

Calvert Stewards Volunteer 2022 Annual Report

Volunteer Coordinators: Paige Stevens & Kevin Creek

Number of Volunteers: 108 active volunteers; 333 volunteers in our database.

Volunteer Program Summary

In general, the number of volunteer hours increased in 2022 from 5,418 to 6,607. Hours are still being added for 2022, so this number will likely increase. The pandemic restricted our ability to offer trainings, workshops and appreciation events, the Galaxy Digital web site proved to be very effective in promoting volunteerism.

Our most popular programs were Education, Bluebird Project, and Wildlife Rescue. The dollar value of our volunteers was \$216,842. The hourly value of volunteers was calculated at \$32.82 (<https://independentsector.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Value-of-Volunteer-Time-by-State-2001-2021.pdf>)

	2022	2021
Total Hours	6,607	5,418
Group Service	30	
Workshops & Trainings	81	47
Appreciation Events	38	4
Projects	6458	5367

RESEARCH	2022	2021
Bird Nest Box (general)	18	
Barn Owl Nest Box	365	311
Bluebird Trail	939	921
Saw-Whet Owl Project		121
Kestrel Nest Box Project	3	
Prothonotary Warbler	38	88
Wood Duck Boxes	30	10
Winter Raptors	85	105
MAPS	96	108
Monarch Watch	37	51
Dragonflies	401	443
Bird Counts	229	54
Bats	0	1
Plant Surveys	71	55
iNaturalist Projects	336	55
Other Research Projects	11	223

EDUCATION	2022	2021
Programs	7	
Camp	345	71
Kayak		8
CHESPAX	141	111
Outreach	52	15
PARKS	2022	2021
Animal Care	193	90
Trail & Park Maintenance	809	1169
Garden Care	5	
Tree Planting	180	
Beekeeping	78	
Wildlife Rescue	855	801
ADMINISTRATION	2022	2021
CNS Board	2	
Other Projects	686	559
Internship	658	

2022 Volunteer Hall of Fame

Over 500 hours

Mary Hollinger*

Over 250 hours

Jason Avery*

Tonyia Johnson

Maggie Silverman*

Over 100 hours

Camryn Arnstein

Karen Anderson*

Janet Barnes*

Eva Blockstein

Oliver Diamond

Eaton Ekarintaragun*

Connor Ficke

Andrew Miller*

Kathryn Motley

Brian Richards

Craig Simmons*

Joanne Simmons*

Over 50 hours

Charles Britt

Mike Carpenter

Griffin Carson

Alan Christian

Sandy Foley

Andrew Merranko

Karen Moreland

Angela Mitchell

Jacob Strain

Rick Smith

Lori Sampson

Caroline Wingate

Kathy Wood

Presidential Volunteer Awards

Volunteers listed with an asterisks were recognized at the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic with the 2021 Presidential Volunteer Service Awards. Jennifer Horsmon, Lauren Tjiputra, and William Bury were also recognized were not active volunteers in 2022.

Future Endeavors

- Schedule Quarterly Wannabee's orientations to recruit new volunteers.
- Survey the volunteers who have not participated in any opportunities to determine how we can involve them.
- Create a calendar of appreciation events, both for individual programs and Calvert Stewards as a whole. Establish a yearly budget for these events.
- Research volunteer appreciation and recognition awards and grants.
- Nominate at least one Volunteer for the Women of the World Award.
- Nominate eligible volunteers for Presidential Volunteer Service Awards
- Work with the Department Volunteer & Grants Coordinator to use Calvert Stewards as a model for the Department volunteer program.



Left: Calvert Stewards (left to right), Jo Anna Lutmerding Karen Anderson, Joyce Baki, (President of the Calvert Nature Society Board), Ben Springer, and Mary Hollinger were on hand to receive the Southern Maryland Audubon Conservationist of the Year, awarded to Calvert Nature Society for their efforts in bird conservation and land preservation.

Right: Eagle Scouts Troop 407 build new sign for Battle Creek Cypress Swamp. From left to right, Joshua Jenkins, Blaze Spencer, Seth Dodson, Jeremiah Jenkins, Noah Jenkins, Phillip Jenkins, Patrick Surfus, Mason Hood.



Karen Anderson checks a Bluebird box; Gene Groshon, with Jason Avery, bands a Saw-whet Owl



Tania Gale led a Volunteer Appreciation hike to the big Cypress Tree



Rick Popp assisting with trail maintenance



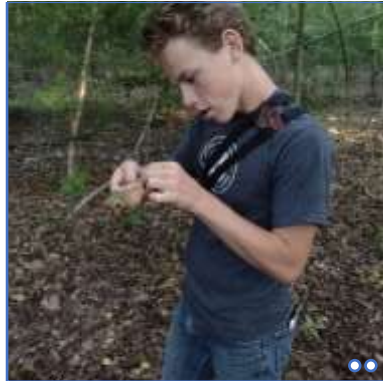
Mary Hollinger's Grandson, Braeden



Sydney Weller
Drew Miller



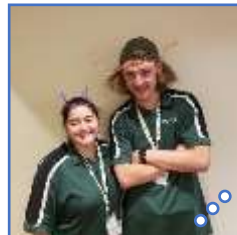
The Church of Latter-Day Saints completed several service projects including rebuilding new horse water



Scott Clark



Summer Interns Eva Blocstein and Connor Ficke



Maggie Silverman
Mary Hollinger

Supporting Calvert County's nature parks and natural spaces



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VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

A partnership between Calvert Nature Society and Calvert County Natural Resources Division

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