



RIVER LEGACY FOUNDATION
January - December 2025

WHAT'S BEHIND THE DISCOVER SIGN?



RIVER LEGACY
FOUNDATION





RIVER LEGACY FOUNDATION
EST. 1988

MISSION

**TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE LAND ALONG THE
TRINITY RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES AS AN
EXTRAORDINARY RECREATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL,
AND NATURAL RESOURCE.**

VISION

**TO PRESERVE A LIVING LEGACY
FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.**

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Message from Executive Director **SHANNON PORTER**



What's Behind the *DISCOVER* Sign?

A place where curiosity comes to life.

Inside River Legacy Nature Center, thousands of young students, families, and visitors each year explore nature through hands-on, STEM-based educational and recreational experiences. From first encounters with local ecosystems to shared moments on the trails, we invite learners of all ages to come and ask questions, explore deeply, and form meaningful connections with the natural world.

Behind the *DISCOVER* sign, you'll find a mission rooted in education, recreation, and preservation. Our programs spark wonder, support lifelong learning, and foster environmental responsibility—creating experiences that connect generations and strengthen our community's bond with nature.

None of this impact would be possible without the dedication of our staff, volunteers, partners, and supporters. Together, we are building a lasting legacy of discovery—one that continues to inspire curiosity and care for the natural world, now and for years to come.

See you on the trails,

Executive Director



Pictured from left to right: Jason Jones, Kelly Geer, Steve Cavender, Richard Greene, Chris Bookout, Carole Hoyer, Britton Merritt, Vince Hrabal, Robert Blake, Pete Jamieson, Tony Brock, Mark Warren, Judy Rupay, Laura DiStefano, Cindy Salter



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“CHILDREN SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEEPEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO IT.”

RIVER LEGACY FOUNDATION
EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY



This is our second year doing River Legacy's Nature Camp. Once again, we are thrilled with the experience! My child came home happy and eager to talk about his adventures. We have had nothing short of a fantastic experience.

- Anonymous, Summer Camp Parent



"Esme LOVED her week doing Nature's Art Box. I honestly thought this week would basically be doing arts and crafts with sticks and leaves, but it far exceeded my expectations. She came home SO excited to tell us about the creative and interesting techniques you practiced and the things she learned about turning natural items into art media and tools- she says now she wants to be a "nature artist" when she grows up.

- Anonymous, Summer Camp Parent



3,000 OUTDOOR HOURS

were accumulated by students in our paid education programs, like Nature School and Summer Camps, with a minimum of 30 minutes of outdoor play per day!



27,746 VISITORS

came to the Nature Center and learned about the environment through a regular day visit, community festival, exhibit, or public program.



4,066 GUESTS

gained a deeper understanding of our natural environment thanks to our public programs and outreaches.

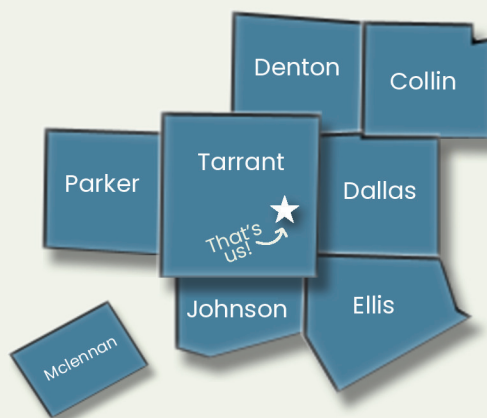


8,105 STUDENTS

from 124 schools made a connection to nature during a STEM related field trip. Hands-on activities, animal encounters, and naturalist-led hikes are just a few of the many tools offered to inspire connections to nature.

OUR STUDENTS COME FROM...

River Legacy Nature Center provides Arlington and surrounding communities with exceptional environmental education and outdoor exploration in a rapidly growing urban area. Our high-quality programs draw families year-round, and we're proud to continue reaching students and families across Texas and beyond.



