

What Is CiNCA?

The Children in Nature Collaborative of Austin, CiNCA, was born out of concern for the growing disconnect between our children and their natural surroundings. Forming a regional partnership among environmental educators, health professionals, and a broad base of community leaders, CiNCA is dedicated to nurturing a love of nature among children right here in Central Texas.

Our programs and support for new green spaces greatly increase opportunities for kids to play and learn in nature. The benefits of doing so go far beyond developing future ambassadors for natural conservation. Through CiNCA's programs and activities, we can help kids gain confidence, reduce stress and overall improve their well-being. We believe in the power of nature in improving health and quality of life for kids that explore, interact and feel confident in the natural environment.



Benefits of Membership

1. Promotion of your organizational events:
 - through social media including website and facebook pages for NatureRocksAustin, CiNCA and Westcave
 - at CiNCA events
2. Discounted ticket price for the Celebration of Children in Nature Awards Dinner
3. Access to resources and regionally relevant research including best practices and teaching tips
4. Opportunities for networking including collaborative programming and fundraising
5. Coordinated advocacy and policy work

Membership for:

Name: _____

Business or Org: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Website (if applicable): _____

Check Type of Membership:

Teacher	Free
Individual	\$25
Organization	\$100
Sponsorship	\$1000

Make checks payable to Westcave Outdoor Discovery Center or register online at westcave.org/cinca/cinca-membership

Some of Our Member Organizations



*Austin Nature and
Science Center*

*Texas Parks and
Wildlife, Outdoor
Families Program*



Explore Austin



Texas River School



Camp Fire Balcones



*Austin ISD,
Discovery Hill*



Join the Team:

Testimonials:

Susan Rieff, *Lady Bird Johnson National Wildflower Center*

"The Wildflower Center has been a leader of the CiNCA since it began in 2009 and we benefit from our participation both by learning from other nature-based organizations and by working together to make the case that children need and deserve regular opportunities to play in nature. With the development of our Family Garden we have arrived at the forefront of this movement offering an extraordinary new venue for outdoor play."

Andrew Springer, *University of Texas School of Public Health*

"Children who spend more time outdoors tend to be more physically active and healthy. Thank you CINCA for helping to spearhead a movement in central Texas to promote children's health through outdoor activity and nature!"

Allen Cooper, *National Wildlife Federation*

"We love CINCA at NWF because CINCA connects us with all of the people and organizations in central Texas that care about connecting children with nature."

Heather Kuhlken, *Austin Families in Nature*

"CINCA has given Austin Families in Nature (AFiN) the opportunity to create a network of people and organizations who have partnered with us to give our families meaningful experiences in nature. These partners have helped us gain access to resources and have drastically increased our visibility in the community. CINCA has provided us with a strong network of support that has fostered AFiN's rapid growth from one small group of families into a non profit organization of family nature clubs serving over 125 families in many parts of Central Texas."

Join

The Children in Nature Collaborative



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