



Sponsorship Opportunities

THE HENSHAW HOUSE

CENTENNIAL

CELEBRATION

Nature Discovery Center in Russ Pitman Park

April 5, 2025 • 11a - 3p



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1925
single story
house built
1929

1939
2nd story
added

Frank Henshaw, Jr. & Family

1983
major house
renovations

1989
Discovery
Rooms Open

City of Bellaire (maintained by NDC)

2014
Gateway
renovations
to house &
pavilions

2025

Henshaw House History

The Henshaw House serves as the classroom and administrative office of the Nature Discovery Center.

- * 1925 The house was constructed as a single story home by Earl Edwards, prominent Houston businessman, on a four acre plot at the corner of Evergreen and Avenue A (now Newcastle) in Bellaire.
- 1929 The home was purchased and later renovated by Frank Henshaw, Jr., who served as Mayor of the City of Bellaire from 1936 - 1937 and later as City Commissioner from 1945 - 1947.
- 1981 The Henshaw estate was listed for sale by Henshaw's heirs
- 1983 After a grassroots fundraising campaign, the estate was purchased and renovated by the Friends of Bellaire Parks and then turned over to the City of Bellaire as a community gathering space. The house quickly became the home of the Nature Discovery Center, and the surrounding estate became Russ Pitman Park, a public nature park maintained by the Center.
- 2014 The house and adjacent Pavilion area were renovated again during Phase I of NDC's Gateway capital campaign. Gateway Phase II, completed in 2017, included renovations to the park.

About the Nature Discovery Center

Our mission at the Hana and Arthur Ginzburg Nature Discovery Center is to ignite life-long curiosity, understanding, and respect for nature through education. Since 1988, we have inspired and educated visitors of all ages about the wonders of nature and science through low cost hands-on, inquiry-based programs, outdoor investigations, and Discovery Rooms which are open to the public free of charge. Through outreach, we extend our education programs to locations across Greater Houston Area.

In 2024, we provided education programs and opportunities for encounters with nature to over 15,600 students and adults. To further extend our reach and expand nature play opportunities for the Greater Houston Area, we also launched a \$2 million capital campaign in 2024 to construct the Enchanted Woods Nature Play Area on the south end of the park property.

Today, we continue our good work with the benefit of financial and volunteer support from our community. NDC is a stand-alone non-profit organization not affiliated with the City of Bellaire.



Event Details April 5 - 11a to 3p

This family oriented celebration is expected to draw 300 to 400 NDC supporters and neighbors. A variety of attractions and activities will offer entertainment for all ages. Nature Discovery Center "Animal Ambassadors" will also be out and about for encounters with visitors.

General Admission tickets are \$25 each. Limited VIP packages are \$250 and offer special benefits and privileges.

Event website: <https://www.naturediscoverycenter.org/activities/centennial>

Henshaw House Centennial Sponsorship Opportunities

Bouncy House X 2	\$1,000
VIP Seating Area	\$1,000
Performance Stage	\$1,000
Animal Art Store	\$ 500
Cake Walk Area	\$ 500
Disc Jockey	\$ 500*
Face Painting Booth	\$ 500
Popcorn Machine	\$ 500

Sponsors will be recognized:

- in all event promotions via email and social media
- on signage posted near the sponsored area or activity
- in all event print materials

** This opportunity is already reserved*

Net proceeds support operating expenses of the Nature Discovery Center, Inc. a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Contributions in excess of market value are tax deductible.

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION FORM

Please complete this form with your choice of sponsorship opportunity. Availability is subject to prior reservation. Contact Meghan Lutschg (mlutschg@gmail.com) or call 713-667-6550.

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