The *Get Creative with What's Native* art contest concluded with a partnership with the Arlington Museum of Art, showcasing 2025 winners and honorable mentions in a public exhibition. The collaboration highlighted the program's growth from a COVID-era response into a meaningful community celebration of creativity and nature.



KIDS SUMMER CAMP

During summer break, many children experience increased screen time, reduced physical activity, and limited social interaction while parents are working. Research from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention links prolonged sedentary behavior to higher rates of anxiety, depression, attention challenges, and poor physical health. In contrast, studies show that outdoor play and nature exposure improve emotional regulation, focus, and overall well-being—especially for children with ADHD.

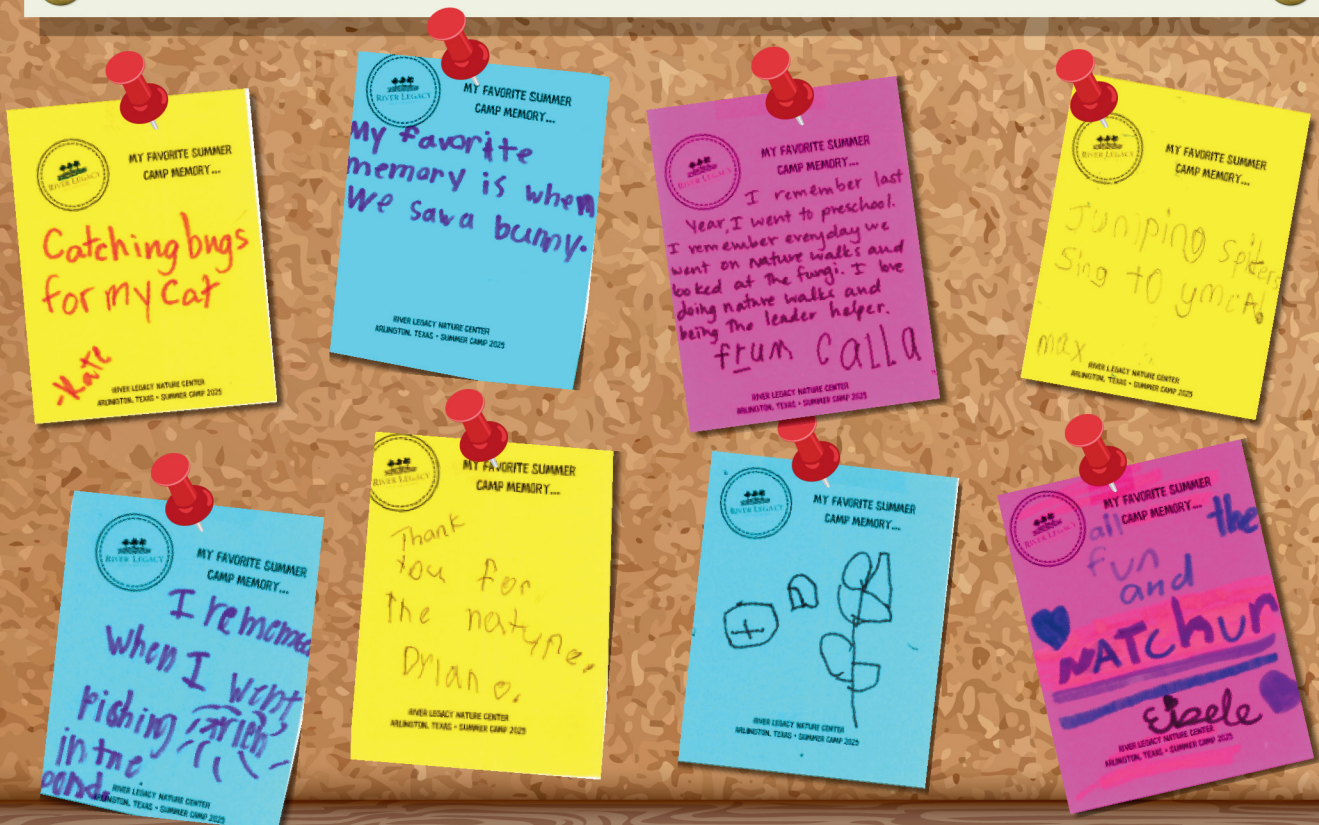
Our summer camps provide a proven, nature-based solution during this critical time. Campers replace passive screen time with hands-on learning in a safe, engaging outdoor environment, benefiting from:

- Daily activity that supports physical and mental health
- Experiential STEM learning that keeps minds engaged
- Meaningful social interaction that builds confidence and resilience

By investing in these camps, partners help children stay active, curious, and connected—creating lasting benefits for families and the broader community.



