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

Just north of downtown Athens, nestled among tall trees, cool trails, a quiet pond and the moving waters of Sandy Creek and the North Oconee River, is Sandy Creek Nature Center. It is an oasis for visitors young and old who are looking for a quiet place to walk or an exciting site for learning about the environment of Northeast Georgia.

As the only public nature center in the area, Sandy Creek Nature Center is a leading facility for science, environmental and natural science education and stewardship. Serving over 60,000 people annually, it is a hands-on educational center featuring year-round programs, camps, field studies and events for the general public.

Founded in 1973 by a group of concerned citizens, the Nature Center is a 225-acre preserve featuring woodlands, fields, wetlands, floodplains and ponds. It is a place for recreation and exercise, with over four miles of trails, three educational buildings, and even an 1800’s log house. Sandy Creek Nature Center is the northern terminus of the North Oconee River Greenway.

For 50 years, the members and Board of Directors of Sandy Creek Nature Center, Inc. have worked with Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services to build a facility that meets the needs of many, while protecting a diverse area of land and the animals that live on it.

SCNC, Inc. has raised over $3 million to support programs, expand the Interactive Learning Centers, including the Planetarium, enhance physical facilities, promote educational services, maintain trails, create the Discovery Box program, purchase educational technology, equipment, and supplies such as microscopes, books, puppets, a classroom Smart Board and more.

Typical Programs and Special Events

- Frog Hop 5K and Tadpole Fun Run
- Snake Day
- Bird Seed Sale
- Jack-O-Lantern Jog 5K and Gobblin Fun Run
- Cookies with Santa
- Volunteer appreciation dinners
- Junior Naturalist Assistant Program
- Trail Guides and maintenance
- Educational programming for all K through fifth grade students in Clarke County, both on-site and in the schools
- Discovery Box program
- Private and home school group programs
- Summer and Mini Camps
- Programs for toddlers & pre-school children

Supporting SCNC for 50 years

- Original buildings: $230,000
- Boardwalk: $44,000
- Log House Relocation: $3,600
- Nature Playscape: $225,000
- Phase I Main Building: $540,000
- Phase II Main Expansion: $300,000
- Allen House Relocation/Renovation: $21,000
- Outdoor Restroom Renovation: $84,000
- Other Program & Property: $200,000 estimate

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Area businesses from throughout the Northeast Georgia region have made the ongoing commitment to support Sandy Creek Nature Center through the Corporate Sponsorship Program, an annual partnership between the business and the Nature Center resulting in a stronger connection between the two with benefits for both. For the business, the Corporate Sponsorship is a tangible way to support one of the most innovative and engaging public facilities in the region.

In turn, the Corporate Sponsorship Program allows Sandy Creek Nature Center, Inc. to continue funding important projects and programs. The most recent effort was the successful submission of a $301,000 SPLOST proposal to upgrade aging Coastal and Wetland exhibits. SCNC, Inc. pledged $30,000 in support of this project. The exterior public restrooms are being renovated through a grant from the Riverview Foundation. SCNC, Inc. is working with Nature Center staff and the UGA archeology program to develop an educational loop around the historic Brick Factory near Claypit Pond, contributing over $11,000 for the project. In 2021, we completed the Nature Playscape project; SCNC, Inc. raised $225,000 to construct the playscape which was then donated to Athens-Clarke County. In 2017, we donated $44,500 to complete the Boardwalk Trail into a loop to the pavilion. In 2015, we donated $55,000 to fund the 38-acre Managed Forest Project.

The Corporate Sponsorship Program is an annual partnership between your business and the Nature Center and can be customized to your business’ budget cycle. Thanks for considering becoming a Corporate Sponsor. For more information about the sponsorship program, please contact Emily Bailey at 706-613-3615 or by email at scncinc@gmail.com.

Join with us in supporting Sandy Creek Nature Center!

Annual Sponsorship Levels

Loggerhead Sea Turtle Level - $4,000
Benefits include:
- Logo recognition in the Hyla newsletter, on our website, in the annual meeting program, level recognition in our lobby, on Facebook and in the eNews yearly.
- Benefactor membership (including program discounts).
- Business logo on all materials and t-shirts for the Jack-O-Lantern Jag and the Frog Hop 5k & four entries into the Jack O’Lantern Jag or Frog Hop.
- Twelve entrance passes to Snake Day.
- Two guided naturalist walks.

River Otter Level - $2,500
Benefits include:
- Logo recognition in the Hyla newsletter, on our website, in the annual meeting program, level recognition in our lobby, on Facebook and in the eNews yearly.
- Sponsor membership (including program discounts).
- Business logo on all materials and t-shirts for the Jack-O-Lantern Jag and the Frog Hop 5k & three entries into the Jack O’Lantern Jag or Frog Hop.
- Ten entrance passes to Snake Day.
- One guided naturalist walk.

Red-tailed Hawk Level - $1,500
Benefits include:
- Logo recognition in the Hyla newsletter, on our website, in the annual meeting program, level recognition in our lobby, on Facebook and in the eNews yearly.
- Patron membership (including program discounts).
- Business logo on all materials and t-shirts for the Jack-O-Lantern Jag and the Frog Hop 5k & two entries into the Jack O’Lantern Jag or Frog Hop.
- Eight entrance passes to Snake Day.
- One guided naturalist walk.

Great Blue Heron Level - $1,000
Benefits include:
- Logo recognition in the Hyla newsletter, on our website, in the annual meeting program, level recognition in our lobby, on Facebook and in the eNews yearly.
- Sustaining membership (including program discounts).
- Business logo on all materials and t-shirts for the Jack-O-Lantern Jag and the Frog Hop 5k.
- Six entrance passes to Snake Day.

Grey Fox Level - $600
Benefits include:
- Logo recognition in the Hyla newsletter, on our website, in the annual meeting program, level recognition in our lobby, on Facebook and in the eNews yearly.
- Contributing membership (including program discounts).
- Business logo on all materials and t-shirts for the Jack-O-Lantern Jag and the Frog Hop 5k.
- Four entrance passes to Snake Day.

Hummingbird Level - $300
Benefits include:
- Logo recognition in the Hyla newsletter, on our website, in the annual meeting program, level recognition in our lobby, on Facebook and in the eNews yearly.
- Contributing membership (including program discounts).
- Business logo on all materials and t-shirts for the Jack-O-Lantern Jag.
- Two entrance passes to Snake Day.

Thank You for Your Support!