

Fiscal Year

2024

AT A GLANCE



**TENNESSEE
WILDLIFE
FEDERATION**



Friends,

For nearly 80 years, supporters like you have been essential to Tennessee Wildlife Federation's mission to advance conservation across our state. As we reflect on the past year, we recognize that every milestone we achieved was made possible by your generosity and dedication.

With your help, the Federation restored thousands of acres of native habitat, providing critical spaces for Tennessee's wildlife to thrive. We championed key legislation to ensure science-based conservation remains the foundation of our state's policies. We saw generous hunters donate a record number of deer to help feed hungry Tennesseans. And we fostered a growing community of outdoor enthusiasts of all ages, empowering them to become advocates for conservation.

Looking ahead, we're excited to expand our efforts to restore even more habitats, engage more Tennesseans in conservation, and tackle new challenges facing our state's wildlife. Your continued support will be critical as we take on these opportunities together.

From all of us at the Federation, thank you for being a part of this journey. Together, we are ensuring that Tennessee's great outdoors will thrive for generations to come.



Michael Butler
Chief Executive Officer

Kendall McCarter
Chief Development Officer



Hunting and Fishing are Conservation

The Federation worked with Rep. Tandy Darby and Sen. Paul Rose to proactively introduce legislation to prevent future anti-hunting bills. The bill affirmed hunting, fishing, and trapping as the primary methods of wildlife conservation in the state.

Wetland Conservation in Tennessee

The Federation worked closely with state legislators and other organizations to invite further conversation about Tennessee's wetlands in response to proposed legislation that would have put them at risk. Discussions around this legislation are ongoing, and the Federation is committed to protecting our state's wetlands and will continue to be a leading voice on this issue during the 2025 legislative session.

Duck River Withdrawals Challenged

The Duck River is one of the most biodiverse rivers in the world. Last year, the Federation challenged a series of water withdrawal permits that would stress the Duck River further. We requested state agencies take a closer look at the effects of these permits, and reached a settlement that improves the permits.

Special Note: Shortly after reaching the settlement with TDEC, Governor Lee issued Executive Order #108, which is designed to address chronic needs and issues facing the Duck River. We look forward to working with the Governor to implement his executive order and in the process secure a healthy and strong future for the Duck.



HABITAT CONSERVATION

**2,000+ acres
of forest**
restored

**90+ acres
of wetlands**
restored

15,000 native trees
planted



HUNTERS FOR THE HUNGRY

**147,422 pounds
of venison**
donated (program record!)

589,000 servings
provided to food banks and soup
kitchens (program record!)



HUNTING AND FISHING ACADEMY

7,448 participants

- gained outdoor knowledge and skills
- feel more prepared to hunt and fish on their own

170+

volunteers equaling
4,880 volunteer hours



SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM

1,700+

athletes

544

volunteers

238 athletes

competed in nationals

80 National titles earned

20 first place finishers

**New
competition**

170+ athletes competed at
the inaugural Bigfoot Blast



Conservationists like you make all the difference. *Thank you for your continued support of Tennessee Wildlife Federation.*

Fiscal Year 2024 Financials

Revenue	\$5,542,906
Expenses	\$4,350,746
Programming Expenses	\$3,812,913
Operating and Fundraising Expenses	\$1,167,833*
Net Income	\$1,192,160

*Sourced by FY24 990

73% of costs support our mission-driven programs, while 27% cover necessary administration and fundraising expenses.

Proud to have been awarded these accreditations



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