Best Summer Camps



MEMORY NOTES

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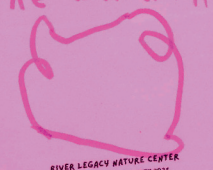
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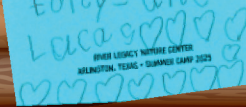
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“RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN RIVER LEGACY PARKS SHALL NOT ENDANGER THE ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRITY OF THE PARKS OR THE SAFETY OF PARK USERS. POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES MUST BE MEASURED AGAINST A NATURE STANDARD, AS WELL AS AN URBAN STANDARD.”

RIVER LEGACY FOUNDATION
RECREATION PHILOSOPHY



Best gem of a park in DFW, and the Nature Center is a great community assets. Amazing programming for kids and family.

- Cameron A., Google Review



Beautiful, well maintained parks, playgrounds, fields, paved and natural/wooded trails for both walking or hiking, and biking! We love living near here and seeing wildlife along the trails! The Trinity River is often dried up, but when the water is flowing there are some amazing viewpoints and resting places to sit and watch the streams...”

- The Only Schmeidi, Google Review



Discovery Trail mobile app is now available on both app platforms, with its release on Android in 2025!



FEATURED EXHIBITS

Inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards starts with sparking curiosity about wildlife, forests, and conservation. Visiting exhibits—like Bug Squad by the Omaha Children's Museum and The Art and Science of Arachnids by Little Ray's Exhibitions—bring that connection to life through hands-on, interactive experiences at the Nature Center, welcoming over 5,000 guests to explore, learn, and engage.

ARLINGTON 'FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA' HOSTS INAUGURAL WILDLIFE CONTEST AT RIVER LEGACY NATURE CENTER

Hosting the first-ever Arlington ISD FFA Wildlife Contest at River Legacy Nature Center was a major milestone for both the students and the community. Instead of traveling outside the Metroplex, Arlington FFA brought a statewide competition home, welcoming 12 teams and 51 students.



The event showcased advanced wildlife knowledge, hands-on conservation skills, and strong student leadership, all while highlighting River Legacy as an ideal outdoor learning space. Student-built awards made from fallen River Legacy trees and strong support from Arlington ISD leaders underscored the significance of the event in wildlife education.

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“RIVER LEGACY PARKS SHALL BE PRESERVED, MANAGED, AND RESTORED IN A MANNER THAT PROTECTS THE PARKS RESERVOIR OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY.”

RIVER LEGACY FOUNDATION
PRESERVATION PHILOSOPHY



“Privet feels like a losing battle. But we’ve been on the trails here a few times and we noticed that there are a lot of clearer spots here. We appreciate all of the work volunteers put in to clearing it out. You really can make a difference!”

- Anonymous, Nature Center Visitor



There’s so many wildflowers here! I come here every year to see them bloom. I love the Turks Cap, too. Who plants all of these here? They attract so many butterflies everywhere! I want to plant these at home!

- Anonymous, Nature Center Visitor

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers support education, recreation, and preservation—helping with trail cleanups, plant removal, front desk, and summer camps—expanding River Legacy’s reach and impact along the Trinity River and inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards.



**735
VOLUNTEERS**



**4,776.25
HOURS**



**\$133,735
OF VALUE**



1,950 PRIVET PLANTS REMOVED

Privet (*Ligustrum*) is an invasive plant that grows at an astounding rate, adapts easily, and will take over and kill native plant life that is beneficial to our ecosystem. Privet Patrol meets once a month to remove privet from River Legacy Park in an effort to control growth and help our local flora and fauna.

