

2022 SUMMIT AND CHAMPIONS AWARDS DINNER

Opening the Doors to Nature for All



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December 7-9, 2022
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On December 7-9, more than 250 professionals in the healthcare, education, design and construction, parks and recreation, and conservation fields, along with municipal and community leaders, will attend the 2022 Texas Children in Nature Network's (TCiNN) three-day Summit and Champions Awards Dinner at The University of Texas AT&T Conference Center in Austin, Texas.

We invite you to join us, as organizations and professionals from across the state network with one another, celebrate important accomplishments, and learn about innovative strategies and programs to open the doors to nature for all children and their families in Texas.

The Summit will feature the following themed Session Strands:

- Physical and Mental Health
- Community Engagement and Partnerships
- **Equity and Inclusion**
- Access to Nature
- Formal and Informal Education (Early Childhood Education through College)

Keynote Speakers will be announced in Summer 2022.



Special Screening

The Summit will feature a screening of the visually stunning documentary Deep in the Heart, with a special Q&A session with filmmaker Ben Masters.



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Champions Award winners will be announced in September 2022.

Last year's winners included a diverse group of committed organizations and individuals.

- Texan by Nature, for promoting conservation and nature access in Texas.
- Dr. Amanda Mohammed, for her work with the "Walk with a Doc" program.
- · Alex Bailey with Black Outside Inc., for engaging black youth in the outdoors.
- Marty Leonard, for creating more nature spaces in Fort Worth.
- Melissa Campbell, for her work with Audubon Texas engaging students in nature.
- George Bristol, for his lifelong career advocating for Texas State Parks.

Become a sponsor of the 2022 TCiNN Summit and Champions Awards Dinner and reach an influential audience of people and organizations committed to connecting children with nature.

Your support will make it possible for us to bring nationally recognized keynote speakers to the Summit, offer interactive sessions and professional development field trips, feature the *Deep in the Heart* screening and host the awards dinner for individuals and organizations that deserve to be recognized for their contributions.



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ABOUT TEXAS CHILDREN IN NATURE NETWORK

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

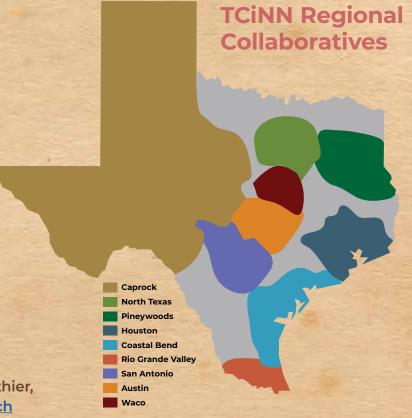
Research shows that children who spend time in nature are healthier, happier and smarter. But today most children spend only a few minutes per day outdoors. This lack of connection to the natural world negatively affects their health and well-being in significant ways.* TCiNN is committed to working together with partners across the state to achieve better outcomes for children.

TCiNN is comprised of 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.

Some Highlights of TCiNN's Impact Include:

- Helping establish Cities Connecting Children to Nature (CCCN) initiatives in Austin, San Antonio and Houston. CCCN is an initiative with the National League of Cities and Children and Nature Network working to bring more nature into our communities. TCiNN continues to focus on bringing this program to more cities across the state.
- Hiring three Health and Nature Liaisons in Houston, Dallas -Ft.Worth and the Rio Grande Valley metro areas to engage community partners and create action plans to promote nature as a public health strategy.
- Playing a key role in the expansion of the OLE! Texas initiative creating outdoor learning environments at early childhood centers across the state.

*<u>Learn more</u> about the research behind how nature helps kids be healthier, happier and smarter. Visit: <u>texaschildreninnature.org/resources/research</u>





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 8
- · Verbal recognition at the Summit and the Champions Award Dinner
- Recognition in press releases and e-blasts
- · Recognition in social media messaging
- · Logo on the TCiNN website
- Eight registrations to the Summit
- Three tables of eight (24 seats) at the Champions Awards Dinner
- Opportunity for a vendor table during the Summit
- Opportunity to donate an auction item (up to \$500 in-kind)

\$10,000 - Trail Blazer

- Recognized as a sponsor of one of the following: Keynote Speakers, a Session Strand, the Film Screening, Field Workshops, or transportation during the Summit (limited to Presenting Sponsor and one Trail Blazer per opportunity)
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- Verbal recognition at Summit and the Champions Awards Dinner
- · Recognition in press releases and e-blasts
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- · Logo on TCiNN website
- Six registrations to the Summit
- Two tables of eight (16 seats) at the Champions Awards Dinner
- · Opportunity for a vendor table during the Summit
- · Opportunity to donate an auction item (up to \$500 in-kind)

\$5,000 - Star Gazer

- Recognized as a sponsor of one of the Keynote Speakers or one of the Champions Awards winners (limited to the two sponsors)
- Logo recognition on printed materials for Summit and Champions Awards Dinner
- · Recognition in press releases and e-blasts
- · Recognition in social media messaging
- · Logo on TCiNN website
- · Four registrations to the Summit
- · Table for eight at the Champions Awards Dinner
- · Opportunity for a vendor table during the Summit
- Opportunity to donate an auction item (up to \$500 in-kind)



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS AND BENEFITS

\$3,500 - Creek Splasher

- · Name recognition on select promotional and printed materials for Summit and Champions Awards Dinner
- Three registrations to the Summit
- · Six tickets to Champions Awards Dinner
- · Logo on TCiNN website
- · Opportunity for a vendor booth
- Opportunity to donate an auction item (up to \$500 in-kind)

\$2,500 - Tree Climber

- Name recognition on select promotional and printed materials for the Summit and Champions Awards Dinner
- Two registrations to the Summit
- Four tickets to the Champions Awards Dinner
- Logo on TCiNN website
- · Non-profits receive vendor booth opportunity
- Opportunity to donate an auction item (up to \$250 in-kind)

\$1,000 - Seed Planter

- Name recognition in printed materials for Summit and Champions Awards Dinner
- Two registrations to the Summit
- · Two tickets to the Champions Awards Dinner
- · Name on TCiNN website
- Opportunity to donate an auction item (up to \$250 in-kind)





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