



UPHAM
WOODS

2022 ANNUAL SUMMARY



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings! My name is Amy Workman and I'm the new Director of Upham Woods as of June 2022. I am so pleased to be back at Upham where I worked for six years previously, and to be joining a talented and highly collaborative team of educators. There have been a lot of changes at Upham, but our mission remains the same: *to provide educational opportunities to youth, youth leaders, and adults through programs focused on environmental and leadership education.* I hope you enjoy this Annual Summary, and please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, feedback, and ideas for collaboration and partnership.

Sincerely,

Amy E Workman

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REOPENING AFTER THE PANDEMIC

Following UW policy, Upham Woods closed to all groups (and most staff) starting in March 2020. A huge shout out to Pam Nawrot, our Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, who almost single handedly took over operations and maintenance. We received approval to reopen to overnight groups on May 23, and were delighted to welcome back 4-H, school, scout, and church groups, as well as to establish new partnerships with the UW and other community and professional organizations. We look forward to more visitors in 2023!



"We haven't visited Upham Woods since 2019, and it's good to be home."

-Savanna Oaks Middle School Principal





A YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

PARTICIPANTS SERVED

4,208 Youth
1,552 Adults

5,760 Total

PROGRAM TYPE

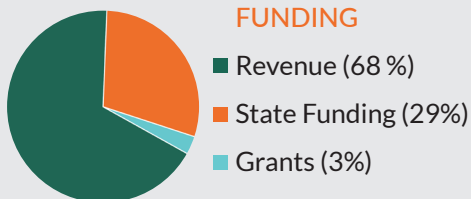
76 Onsite education
16 Conferences/Retreats
33 Outreach programs

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

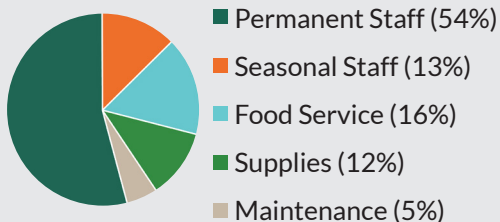
16 4-H Groups
24 Schools
37 Other

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

FUNDING



SPENDING



PROPERTY EXPANSION TO THE NORTH WEST

Thanks to the generosity of Robin C. Buerki and Blackhawk Wawbeek Foundation, we celebrated the addition of 1.5 acres to Upham's northwest border in August! We will be spending time in the coming year developing a plan of use for the new property.



"The new property is a great add. So many opportunities with Upham Woods"
- Greg Hutchins, retired UW-Extension Provost



EXPANDING ACCESS FOR ALL

This year we received the FY22-23 Dean's Innovation Grant for an Accessible Bird Outings program, which supported us in connecting with over 100 community members and 18 organizations to increase accessibility in the outdoors. We also started a new partnership with Access Ability Wisconsin which provided outdoor wheelchairs to our school field trip program and community days. We look forward to continuing to work on accessibility in the coming year!

SUPPORT OUR WORK

In an effort to keep our programs financially accessible, our fees do not cover the full cost of providing a high-quality program. That difference must be made up through grants and charitable contributions. Please consider making a donation in any amount to support our important work. Opportunities for funding include, but are not limited to:

- Blackhawk Island trail restoration
- Animal ambassador fund
- Cabin hill stairway
- Archery equipment
- Voyageur canoe restoration
- Life jacket replacements
- Archery bows and arrows
- Waders