UTA INTERSHIP WITH WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER AND MUSEUM STUDIES MAJOR, ZACHARY CHAPMAN

As part of University of Texas at Arlington’s hands-on learning program, Zachary Chapman completed a Spring 2025 internship with River Legacy Foundation, earning three academic credits.

- Cataloged and reorganized 150+ specimens into a new framework
- Photographed and logged each item to improve documentation and accessibility
- Separated wet and dry specimens to enhance preservation and storage
- Improved overall organization, creating a safer, more functional collection
- Expanded capacity for future growth and use



NATIVE PLANT RESTORATION EFFORTS

River Legacy advanced native habitat restoration and community engagement through targeted conservation efforts:



325 plants planted with the Native Plant Society of Texas



180 trees were gifted to visiting guests in partnership with Texas A&M and City of Arlington



3 pounds of native wildflower and grass seed planted, covering 3,000 sq. ft.

AN EAGLE SCOUT’S PROJECT HELPS WELCOME MORE BIRDS TO THE BLIND

Eagle Scout John Robertson completed a preservation-focused service project behind River Legacy Nature Center’s bird blind by restoring the ground feeder area, building two brush piles for wildlife shelter, and constructing two natural log bird feeders. His efforts improved habitat quality, attracted more native birds, and enhanced the visitor experience at the blind.



2025 LEADERSHIP NEW BOARD MEMBERS

In 2025, the River Legacy Foundation Board of Directors welcomed two new members, Tony Brock (CEO of Compass Leadership Partners) and Britton Merrit (*Arlington Chamber of Commerce*), bringing the current total to 18 River Legacy Foundation Board Members.



TONY BROCK

Anthony "Tony" Brock is CEO and Co-Founder of Compass Leadership Partners – an executive leadership coaching firm in which he and his Team help business executives become exceptional leaders and get exceptional results. Tony knows that in this changing, uncertain world, unlocking executive leadership capacity is the key to leading people and the path to gaining a real competitive advantage.

Tony, who joined the Board in 2024, has been an active advisor and key facilitator in our development of a new Strategic Plan and our Marketing Campaign Strategy.

He's an executive business leader with 30+ years experience building high-performing teams in nonprofit, government, and private organizations. As a military veteran, Tony served as a U.S. Navy Commander, and Intelligence Operations Officer, in which he led high-performance teams in support of global intelligence activities and special operations missions; to include the U.S. Navy SEALs.

He and his wife, Susan, moved to Arlington, Texas in 2023, for Tony to serve as the founding Executive Director, Griffin Leadership Institute at the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation; in which he created successful value- and character-based leadership programming.

Today, he serves as a Keynote Speaker, a Certified Executive Leadership Coach, and team workshop facilitator. Tony also volunteers as a veterans' career coach with The Honor Foundation and serves as a Board Member with the Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce.



BRITTON MERRIT

Britton serves as Vice President of Marketing & Communications for the Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce, where she shapes brand strategy, directs communications, and advances marketing initiatives that strengthen the Chamber's visibility, programs, and impact across the business community.

Over the past seven years, she has helped expand the Chamber's digital footprint, elevate its public-facing voice, and launch signature initiatives, like 40 Under 40, that celebrate leadership and civic engagement.

Previously, Britton held senior marketing and global events roles with SeneGence International and the Global Semiconductor Alliance, where she conceptualized and delivered large-scale conferences, summits, and incentive programs across international markets.

She is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism and proudly lives in north Arlington with her husband and son.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Last year, River Legacy Nature Center facilitated close to 30,000 experiences for individuals across all age groups— children, teens, adults, and seniors—to explore nature. The Nature Center is a fantastic community resource, offering educational programs and a place for those seeking a tranquil retreat. River Legacy's Mission only becomes a reality because YOU work alongside us.

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Arlington Senior Men's Club in honor of Mauricio Galante

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Dennis and Jan Barry in honor of Ben and Jack's summer camp teachers, especially Miss Ellen.

