

YNP & SOAR Personnel and Acknowledgements



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Sarah Bailey, director and chief presenter; Jeff Gustafson, assistant and bus driver; Bill Whitney, presenter.

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SOAR 2019 T-shirt
design by Jeff and Lucy
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Bus drivers—two more we'd literally get nowhere without:

Larry Dettman and Helen Kliever

Guest Presenters:

Dan Glomski, Skywatch presenter just completing his tenure as Senior Educator, Edgerton Explorit Center;

Fontenelle Forest Raptor Recovery personnel, including local volunteer Deb Miller;

Kim Nuss, art teacher at Shickley (presented watercolors session *and* a surprise musical performance!)

Rudy van den Boogaart, a.k.a. Dr. Compost, expert Aurora gardener.

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S'more SOAR, just for fun . . . and because we couldn't just leave this side blank!



Aurora Community Garden



Kim Nuss and Sarah Bailey presented Kim's original song about the campers' mascots—Bats, Owls & Frogs—which included a SOAR group dance contest.



Photos & Odes



And then there's always...
singing on the bus!



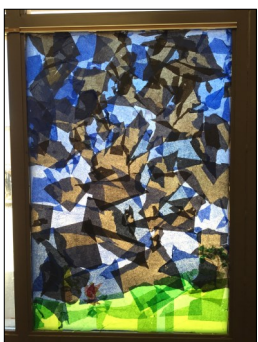
Watercolor paintings



Tooley Park, 7-15-19



Nebraska Rivers puzzle



SOAR for Windows!