

The RES



2017 Annual Report

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The Res is a youth and nature preserve located on the east side of Mishawaka, Indiana. Originally founded in 1920 as a Boy Scout Reservation, The Res is now owned by the non-profit organization, The Preservation of the Res, Inc. The Board of Directors consists of members who represent the local community, Friends of The Res, and the Charter Members of The Preservation of the Res, Inc.

The Res is a sanctuary not only for the flora and fauna that thrive here, but also for all those who leave their hectic lives to enjoy The Res' tranquility and beauty. Surrounded by urban uses, the heavily wooded grounds are habitat to a wide variety of birds, animals, and wild flowers.



Our Mission

The Res is dedicated to the preservation of a natural place where outdoor education and recreation work side by side to establish an outdoor ethic in our community, especially among our youth, and to enhance the wonders of nature in us all. In other words:

**"WHERE RECREATION AND EDUCATION
MEET NATURE."**

2017 Res Board of Directors

Officers

Janet Hoke	President	Charter, 1st Methodist
Bob LeRoy	Vice President	Friend of the Res
John Schalliol	Treasurer	Charter, Schalliol Family
Kaleb Chamberlin	Secretary	Charter, Mishawaka Education Association

Members at Large

Jacob Crawford	Friend of the Res – Family
R. David DeFauw	Charter, DeFauw Family
Chas Grundy	Member at Large
Michelle Hartwig	Charter, Camp Fire
Mellissa Johnson	Member at Large
Nick Marchi	Friend of the Res
Donna McCampbell	Charter, Family & Tri Kappa
Ben Modlin	Charter, Mishawaka Education Association
Eric Mroczek	Member at Large



Rangers' Report

Over the past year the Jernegan Lodge has had the wood floor sanded and refinished, new floor runners, a new stove, 3 new picnic tables for the pavilion and a new split rail fence by the back deck. We have started an engraved brick fundraiser in the patio next to the Lodge along with two new park benches honoring key figures of The Res to be installed in the spring.



We added a new layer of crushed limestone to the path leading to the Kiwanis Cabin in addition to replacing the landscape timbers lining the walk. We've had the old fence around the dumpster replaced with new, thanks to Eagle Scout Joseph Furfaro of Troop #105. The stairs leading to the Lions cabin have been replaced by Eagle Scout Shane Hullinger of Troop #572. We had the benches at the Jeremiahs cabin replaced along with new fire rings at the Emmans, Jeremiah's and Kiwanis Cabins.

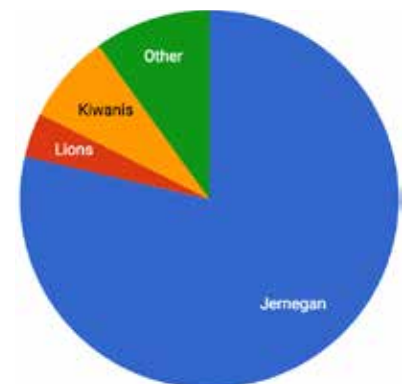


We have been able to upgrade some of our old equipment with new. More pine trees along our entrance road were planted thanks to a donation by Stan Ross. Another 500 new trees in our woods were planted, thanks to Jacob Crawford for the trees and thanks to the fourth graders from the School City of Mishawaka who helped plant them. An eradication of invasive plants continues to be one of our ongoing objectives. We especially want to thank the community for their continuing support. Thank You.

Maggi and Danny Van Zant, Ranger Team

User Groups

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total Rentals	165	151	156	147	134
% Change	+41.0%	-8.5%	+3.3%	-5.8%	-8.8%
Rental Revenue	\$20,694	\$19,276	\$19,065	\$25,300	\$19,475



The Res hosted groups including: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire, YMCA, Tri-Kappa, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, School City of Mishawaka, Mishawaka PTA, South Bend School Corporation, Holy Cross College, Bethel College, Growing Kids Learning Center, Early Learners Academy, South Gate Church, Coalbush United Methodist Church, Willow Creek United Methodist Church, Michiana Community Church, River Valley Church, Community Bible Study, Greater Faith Fellowship, Miata Club, Home Makers Club, Career Academy of South Bend, Saint Matthew Cathedral, Beacon Health, and the Nurses Association.



Environmental Education

In May of 2017 The Res hosted approximately 400 4th grade students from School City of Mishawaka for Environmental Days. This is the fifth year we have partnered with Rick Glassman, Educational Coordinator from the Soil and Water Conservation District of St. Joseph County.

Students actively participated in leaf identification games, studied macroinvertebrates found in our stream, took a nature walk, planted 500 trees in some areas of the woods, painted rocks, and attended the interpretive program, Voyageurs & the Fur Trade. We are glad that we can provide the students with the opportunity to enjoy The Res.