William and Jane Buehler in honor of Vicki Dixon

August Burgdorf in honor of Cindy and Tiffany, Owl's Nest Teachers

Huagang Chen in honor of Dr. David Ranney

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Debbie and Sam Emmerson in honor of Vicki Dixon

Joe and Betsy Eudy in honor of Vicki Dixon

Joe and Betsy Eudy in honor of Jeff Williams

Joe and Betsy Eudy in honor of Becky Gerro

Huagang-Weiming Chen Giving Fund in honor of Captain Frank Chen

Anna Gant in honor of Whitney Campbell

Becky Gerro in honor of RLF fearless staff

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Kevin and Laurie Tittle in honor of Vicki Dixon

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Jeff and Karen Williams in honor of Becky Gerro

Stephen R Zimmer in honor of Robyn Barrere

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Anne Alderfer in memory of Blake Kuppinger

Tiffany and Gregg Dragun in memory of Blake Kuppinger

Linda and Jim Dragun in memory of Ellis Elliott

Paige Flinn in memory of Blake Kuppinger

Gail and Donald Hay in memory of Blake Kuppinger

Kimberly Hensley in memory of Richard Hensley

Christine Jarboe in memory of Bill Snider

Clay Kuppinger in memory of Blake Kuppinger

Bud and Pat Marshall in memory of Blake Kuppinger

Rai and Barbara Mehta in memory of Blake Kuppinger

April Poitras in memory of Ellis Elliott

Dana and Jacob Rosenstein in memory of Blake Kuppinger

Deborah Vernon in memory of Blake Kuppinger

Deborah Vernon in memory of Ellis Elliott

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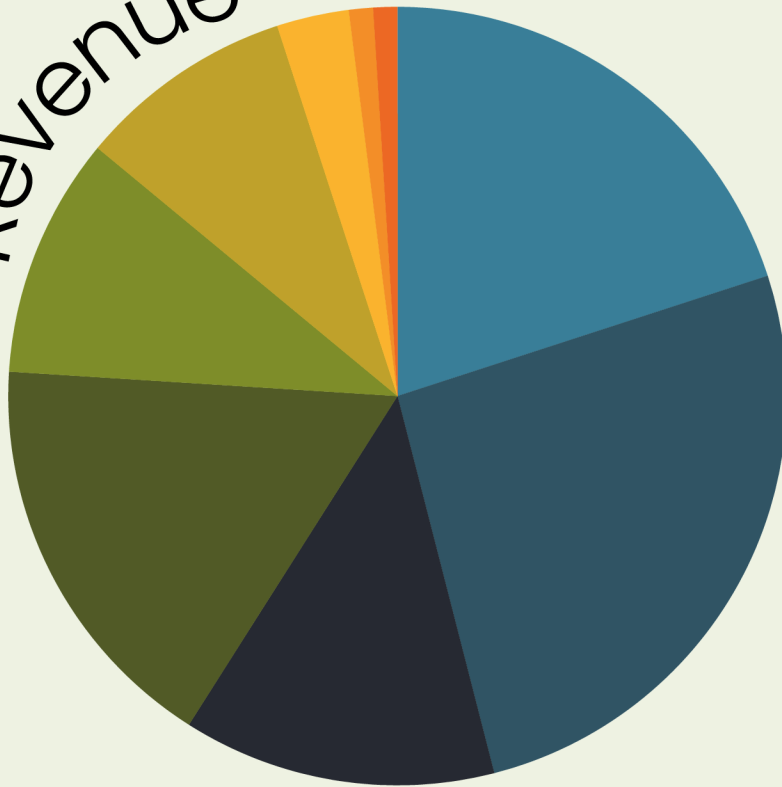


