

2025  
ANNUAL  
REPORT



INSPIRING  
**THE**  
LOVE  
OF  
NATURE



# MISSION

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Dunwoody Nature Center inspires the love of nature and cultivates environmental understanding and stewardship by conserving and enhancing Dunwoody Park, educating children, families, and adults of all ages about the natural world and our place in it, and motivating environmental awareness and responsible action.





Dear Friends,

As I reflect on 2025, I am filled with deep gratitude and pride. This past year was transformational for the Dunwoody Nature Center, and none of it would have been possible without the extraordinary people who make our work meaningful every day.

First and foremost, to our donors and partners—your belief in our work and your generosity allow us to dream big and turn those dreams into reality. Our partnership with the City of Dunwoody has been especially impactful, and we are thankful for the shared commitment to serving our community and protecting our natural spaces. And of course, having a dynamic and hard-working board of directors and staff are the makings of the dream team!

2025 was a year of long-awaited milestones. We celebrated the groundbreaking of the Wildcat Creek Learning Lab, marking the beginning of an exciting new

chapter. And we proudly cut the ribbon on our beautiful, fully accessible boardwalk and completed the restoration of the park's wetlands, enhancing both environmental health and visitor experience. We also launched several new programs for both children and adults.

Through it all, we continued to impact thousands of lives through our environmental education programs, inspiring learning, stewardship, and connection to nature.

We are truly blessed to be part of such an engaged and supportive community. With excitement and optimism, we look ahead to 2026 and a community celebration of the new Wildcat Creek Learning Lab in the Spring!

With gratitude,

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**LETTER  
FROM THE  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR**

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Nancy Longacre, Executive Director,  
Dunwoody Nature Center



Joannie Dwoskin, president of the board, cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of the Nature Center's new boardwalk over the wetlands.

# THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2025



### 15,165

#### Program Participants

Our programs team offered hundreds of events including birding, hiking, yoga, craft workshops, Scout badge activities, and more.



### 30,000

#### Visitors to the Park

Because of the generosity of our donors, the Nature Center is free and open to the public. We love seeing everyone enjoy the playground and trails.



### 7,500+

#### Volunteer Hours

An estimated **1,440** volunteers served the Nature Center in 2025, assisting with events and helping maintain our trails by planting, mulching and removing invasives.



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#### Ribbon Cuttings

**Wildcat Creek Learning Lab**  
To house our Forest School.

#### **Boardwalk & Wetlands Restoration**

Providing a scenic walk over the wetlands.



### 5,401

#### Students on Field Trips

Students hiked our trails and enjoyed educational activities.

**1,836 Title I students** attended at no cost through our scholarships.



### 1,108

#### Summer Campers

Campers learned about bugs, plants, reptiles and birds, enjoyed nature-themed crafts, and played outside and in our creek during May-August.

# IMPACTING THE NEXT GENERATION



## NATURE CAMPS

In 2025, we offered 13 weeks of summer camp at our main campus, plus 7 weeks of camp at the Island Ford Unit of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, and 23 days of school break camps, serving a total of **2,524 children**.

Our campers learn about a variety of nature, conservation, and outdoor subjects, explore the park and creek, and enjoy supervised free play.



## FOREST SCHOOL

Our programs underneath the Forest School umbrella had a huge impact! 174 children attended **My Chickadee and Me** programs which get children excited about nature, and 10 students attended our homeschool program, **Backyard Scientists**, each week.

Plus, **Oakwood Forest Preschool** launched with **12 students** in 2025. Parents and students loved how it is almost exclusively outside on the 22 acres of the Nature Center.



## SCOUTS

We served **190 scouts** at 19 different events in 2025, helping them earn patches for hiking, camping, gardening, and more.



## FIELD TRIPS

We provided educational field trips for **5,401 students** (34% from Title I schools) and offered full scholarships (including transportation) to 19 schools. **70% of schools returned** within a year!



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Two students from M. Agnes Jones Elementary School, a Title I school in Atlanta, enjoy a field trip to Dunwoody Nature Center made possible through funding from the National Park Trust.

