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Irvine Prairie Outreach Update

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IRVINE PRAIRIE

Winter Meeting | March 05, 2022



Tallgrass Prairie
CENTER

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Zoom Meeting ID: 941 6111 5277 • Passcode: 561650

Outreach Update 2022



Field trips



In 2021, the TPC hosted several groups of visitors and students at Irvine Prairie. We did not publicize most of them because of a concern that publicity would increase field trip requests that we do not have the staff to handle.

The groups included:

- May 28 – Union High School, La Porte City, transplanting project, approximately 40 students
- June 18 – Oelwein High School, Oelwein, Derek Kuennen, field activities, Aaron Sanderson assisted Laura W.
 - Anne wrote a Facebook post and short press release, but we decided not to run them because they might attract more school groups
- July 11 – Dysart Garden Club, tour and presentation by Laura W., about 18 attended
 - Memorial Bench idea originated from this meeting
 - A woman traveled trails in a motorized scooter demonstrating that we had accessible trails

- **September 15** – North Tama Middle School, Jean Matzen – field experiences - 28 eighth-grade students
 - o Telegraph Herald reporter Ruby Bodecker attended
 - o <https://www.northtamatelegraph.com/news/education/2021/09/30/north-tama-students-explore-prairie-heritage/>
- **September 16** - Environmental Restoration class, UNI, James Dietrich, 12 UNI students
- **Sept. 11** – Oak trees saved for replanting, 879 people reached
- **Sept. 13** – Iowa Prairie Heritage Week, visit to Irvine recommended, 2,700 reach
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TPC Annual Report/Highlights 2020-2021

- Irvine Prairie highlighted
 - o 500 copies printed, many more distributed as PDFs
- Front and back covers featured photos from Irvine

Social Media

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Miscellaneous

- Several Irvine photos are now on Google maps
- Irvine Prairie Flyover 360, 105 views on YouTube
- Web page was updated with new photos
- Educator Resources (including Boy Scout badges) can be completed using resources at Irvine Prairie
- Carter Johnson and Luke Zilverburg from Good Earth State Park, South Dakota, visited for educational purposes

Volunteer

- Denise Clipperton
- Duckie

