



# NOMINATIONS OPEN



## CELEBRATION of CHILDREN in NATURE

**WE ALL NEED NATURE.** We are all simply “better” when we have opportunities to wonder, explore, live, and learn with regular exposure to nature.

The *Children in Nature Award Winners* represent the most innovative and successful initiatives to get kids into nature more often in Central Texas. Through their efforts, they are helping to reduce the symptoms of “nature deficit disorder” – a term coined by bestselling author Richard Louv in his book *Last Child in the Woods*.

### AWARD CATEGORIES

- ▶▶ **E. LEE WALKER AWARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLABORATION**  
previous award winners:
  - 2017 City of Austin, Parks & Recreation Dept. CCCN
  - 2018 National Parks Conservation Association
  - 2019 Variety, the Children’s Charity of Texas
  - 2020 Outdoor Teacher Cadre, AISD
- ▶▶ **JOHN F. AHRNS AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**
  - 2017 Keep Austin Beautiful
  - 2018 Trevor Hance, Laurel Mountain Elementary School
  - 2019 Kerstin Johansson, City of Austin, Park Ranger
  - 2020 Doug DuBois, Texas Youth Hunting Program
- ▶▶ **WESTCAVE AWARD FOR ENDURING DEDICATION**
  - 2016 Phyllis Schunck, Casis Forest at Casis Elementary
  - 2017 Jennifer L. Bristol, Texas Children in Nature
  - 2018 Charlton Perry, St. Stephen’s Episcopal School
  - 2020 Victor Emanuel
- ▶▶ **JOHN COVERT WATSON AWARD FOR VISION**
  - 2017 Dr. Bonnie Baskin, Science Mill
  - 2018 TreeFolks
  - 2019 Starla Simmons, UT Austin, School of Social Work
  - 2020 Earth Native Wilderness School, Dave Scott

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