

Conservation Concerns

Water and dry land, marsh and meadow, forest and glade, all are encompassed within the boundaries of Swope Park. All represent vital components of a healthy habitat for both wildlife and the humans who share their world. The cornerstone of FOLNC conservation efforts, Stream Team #175, has now become a nationally recognized project involving individuals, school groups, organizations and business from the entire metro area. Blue River Rescue's annual river clean-up which began in 1990



has expanded to include water quality monitoring, tree planting to stabilize banks and stream erosion, monitoring wetland areas, restoration of native plant species to glades and maintenance of trails. Student participation has had a significant eco-

logical impact in the present and for the future.

You Can Help!

Volunteers are the indispensable factor in the success of the Nature Center. FOLNC members give themselves to many areas, from cage construction to fund raising, from education outreach to animal care, from exhibit maintenance to habitat conservation. People from all walks of life use their skills to help in this commitment. We welcome your time and your energy. Become a member of this dedicated volunteer organization. To reserve a time to be interviewed to become our next volunteer call (816) 513-8960.

Education Naturally

As human civilization continues to expand, problems facing wildlife are increasing. Lack of understanding and misinformation often means the difference between life and death for our native animals. Our education programs are designed to benefit children as well as adults, providing an up-close and personal opportunity to see and touch many of the Missouri's native species. Our goals are to foster an awareness of the value of each wild creature and eliminate misconceptions and fears while influencing attitudes and practices that affect habitat preservation. You will be taught to give programs that meet the individual needs of groups and organizations.



Rehabilitation to Release

Wildlife care involves total care, including, but not limited to, handling, feeding and the maintenance of animal housing. All native Missouri wildlife is included: birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals. You will not be limited to one species, but any or all that you choose to take training on.

Displays & Projects

All display work at Lakeside Nature Center including things like trail maintenance is either done by the staff or needs their approval. If you have skills in this area, and would like to help, your help would be much appreciated.

**Are you
interested in
an exciting
adventure?**



Join the
**Friends of
Lakeside**

Nature Center

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Lakeside Nature Center

Now that we are in our new facility we continue our strong partnership with the Missouri Department of Conservation and the City of Kansas City, MO Parks and Recreation. The facility includes two classrooms, an extensive library, captivating exhibits space and our modern rehabilitation clinic for wildlife.

Donations ensure the continuation of our work at the Center. Rehabilitation, food for educational animals, medical equipment, and library reference materials, have all been purchased with the kind contributions of the public. A contribution can be made to Friends of Lakeside Nature Center, Inc., 4701 E. Gregory Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64132 earmarked for the support of Education, Conservation and Rehabilitation.



“Let The Wild Be Free”

is the motto and goal of our wildlife rehabilitation program. An average of 3,000 orphaned and injured native animals are sheltered annually at Lakeside. Veterinarian diagnostic services and supervision, together with ongoing specialized volunteer training have allowed a consistently higher release rate than national averages.

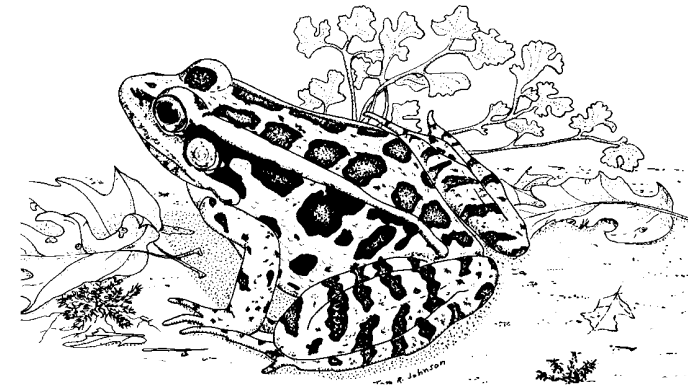
Lakeside Nature Center is licensed and inspected by USDA and operated under permits from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Volunteers participate in the care of animals either at the center, in their homes or both.

Friends of Lakeside Nature Center

The Friends of Lakeside Nature Center. Inc., (FOLNC), a not-for-profit organization, was founded in 1983 as a support group for Lakeside Nature Center. Beginning with a handful of dedicated people, the “Friends” organization has grown to over 100 active volunteers, and many more support members.

FOLNC volunteers participate in the educational functions of the Center through public exhibits, committee work, and various environmental activities, such as our award-winning Stream Team. FOLNC is nationally recognized and has published relevant articles in local as well as national magazines and publications.



Friends of Lakeside Nature Center (FOLNC) is a non-profit volunteer organization supporting Lakeside Nature Center. FOLNC has a three-fold mission of

- environmental education
- habitat conservation
- wildlife rehabilitation



Tell Us About You

Please write a brief paragraph about why you wish to volunteer at Lakeside Nature Center. Also list any special skills, training, or hobbies that you think might help you as a volunteer .

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____