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Kids Need Nature and Nature Needs Kids

December 6th - 8th, 2023

C. Baldwin Hotel, Houston, TX



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2023 Summit and Champions Awards Dinner



We invite you to join us on December 6-8, 2023 for the 2023 Texas Children in Nature Network's (TCiNN) **SUMMIT AND CHAMPIONS AWARDS DINNER** at the C. Baldwin Hotel in Houston, Texas.

More than 300 professionals in the healthcare, education, design and construction, parks and recreation, and conservation fields, along with municipal and community leaders, will attend this annual event.

The Summit will feature inspiring keynote speakers



Dr. Melissa Lem: A Vancouver family physician, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of British Columbia and the Founder and Director of PaRx, Canada's national nature prescription program powered by the British

Columbia (BC) Parks Foundation, and President of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment. She is an internationally recognized expert on the nature-health connection, recipient of the Canadian Medical Association's 2020 Joule Innovation Grant and winner of a 2022 Nature Inspiration Award from the Canadian Museum of Nature.

Session Strands

14 Physical and Mental Health

- Community Engagement and Partnerships
- # Equity and Inclusion
- # Access to Nature
- 🖉 Formal and Informal Education (Early Childhood Education through College)
- 1/2 Greenspace Conservation and Development

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Parker McMullen Bushman: Chief Operating Officer and Co-founder of Inclusive Journeys, and the founder and CEO of Ecoinclusive Strategies. Parker Bushman has been a leader in the conservation, environmental education, outdoor

recreation and non-profit fields for 24+ years and has served in top leadership for Marine Science, Environmental Educational, and Cultural Interpretive Facilities. Her current work focuses on helping organizations create dynamic organizational change to cultivate diversity and equity at all levels through strategic activism and education.

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2023 CHAMPIONS AWARD WINNERS

Award winners will be announced in August.



Become a Sponsor of the 2023 TCiNN Summit and Champions Awards Dinner and reach an influential audience of people and organizations committed to connecting children with nature.

Your support makes it possible for us to offer this statewide conference that includes nationally recognized speakers, highly-rated interactive sessions, professional development field trips, and our annual recognition awards dinner for outstanding individuals and organizations.



About TEXAS CHILDREN IN NATURE NETWORK



Some highlights of TCiNN's impact include:

- Helping establish Cities Connecting Children to Nature (CCCN) initiatives in Austin, San Antonio, Fort Worth and Houston. CCCN is an initiative with the National League of Cities and Children & Nature Network working to bring more nature into our communities. TCINN continues to focus on bringing this program to more cities across the state.
- Launching the Library Explorer Adventure Pack (LEAP) nature backpack checkout program in libraries in the Rio Grande Valley and soon to expand to other regions of the state.
- Providing key resources and professional development for practitioners across the state through our webinars, teacher workshops, and our annual Summit.

The Texas Children in Nature Network (TCiNN) is a unique non-profit organization that connects hundreds of partners under the shared mission to ensure equitable access and connection to nature for all children in Texas.

Texas Children in Nature Network is committed to working with partners across the state to achieve better outcomes for children. Research shows that children who regularly spend time in nature are healthier, happier, and perform better in school. But today, most children spend only a few minutes per day outdoors. This lack of connection with nature negatively affects their health and wellbeing in significant ways.*

TCiNN has nine regional collaboratives across the state that learn from one another, leverage each other's strengths and work together to amplify the impact of our work to engage and connect children with nature.



*To Learn more about the research behind how nature helps kids visit: texaschildreninature.org/resources/research

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS AND Benefits

\$25,000 - PRESENTING SPONSOR

- Prominent logo placement on all printed materials for the Summit and Champions Awards
- Opportunity to speak at the opening of the Summit on December 7th
- Verbal recognition at the Summit and Champions Awards Dinner
- Recognition in press releases and e-blasts
- Recognition in social media messaging
- Logo on the TCiNN website
- Eight registrations to the Summit

\$10,000 - TRAIL BLAZER

- Recognized as a sponsor of one of the following: Keynote Speakers, a Session Strand, or Wednesday Workshops during the Summit
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- Verbal recognition at the Summit and Champions Awards Dinner
- Recognition in press releases and e-blasts
- Recognition in social media messaging
- Logo on the TCiNN website
- Six registrations to the Summit
- One table of eight at the Champions Awards Dinner
- Opportunity for a vendor table during the Summit
- Estimated Value \$4,550



- Two tables of eight (16 seats) at the Champions Awards Dinner
- Opportunity for a vendor table during the Summit
- Estimated Value \$6,800

\$5,000 STAR GAZER

- Logo recognition on printed materials for the Summit and Champions Awards
- Recognition in press releases and e-blasts
- Recognition in social media messaging
- Logo on the TCiNN website
- Four registrations to the Summit
- One table of eight at the Champions Awards Dinner
- Opportunity for a vendor table during the Summit
- Estimated Value \$3,900



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\$3,500 CREEK SPLASHER

- Name recognition on select promotional and printed materials for Summit and Champions Awards Dinner
- Logo on the TCiNN website
- Three registrations to the Summit
- Four tickets to the Champions Awards Dinner
- Opportunity for a vendor table during the Summit
- Estimated Value \$2,775

\$2,500 TREE CLIMBER

- Name recognition on select promotional and printed materials for Summit and Champions Awards Dinner
- Logo on the TCiNN website
- Two registrations to the Summit
- Four tickets to the Champions Awards Dinner
- Non-profits at this level receive an opportunity for a vendor table during the Summit
- Estimated Value \$2,450

\$1,500 SEED PLANTER

- Name recognition on select promotional and printed materials for Summit and Champions Awards Dinner
- Name on the TCiNN website
- Two registrations to the Summit
- Two tickets to the Champions Awards Dinner
- Estimated Value \$1,050



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https://www.texaschildreninnature.org/2023-texas-children-in-nature-network-summit-sponsorships or complete and return the form on the back page.

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For questions:

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