



SANDY CREEK  
Nature Center

**The Sandy Creek Nature Center, Inc.  
Board of Directors**

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work, please call  
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**Who are we?**

**What do we do?**

**How can you get involved?**

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## OUR MISSION:

*Sandy Creek Nature Center, Inc., a private, non-profit organization, partners with Athens-Clarke County to support, promote and protect the environmental education and preservation efforts of Sandy Creek Nature Center.*

## Our Vision:

*We work to ensure that natural science and environmental education opportunities are available to everyone in our local and regional community.*

## Our Values:

- Integrity
- Diversity
- Respect
- Teamwork
- Education
- Stewardship

SANDY CREEK NATURE CENTER, INC. is led by a volunteer Board of Directors who believe deeply that our environment is a treasured and irreplaceable resource that can best be protected through education and sustainable practices.

## We are passionate about:

- Protecting, appreciating and enjoying nature and our vital natural resources
- Providing science-based education that fosters understanding of the natural world
- Promoting active engagement in an incredible local resource

## Here is what we do to support Sandy Creek Nature Center:

- Provide experience and expertise to help the Nature Center staff offer environmental education programs for people of all ages in Athens-Clarke County and the surrounding region
- Seek donations for the Nature Center through fund-raising events, memberships, sponsorships and grants from foundations and other sources

- Promote public awareness of the Nature Center and its resources, activities and programs
- Work to ensure that everyone enjoys the Nature Center's programs and services
- Advocate for the Nature Center in the community and, when necessary, take public positions on issues facing the Nature Center.
- Build and maintain positive relationships with the Athens-Clarke County government, the Clarke County Board of Education, the University of Georgia, other educational organizations, and the local business and hospitality communities
- Advise on issues of preservation, protection, expansion and wise management of the Nature Center's natural environment and adjacent areas, and physical facilities
- Develop, implement and regularly update long-range strategic plans to focus board activities that support the Nature Center

## Board members are expected to:

- Maintain active membership in Sandy Creek Nature Center, Inc., through annual payment of a membership fee.
- Make an additional annual financial contribution to demonstrate personal support of the Nature Center. This is critical as SCNC, Inc. seeks grants and provides supplemental funding for the mission of the Nature Center.
- Attend Board meetings on the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Nature Center.
- Serve on one Board committee which may involve additional meetings during the month. This may require time for preparation and follow through.
- Volunteer for Board and Nature Center-sponsored events such as races, the bird seed sale, Pie Day, Scary-Oozy-Slimy Day and Snake Day.
- Become familiar with the Nature Center's mission, staff, grounds, facilities and programs.
- Serve a three-year term.

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Becoming a member of the SCNC, Inc. Board of Directors is an opportunity to render meaningful and rewarding public service—to the Nature Center, to our community and to the greater goal of protecting our precious natural world.