

The Nature Discovery Center is rooted in community. For over 30 years, the NDC has served as a Houston hub for nature education programming, reaching thousands of students, families, and adults of all ages. In 2024 we helped over 15,600 people make a close, personal connection to nature.

We are reaching new heights in 2025 as we continue to grow our programs and prepare for the blossoming of our most ambitious project yet: the Enchanted Woods Nature Play Area. We will be breaking ground on this exceptional, wild space in 2025, providing Houston's children boulders to conquer, hills to roll down, and tree top bridges where imaginative adventures unfold.

Just like the trees in Russ Pitman Park, all of this is possible because of roots you have nurtured as part of the NDC community. Thank you for your continued support.



2024 YEAR IN REVIEW



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Future Home of Enchanted Woods

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REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

The Enchanted Woods Nature Play Area will sprout as the NDC's signature space for connecting with nature through outdoor play, not only benefiting the community as a healthy habitat, but also nourishing the center by:

Increasing our on-site program capacity by **50%** with the **Cook Family Treehouse Classroom.**

Increasing sustaining revenue through programs and birthday party rentals.

Helping NDC staff connect thousands of more people to nature each year!



Learn more here!

2024 IN REVIEW

In 2024, we deepened our connections to the Greater Houston Community through programs and events, and by strenghtening our relationships with members and partners including schools, scouts, volunteers, libraries, other area non-profits, and local businesses. Our deep community roots support us as we pursue our ongoing mission to ignite lifelong curiosity, understanding, and respect for nature through education while also reaching for new neights.



500+ volunteers provided over **3,000** hours of service
Valued at over **\$90,000**

15,600 people served through NDC programs
Including over **5,000** in free programming



Stewarded habitat for **1,594** unique species living in Russ Pitman Park.



Served over **5,100** students from **55** schools across the Greater Houston Area

\$456,304 Total Revenue

Membership & Programs are our strongest roots of support!

- ✦ \$137,325 Membership & Program
- ✦ \$120,758 Special Events income
- ✦ \$85,000 Grants
- ✦ \$83,221 Direct Donations
- ✦ \$30,000 Other Income

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