Texas Children in Nature Network
Champions Awards Criteria 2023

**Overarching Criteria** – Nomination should clearly demonstrate how the nominee works to connect children to nature and how this work directly or indirectly benefits children and families.

- **Emerging Leaders** (ages 14-29)

  Work in this category is innovative, creative, scalable, adaptable to other communities, engages other youth, and employs high community impact.

- **Individual** (ex. teacher, community leader, volunteer)

  Work in this category is innovative, creative, scalable, adaptable to other regions, and engages TCiNN partners and supporters. It includes multidisciplinary collaboration (i.e., public health, business sector, diverse groups) and employs high community impact.

- **Organization** (non-profit, governmental, academic)

  Project is innovative, creative, scalable, adaptable to other regions, and engages TCiNN partners and supporters. It employs multidisciplinary collaboration (i.e., public health, business sector, diverse groups) and results in tangible on the ground community impact.

- **Corporation** (for-profit company big or small/local)

  Connecting children to nature is an important part of the company’s core values. This could include financial investment, community engagement, advocacy for access to nature and time spent outdoors, and on the ground projects that work to connect children and families to nature.

  Project is innovative, creative, scalable, adaptable to other regions, policy oriented, and engages TCiNN partners and supporters. It includes multidisciplinary collaboration (i.e., public health, business sector, diverse groups) and results in outcomes that are community forward.