YMCA Day Camp

In the summer of 2017 The Res continued its partnership with the YMCA of Michiana. They used our facility to provide a day camp for children in the area. The camp was available for 9 weeks and the number of children that attended ranged anywhere from 18 -25 kids per week. The Res is planning to utilize the facilities differently during the 2018 summer so more groups can be out here.

Give Local 2017

On May 9, 2017 The Res participated in Give Local sponsored by the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County. We had 76 donors contributing a total of \$7,250. The Community Foundation matched those funds. We received a check for 75% of the donations. 25% of the donations plus the matching funds were put into our endowment fund at the Community Foundation. We receive an interest check every year from the Community Foundation. That money goes toward operating expenses that we incur.



Annual Membership

We had 45 memberships in 2017, raising a total of \$3,575. This is approximately \$2,000 less than the previous year with 18 fewer members. However, with the Give Local day and the new brick campaign, we raised nearly twice as much revenue as the year before. We are very grateful for all our member donations, which will be used for continuing the environmental programs, outreach, and facilities improvements.



Christmas Tree Sale

The 2017 Christmas Tree Sale opened on Saturday, November 26th, with 225 trees. We had a selection of White Pines, Scotch Pines, Fraser Firs, and Douglas Firs this year. The first weekend of the sale, we had a craft bazaar in the lodge, and Santa visited for photos with families choosing their trees. We sold every tree within two weeks! The tree sale raised nearly \$3500 for The Res.

2017 Accomplishments

- Planted 500 new trees
- Continued invasive plant removal
- Refinished floor in Jernegan Lodge
- Replaced stove in Jernegan Lodge
- Planted new grass in meadow and areas around Jernegan Lodge
- Replaced 3 new picnic tables
- Completed work on the creek funded by LARE grant
- Acquired new tractor and maintenance equipment
- Built new split rail fence along back deck

Goals for 2018

- Complete the storage building for equipment
- Continue removing invasive species with the help of Matzat Invasives
- Replace more of the old picnic tables
- Continue work on the memorial patio by Jernegan
- Upgrade bathroom facilities



Profit and Loss

January - December 2017

Income

User Fees	\$	23,011.00
General Membership	\$	4,505.00
Donations		
Memorials	\$	290.00
Bequests	\$	378,480.36
Community Foundation	\$	10,165.00
Others	\$	276.00
Bricks	\$	1,300.00
Patches	\$	50.00
Donations Total	\$	390,561.36
Christmas Tree Sale	\$	5,660.00
Craft Bazaar	\$	210.00
Grants	\$	41,750.70
Misc. Income	\$	804.82
Dividends	\$	703.66
Total Income	\$	467,206.54

Expenses

Contribution to Endowment Fund (Community Foundation of St. Joseph County)	\$	200,000.00
Insurance	\$	5,638.00
Credit Card Charges	\$	4,547.04
Operations (Equipment, Maintenance, Postage, Post Office)	\$	20,436.93
Utilities	\$	13,474.31
Refunds	\$	450.00
Advertising, Marketing, and Printing	\$	1,046.78
Projects		
Christmas Tree expenses	\$	2,392.50
LARE Grant (Creek Improvements)	\$	51,270.48
Fencing	\$	2,238.00
Honeysuckle clearing	\$	3,632.00
Landscaping and Grounds	\$	4,698.00
Projects Total	\$	64,230.98
Jernegan Lodge Expenses	\$	2,554.00
Gifts	\$	1,500.00
Eagle Projects	\$	270.00
Nature Program	\$	300.00
Brick Expenses	\$	324.00
Taxes, Fees, and Dues	\$	251.50
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	48,235.48
Total Expenses	\$	363,259.02

Net Income

\$ **103,947.52**

Balance Sheet

December 31, 2017

Assets

Current Assets

Unrestricted Cash	\$	180,614.05
Jernegan Lodge Upkeep (Klaer Memorial)	\$	12,189.06
Fence Improvements Fund	\$	6,526.00
Marketing / Advertising Fund	\$	9,970.15
Total Current Assets	\$	<u>209,299.26</u>

Non-Current Assets

Land & Buildings	\$	134,022.00
Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment	\$	1,920.00
Total Non-Current Assets	\$	<u>135,942.00</u>

Total Assets

345,171.26

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Current Liabilities	\$	0.00
Non Current Liabilities	\$	0.00
Fund Balance		
Unrestricted	\$	316,486.05
Restricted	\$	28,685.21
Total Fund Balance	\$	<u>345,171.26</u>

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Endowment Balance (CFSJC)

\$ 332,683.25



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