



NEWS FROM THE NATUREHOOD

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YOU
*build today's
environmental
leaders!*

Read about how your support creates
environmental leaders who pass on
what they learn.



THE GREEN CAREER PATH

YOU SUPPORT FUTURE GENERATIONS
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS

*Ethan in his early
days as a bird
banding volunteer*

Ethan Bott fell in love with birds and community science research as a 13-year-old boy at a UEC bird banding table at 4:30am on a chilly spring morning.

He couldn't have predicted that his first volunteer opportunity with the Research and Community Science team would set him on his current path. Now, as the Urban Ecology Center's GIS (Geographic Information System) and Field Data Coordinator, Ethan looks back with fondness on the experiences that led him here.

"I am so thankful for all the ways that the UEC equipped me for my journey. It gave me the space to explore and try new things, a place to discover the wonders of our green spaces, and it immersed me in a deeply caring culture which makes the UEC feel like home to so many people."

In addition to volunteering, Ethan's Urban Ecology Center journey included a three-year position as a High School Outdoor Leader and a summer internship. From a young age he was mentored by staff and volunteers who helped his passion for ecology grow. Perhaps not

surprisingly, these are experiences he now provides to others through UEC programming, nurturing that same appreciation in the young people and adults he works with today.

"It is now a passion of mine to not only create a more biologically diverse eco-system in Milwaukee but also, just as importantly, to create an ecologically literate and socially aware community that is just as equally diverse in background, gender, income and race."

Your support for programs like Research and Community Science, High School Outdoor Leaders and summer interns is truly building the next generation of environmental leaders. Thank you for being a part of Ethan's journey. We can't wait to see what the next 10 years will bring for him and the UEC community he inspires!

***You can support the next generation
of environmental leaders.***

Give today to connect more kids to
the joy of urban nature!

SHARING TALENT MAKES AN IMPACT

CHRIS PROVIDES SUPPORT & CONNECTIONS

Great volunteers come to the Urban Ecology Center with a variety of skills and interest but in Chris von Briesen's case, all of those skills and interests came wrapped up in one great person!

Chris started volunteering at the Urban Ecology Center in the fall of 2011. Over the years, he has generously donated his time driving our vans and supporting the Neighborhood Environmental Education Project programs, being out in the community as an Outreach volunteer, lending his expertise to our paddling programs, and providing advice and counsel through the Riverside Park Advisory Committee to name just a few!

While the UEC community benefits greatly from the time that Chris spends with us, he also finds the experience rewarding. Chris recalls, "Last year, I had the opportunity to be at Washington Park's Autumn Celebration, assisting with the paddling activities. The highlight of the event was helping a woman to overcome her immense fear of being on the water. Now, she can join her children canoeing on the lagoon or let them go independently."

We are so grateful to Chris and all of our amazing volunteers who help us connect people in cities to nature and each other. Thank you Chris!



Chris leading a canoe outing on the Washington Park lagoon at our annual Autumn Celebration.

Have a special gift or talent you'd like to share?

We often have projects that require someone with a particular skill set. Learn more about volunteering at UEC by visiting urbanecologycenter.org/volunteer

WELCOME ED KRISHOK, UEC MANAGING DIRECTOR



Ed Krishok joins us in a new, limited-term role as we begin transitions related to growth plans in Milwaukee. Ken Leinbach will remain in his role as executive director and concentrate on specific activities related to the long-term growth and financial sustainability of the Urban Ecology Center.

A seasoned professional in both for-profit and non-profit spaces, Ed brings experience from Harley-Davidson and Foley & Lardner to Tamarack Waldorf School and the Academy of Systems Change. We look forward to his leadership!

Nature Rangers enjoy exploring Riverside Park



PROGRAM PREVIEW

VIEW OUR FULL CALENDAR ONLINE



SAVE THE DATE
Sunday,
September 29th
at Riverside Park

presented by  **Rotary**
Club of Milwaukee



urbanecologycenter.org/hkemke

Autumn Celebration

at Washington Park UEC

Oct. 12, 2019
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Free! | All ages

Celebrate the changing season with neighbors, family and friends! Crafts, pumpkin carving, outdoor fun, and much more!



If you have named the UEC in your will or trust, thank you!

If you are considering your own gift for the future, please connect with Jen Hense at (414) 964-8505 or jhense@urbanecologycenter.org



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