# SUSTAINING OUR PARK



## VOLUNTEERS

We continue to thrive in our efforts to enrich lives by encouraging a passion for conserving nature through experience, education, stewardship & volunteerism. Nature is for everyone!

**7,500+** volunteer hours in 2025

**100%** of survey responders were extremely satisfied with their experience



## MEMBERS

**512** Nature Center members in 2025  
With a composting impact of:



WASTE DIVERTED

5,498 lbs



COMPOST CREATED

550 lbs



METHANE AVOIDED

572 lbs



Thought Logic day of service, October, 2025



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Volunteers plant trees on the Nature Center property.

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Family explores the petting zoo at Folktale Festival 2025.



# ENRICHING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



In 2025, we hosted three community festivals: our signature Butterfly Experience weekend, the Perimeter Pumpkin Patch Festival, and the Folktale Festival. These festivals gave people of all ages a reason to spend time together outdoors, experiencing nature and enjoying hands-on activities. We also participated in Diwali in Dunwoody, a Festival of Lights that allowed us to connect with the community beyond our campus.



**2,136**  
ATTENDEES



**229**  
ATTENDEES



**770**  
ATTENDEES



**1,105**  
ATTENDEES



**52**  
ATTENDEES

**TOTAL  
IMPACT**

**4,292**  
ATTENDEES





Dunwoody Nature Center won ASCE's top prize, the Project of Excellence, for improvement projects completed in 2025.

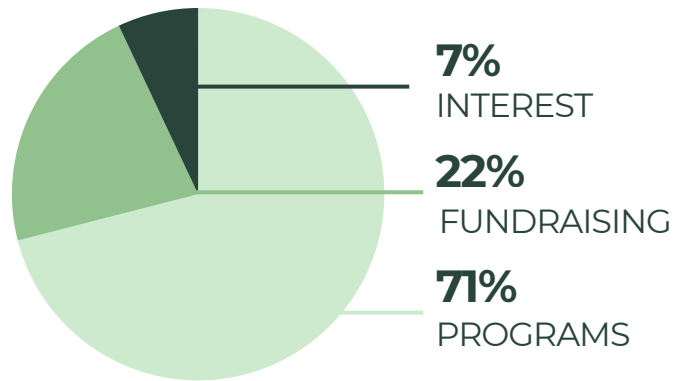


# FINANCIALS

OVERALL	2025	%
<b>INCOME</b>	\$1,153,574	100%
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$1,063,256	92%
<b>SURPLUS</b>	\$90,318	8%

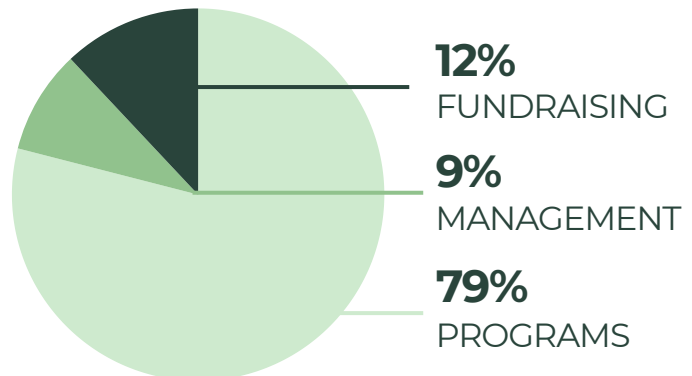
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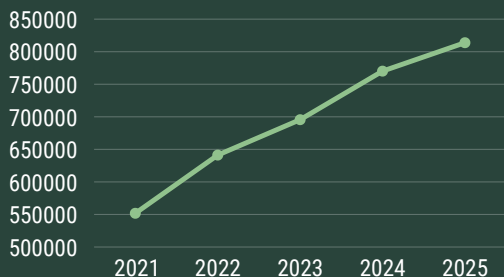


## EXPENSES

\$1,063,256



## PROGRAM REVENUE LAST 5 YEARS



# THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# Dunwoody Nature Center

*Inspire your love of nature*

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Park Hours: Sunrise to Sundown, 7 Days a Week