episode of our this Week in the Wild video series. A free resource filmed by our naturalists and used to **ENHANCE SCIENCE LEARNING:** it has helped teachers across SE Minnesota connect nature with a variety of curriculum areas. Since September 2020, this series has been viewed more than 64,000 times.

From a new summer initiative that gives adults & children the tools to explore nature on their own to Friday Night Lights hikes under the stars, experiences that **CONNECT OUR COMMUNITY** to nature remain at the heart of Quarry Hill.



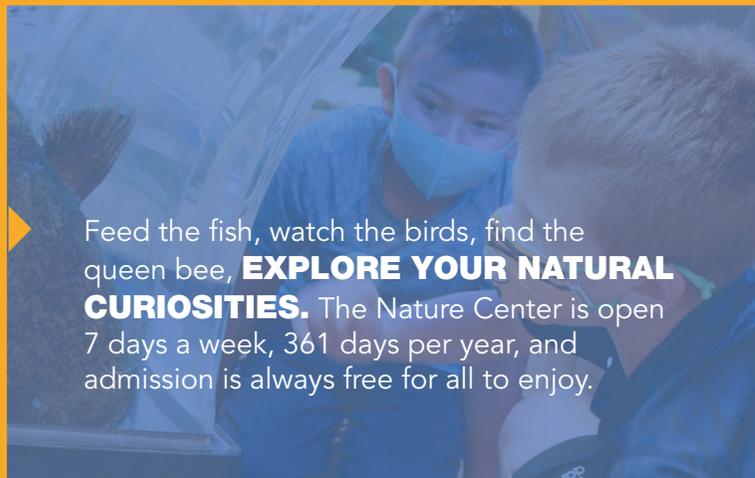
For some, language, economics, weather, and unfamiliar settings limit participation in outdoor, nature-based activities.

WELCOME TO THE LAND OF 10,000 LAKES! With support from the Rochester Public School Foundation, a new initiative, M is for Minnesota, **ENCOURAGES NEWCOMERS** to experience local greenspace, by providing experiences in all seasons and education that builds science language, comfort, and confidence in a new environment.





Deeply rooted in a commitment to **PROTECT THE NATURAL LANDSCAPE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME**, Minnesota Conservation Corps and volunteer Weed Warriors continued their coordinated efforts to control the spread of invasive species at Quarry Hill. Over five years, this collaborative team has logged almost 5,000 hours covering 80 acres of our 329-acre park.



Feed the fish, watch the birds, find the queen bee, **EXPLORE YOUR NATURAL CURIOSITIES.** The Nature Center is open 7 days a week, 361 days per year, and admission is always free for all to enjoy.

1,254
happy
campers

returned summer 2021 for
an adventure-filled week of
natural science exploration



Fresh air, fun
& friendship!

10 volunteers
planted **16 POUNDS**
of prairie seed

representing
96 species,

adding plant
diversity to
our prairie
restoration



846

native plants

were sold at our
annual sale to
provide healthy
habitats for
pollinators



2,437
students

visited the
Nature Center for
the first time during
September & October



509

**birds were
banded**

during educational
programs, contributing
to nationwide migratory
bird research

EVERY GIFT IS IMPORTANT

Quarry Hill receives no tax dollars to support our mission. We rely solely on the generous support of our members, individuals, and organizations to remain free and open to the public.

Please partner with us in our mission to conserve a natural space, connect people with nature, and inspire environmental stewardship.

Your gift makes a difference.



QUARRY HILL NATURE CENTER

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"Opening eyes & minds through natural science discovery."

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