

## About Westcave Outdoor Discovery Center

Westcave Outdoor Discovery Center has been connecting kids and families to nature for over 40 years through education, collaboration and preservation of the beautiful 76-acre preserve in southwest Travis county.

## About Children in Nature Collaborative of Austin (CiNCA)

CiNCA was formed in 2008 by Westcave Outdoor Discover Center. Westcave's goal was to expand the reach of their mission to inspire children to develop a life-long practice of protecting and enjoying nature, beyond the preserve. Today, CiNCA is known for being a mighty force for good, catalyzing 60+ nonprofit and business member organizations with environmental educators, health professionals and business leaders all working together to connect children with the outdoors.

## Our Programs

### SCIENCE & CONSERVATION

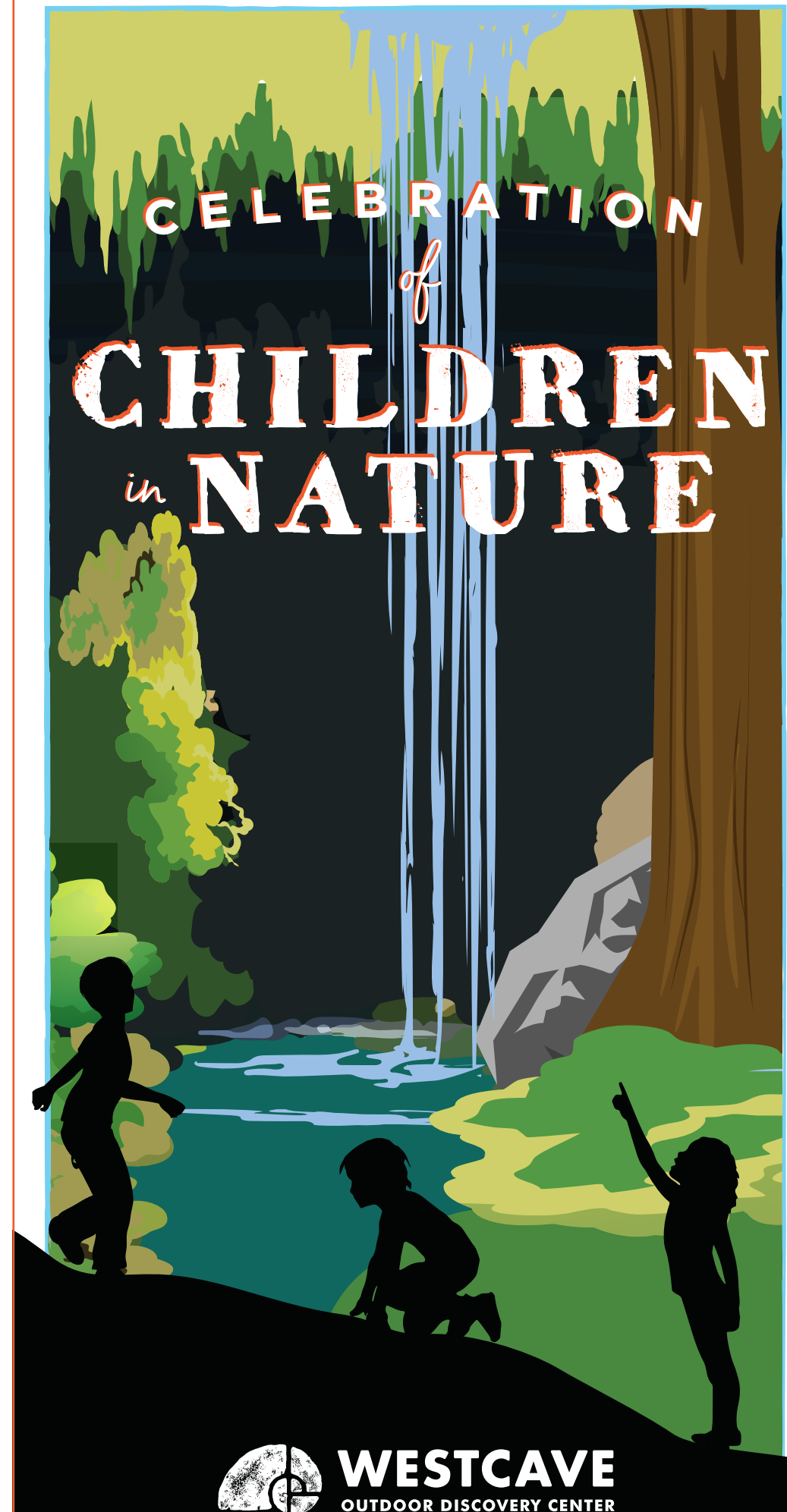
- **AQUIFER RESEARCH:** This summer we discovered several new caves and springs at Westcave and are now working with Balcones Canyonlands Preserve partners and several researchers to better understand Westcave's relationship within the Trinity Aquifer to keep our waterfall flowing in perpetuity;
- **BATS:** Our new bat house, installed & donated by Merlin Tuttle

### ACCESSIBILITY

- **NEW TRAIL:** This year we opened a new bird-blind on the Uplands and extended our ADA-friendly trail to provide more visitors access to incredible birdwatching at Westcave
- **BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED:** We are working on a partnership to support Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired students and employee well-being through nature experiences at Westcave

### EQUITY AND EDUCATION

- **GREEN SCHOOL PARKS:** We are transforming Pillow Elementary into a "Park With Purpose" to bring a rich, biodiverse greenspace to the community, and a new Green SchoolYard to Austin ISD;
- **AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARIES:** Our work with the Austin Public Libraries and the City's Parks Department to create "Nature Smart Libraries";
- **YOU GO GIRL!:** Our Girls Outside program recently received another round of support from Applied Materials, providing 200 underserved girls in AISD and their families a chance to get outside at Westcave and other places in the greater Austin area.
- **LBJ AND TETON SCIENCE AT WESTCAVE:** Our new partnership with Teton Science School and the LBJ National Historical Park will build a place-based network for educators in the Hill Country.





## 2020 Award Winners

JOHN F. AHRNS AWARD  
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
EDUCATION  
DOUG DUBOIS,  
*Texas Youth Hunting Program*



JOHN COVERT WATSON  
AWARD FOR VISION  
EARTH NATIVE WILDERNESS  
SCHOOL,  
*Dave Scott*

E. LEE WALKER AWARD  
FOR COLLABORATION  
OUTDOOR CADRE,  
*Austin Independent School  
District*



WESTCAVE AWARD FOR  
ENDURING EDUCATION  
VICTOR EMANUEL



# CELEBRATION of CHILDREN in NATURE

Sunday, September 13, 2020

» 4:00 pm «

AWARDS PRESENTATION

## A Virtual Community Gathering

HOSTED BY

WESTCAVE OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER  
Benefiting the Children in Nature Collaborative of Austin

SCHEDULE

4:00 pm Check-In & Social Hour  
5:00 pm Awards Presentation

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