



## **NEW OUTREACH-VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR AT TLNC**

Years ago, during a camping trip with her family, Terri McDonald was resting comfortably on the sandy banks of Kentucky Lake, enjoying the magnificent scenery, when she was overtaken by a profound peace and calmness. From this life-changing experience, she realized that her life's work would be helping others find the same inner renewal and love for nature.

Terri enrolled at Murray State University (MSU) where she studied environmental education and outdoor leadership. During her college years, she had many opportunities to work in the outdoors including; Yellowstone and Sequoia & Kings National Parks, Land Between the Lakes National Recreation area, and the Environmental Education Center at MSU. Since then, she obtained her doctorate in education and has worked in the private, public, corporate and not-for-profit sectors having been an advocate for environmental education for over 30 years. She has devoted the majority of her career to education including 17 years as a professor at the University of Northern Iowa and 5 years as an administrator in the public schools. Most recently, she served as an International Tour Manager, escorting her clients all over the world while focusing on nature tours.

She replaces Laurie Staiger who accepted a position at Beacon College. Terri will be responsible for recruiting, training and placing volunteers, assisting with outreach and student activities, planning special events and speaking to community groups about TLNC's program & mission.