

The mission of the Green Leadership Academy for Diverse Ecosystems (GLADE) is to care for Ozarks ecosystems, to develop future community leaders, and to improve the quality of life through conservation and educational efforts throughout the Ozarks. It is a place-based, collaborative Greater Ozarks Audubon Society and Missouri State University conservation leadership project.

Green Leadership Academy Season Nine To Start!

For sixteen high ability Ozarks teens, summer vacation will be enriched by their participation in the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society and the Missouri State University Biology Department's Green Leadership Academy for Diverse Ecosystems (GLADE). The academy accepts high school students from all Southwest Missouri schools and is offered free of charge to selected applicants.



GLADE 2016 after cane habitat restoration project

The ninth annual GLADE camp will bring together nature-oriented students to participate in hands-on conservation activities from June 18-24, 2017. The academy is a fully immersive, residential program held at the Missouri State Bull Shoals Field Station in the Drury-Mincy Conservation Area near the Missouri/Arkansas border in Taney County.

Selected 2017 GLADE participants are: Katie Blomenkamp, Logan-Rogersville; Klee Bruce, Home School; Hunter Burkhart, East Carter R-2, Ethan Chestnutt, Willard; Taylon Crim, Republic; Josh Delao, Nixa; Clayton Frye, Ozark; Emile Gephart, Branson; Samantha Gundel, McDonald County; Darren Hartley, Glendale; Kayla Howell, Glendale; Sage Hyder-Hill, Springfield Central; Adam Melgren, Logan-Rogersville; Evan Parker, Springfield Central; Breiana Percival, Ozark; Deah Powell, Dadeville. The selected youth represent 12 area schools.

Greater Ozarks Audubon, Missouri State University, Missouri Department of Conservation, and the Community Foundation of the Ozarks work together year round to fulfill GLADE's mission to inspire young people and engage them in conservation education, leadership development, and community action.

Andrew Kinslow Featured at Monthly Audubon Meeting

To learn more about GLADE methodology and the incorporation of socio-scientific issues in science education, plan to attend the monthly Greater Ozarks Audubon (GOAS) meeting on Thursday, May 18, at 6:30 pm, at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center. GLADE Co-Director Andrew Kinslow, who is completing his Ph.D in Science Education at the University of Missouri, is the featured speaker.



2017 GLADE Community Conservation Projects Dot Ozarks Landscapes This Spring



Megan Percival, recent Ozark High grad and GLADE alumni, received a GLADE/CFO grant to replace Leopold benches in the Ozark Middle School Outdoor Classrooms. Ozark R-VI Schools matched her \$500 grant.



Sarah Leckrone, recent Parkview High grad and GLADE alumni received a GLADE/CFO grant to develop a native plant pollinator garden at Parkview High.



GLADE alum raise funds for GLADE through birding during the annual GOAS Birdathon Big Day. Leann Reynolds and Kayla Rumley, recent Ozark High grads and GLADE alumni, received a GLADE/CFO grant & leveraged their Courtyard grant money to receive a \$2000 pergola donation from Heartwood Lumber Sales in Ozark.

For more information on GLADE, go to www.greenleadershipacademy.org or contact us at gladeproject@gmail.com