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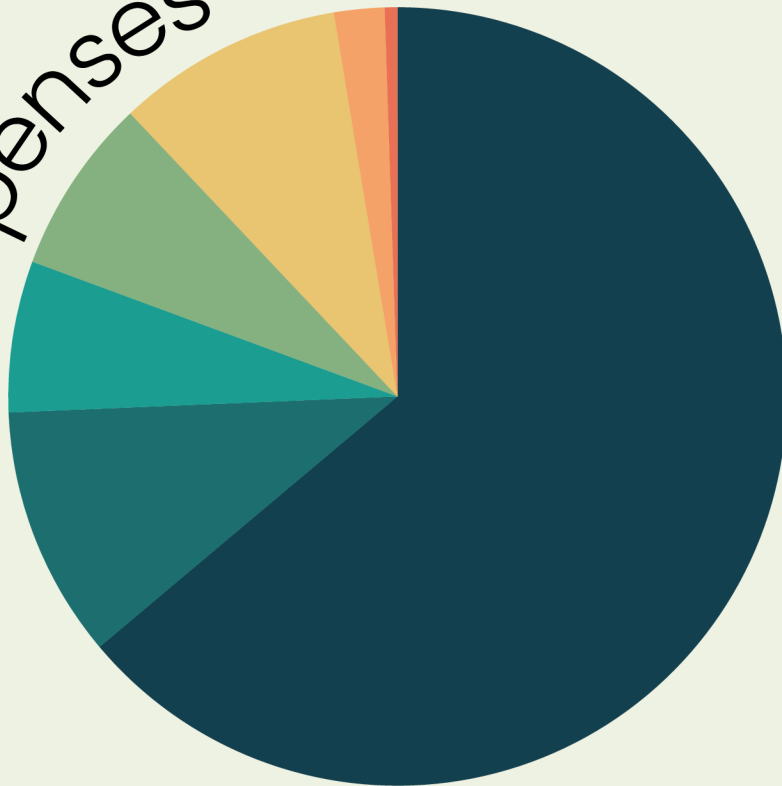
2025 FINANCE REPORT

Revenue



- Special Events - 26%
- Education Programs - 20%
- City of Arlington - 13%
- Grants - 17%
- Interest Income - 10%
- 2025 Campaign - 9%
- Discovery Room - 3%
- Venue Rentals - 1%
- Gift Shop - 1%

Expenses



- Personnel - 61%
- General Operating - 10%
- Special Events - 6%
- Nature Center - 7%
- Programs & Services - 9%
- Gift Shop - 1%
- Marketing - 2%

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LOOKING FORWARD TO 2026

River Legacy Foundation Celebrates 30 Years of the Nature Center & Nature Education

For three decades, the River Legacy Nature Center has been a place where curiosity meets the natural world - sparking wonder, inspiring stewardship, and connecting generations to the beauty of our environment. As we celebrate 30 years of nature education, we also celebrate the incredible community that has grown alongside us - we have welcomed over 1 million environmental stewards through our doors over the past three decades. Each visit represents a moment of discovery, a spark of curiosity, and a deeper connection to the natural world.

From hands-on STEM learning experiences to lifelong memories made along our trails and within our walls, the Nature Center continues to grow as a vibrant hub for exploration, conservation, and community. Here's to 30 years of inspiring minds—and to many more ahead.

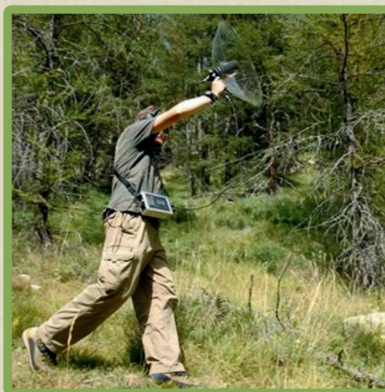


CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

Projects we're working on in 2026



**Celebrating
30 Years of Nature
Education**



Research Project



**Interactive Floor in
Discovery Room, Phase 1**

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Thank You, for the past 12 years

We are incredibly grateful for our partnership with River Legacy Foundation, a relationship that has proudly spanned more than 14 years. Their dedication to conservation, education, and community impact has made this collaboration both meaningful and inspiring. We deeply value the trust, shared vision, and lasting impact we've built together through this longstanding relationship.





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