

## BCMGA Annual Committee Report

Committee: Get Outdoors Day Year: 2023

\*Number of Active Members: 5 \*Number of Public Contacts: 225

\*Number of volunteer hours (estimates are fine): 40

Purpose of Committee:

*Present an interactive, educational activity at Get Outdoors Day for children and their family members.*

Goals for the year:

*To re-establish BCMGA presence at this community-wide event in the aftermath of COVID. The BCMGA activity is located at Peavy Arboretum.*

Events/Activities:

*The activity is a riddle game to identify native plants and animals that they may see in the forest. There is a native plant display. Identifying poison oak was emphasized. BCMGA members also answered general plant and gardening questions.*

How have your goals and events met the educational mission of BCMGA?

*The mission of BCMGA is public education about plants and gardening. This activity is firmly aligned with this mission.*

Has your committee had opportunities to meet the needs of underserved populations?

*This event is open to the entire community to encourage family to "Get Outdoors". This activity engages with everyone who attends GO Day. We had the Riddle Game available in Spanish as well.*

How might your committee extend events/activities to underserved populations in the future?

*This is a 1-day youth event rather than an ongoing committee offering programs and activities throughout the year.*

Other information you would like to share that is unique to your committee:

*In past years, the location of the activity was lower on the Peavy Arboretum property but due to the unsafe condition of one of the buildings on site, everything was shifted and we were located on the road leading to the lake where families could fish. We usually*

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*have contact with 500 or more children and families. This year, only those who chose to walk up to the lake were exposed to the BCMGA activity.*



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