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Membership

Sponsor-4
Patron-5
Sustaining-10
Contributing-38
Family-162
Individual- 8
Lifetime-4
261 members*

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2022 Annual Report



Sandy Creek Nature Center, Inc.

To support, promote and protect the environmental education
and preservation efforts of Sandy Creek Nature Center.

2021-2022 Year in Review



From the President, Emily Carr

The past year has been one of hard work, planning, reflection and looking forward. We hosted two races, continued the birdseed sale, managed the Frog Pond Gift Shop, presented science grants to Clarke County teachers, and provided volunteers for Nature Center events. We worked with Nature Center staff on the SPLOST-funded upgrade for the Coastal and Wetlands Exhibits, Board-funded additions to the Nature Playscape and renovations of the outside bathroom. Working with the staff of both the Nature Center and Trails and Open Space, we are planning and funding improvements to the trailhead area at the entrance to the Nature Center trails and the Greenway. Finally, we have been working for many months to plan a year-long celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Sandy Creek Nature Center in 2023!

Internally, we focused on board development. Reinforcing our values and incorporating non-profit board standards of good governance and best practices will help us prepare for the next 50 years.

We also said good-bye to Katie Eckhardt, our Operations Coordinator for over seven years. We welcome Emily Bailey to this position and know you will enjoy getting to know Emily and working with her just as we are.

We look forward to watching all our work pay off in the coming year as projects are completed and we celebrate 50 wonderful years of Sandy Creek Nature Center. Here's to the next 50 years of interesting and educational programs and experiences at this special place!

Finances

The staff and operations of Sandy Creek Nature Center are funded by Athens-Clarke County Department of Leisure Services. As the founding non-profit support organization, Sandy Creek Nature Center, Inc. raises funds to support the mission of the Nature Center. Your support makes it possible for the Board to continue to augment funding for the Nature Center and to provide Sandy Creek Nature Center with expertise and volunteer support that enhances its mission and ability to serve our community.

Income=\$63,613.72

- Memberships-\$19,987.00
- Donations-\$15,726.68
- Corporate Sponsors-\$8,000.01
- Bird Seed Sale-\$3,083.24
- Frog Hop 5K-\$1,958.30
- Jack-O-Lantern Jog-\$2,171.13
- Frog Pond Shop-\$9,507.69
- Fundraising-\$2,342.00

Expenses= \$38,531.63

- Administration - \$20,320.56
- Materials & Supplies - \$804.10
- Contributions to SCNC-\$7,721.64
- Contracted Services -\$900.00
- Insurance - \$2,726.88
- General Operations - \$5,208.22

Quick Facts

- Sandy Creek Nature Center encompasses 225 acres of ecologically diverse uplands and wetlands at the confluence of Sandy Creek and the North Oconee River.
- The property is accessible through more than four miles of nature trails, including an ADA boardwalk trail.
- The center includes a 15,000-square-foot Education & Visitor Center with five interactive learning centers, a planetarium, classrooms, meeting rooms, live animal displays and a gift shop, as well as a new Nature Playscape for children.
- The site includes the historic ruins of a brick factory, and an 1815 log house.
- Every year, SCNC completes an educational services contract with Clarke County School District, providing programming for over 5,000 students from K-5th grade on standards-based science subjects.

