



BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK
• CONSERVANCY •

2023 IMPACT REPORT

BNPC PRESIDENT THOUGHTS



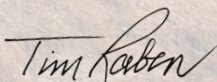
Dear Friends and Supporters,

The Badlands National Park Conservancy is proud to announce the Badlands National Park applied for Dark Sky Designation, a crucial step in preserving the exceptional dark sky in the badlands of South Dakota. With your help, the Conservancy funded dark sky lighting throughout the park, which is an essential step for certification. Another accomplishment in 2023 was a guide for driving through the South Unit, which will help visitors explore lesser-known areas of the park. The highlight of the year was our inaugural friend raising event, which brought our community together in support of our shared mission.

Thousands of fossils have been unearthed in Badlands National Park. In 2024 the Conservancy will fund the process to prepare and preserve many of these artifacts. The big news is the building of a new visitors center for Badlands National Park. With your help, we will be raising funds, identifying sponsorships, and hosting fundraising events for this much needed facility.

As we look forward, I want to express my gratitude for your dedication to the Badlands National Park Conservancy. Together, we are making a lasting impact on the preservation of this natural treasure. With your continued support, we will ensure that Badland National Park and Minuteman Missile Site remain unusual and exceptional destinations.

Thank you so much!


TIM RABEN
BOARD PRESIDENT



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

In 2023, BNPC hosted its inaugural friend-raising event, upgraded park lighting fixtures, raised funds for fossil preservation, and achieved various other milestones, all made possible with the help of our supporters!





PROTECTING DARK SKY IN THE BADLANDS

Few experience the awe-inspiring dark skies found at Badlands National Park. On any given night, visitors can see over 7,500 stars, with a particularly phenomenal view of the Milky Way.

Thanks to your support, the Conservancy has funded the installation of essential dark sky lighting, fulfilling the final requirements necessary to apply for designation as an International Dark Sky Park. By completing this application, we affirm our commitment to preserving the park's pristine dark sky for future generations.

DRIVING GUIDE FOR SOUTH UNIT

In 2023, a comprehensive driving guide for navigating the South Unit of Badlands National Park was created. This lesser-known area of the park has a lot to offer, and through the creation of a driving guide visitors now have the opportunity to take self-guided tours. This guide will be available on our website and at the White River Visitor Center.

BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK CONSERVANCY

FINANCIALS

Statement of Activities

As of 12/31/2023

INCOME

Grants	\$7,000
Individual, Business Contributions	\$91,521
Interest Income	\$318
Total Support	\$98,839

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Organizational Expenses

Payroll Expense	\$16,955
Contract Expense	\$31,884
Advertising & Promotion	\$3,595
Office Expenses	\$7,609
Office Rent	\$1,410
Information Technology	\$1,838
Travel & Meetings	\$312
Insurance Expenses	\$1,822

Support Expenses

Dark Sky Initiative	\$9,554
Total Expenses	\$78,832

***Change in Net Assets* \$20,007**



LOOKING FORWARD



New Visitor Center Draft Schematic Design

New Park Visitor Center

With visitation on the rise, ensuring the new park visitor center both fulfills the park's needs and meets visitor expectations is crucial. Our top priority is securing funding for the development of dynamic and innovative displays that tell the ecological, historical, and cultural story of the Badlands.

Fossil Preservation

Many Badlands fossils are housed at SDSU and are in need of preparation. In 2024, BNPC will provide funding necessary for the preparing and curating these fossils.

Dark Sky Viewing Access

To increase awareness of the importance of dark sky for ecological health and to promote dark sky viewing opportunities for visitors, signage will be installed throughout the park.

Board of Directors



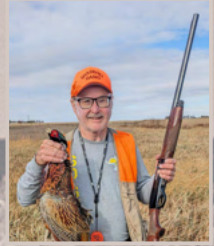
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HOW TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION?



Financial

Join us in our efforts to protect and enhance the park's natural treasures by donating today. To donate, visit our website and click the Donate button or, if you prefer please mail your support to the address below.



Stay Informed

Ensure you are signed up for our email list through our website to learn more about our upcoming projects and events. Sign up can be found under the “Become a Supporter” tab of our website.



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The Badlands National Park Conservancy expresses our sincere reverence to the late Mr. Randy Seiler, a gentleman whose steadfast affection for South Dakota, its people and the breathtaking scenery of the Badlands National Park has carved an enduring imprint on our Conservancy.

Randy, a self-proclaimed "Popeye kind of guy," embraced life with an authenticity that resonated with all who had the privilege of knowing him. His connection to South Dakota was evident in conversations and he shared his talents by contributing to the Conservancy's endeavors.

Beyond his appreciation for the scenic wonder of the Badlands, Randy valued the relationships and friendships cultivated through his involvement on the board. These connections fueled him as he anticipated dedicating more of his well-deserved retirement time to the cherished landscapes of South Dakota and its National Parks. As we remember Randy Seiler's contributions to the

Conservancy and the profound impact he had on South Dakota communities, let us honor his legacy by continuing to preserve and appreciate the natural wonders that he held so dear. In doing so, we celebrate a life well-lived and a man whose love for South Dakota will forever be remembered in the winds as they sweep across the Badlands.



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