

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



Dunwoody
Nature Center

Inspire your love of nature

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 of the Dunwoody Nature Center,

Looking back on 2024, we are filled with gratitude for an incredible year of growth, progress, and community impact at the Dunwoody Nature Center. Thanks to your support, we have continued to strengthen our mission of environmental education, conservation, and accessibility for all.

This year, our environmental education programs thrived, inspiring learners of all ages to connect with nature in meaningful ways. Our dedication to conservation was evident in the beautiful native plantings that continue to enhance our landscape, providing crucial habitat for pollinators and local wildlife.

A major highlight of 2024 was the beginning of construction on the wetland restoration project, which will soon feature a new ADA-accessible boardwalk, ensuring that more people than ever can experience the beauty and serenity of this unique ecosystem. Additionally, we launched a capital campaign for the Wildcat Learning Lab, a visionary project that will further enrich the educational opportunities we offer.

It has been a year of incredible progress, made possible by the passion and generosity of our supporters. We are excited for the year ahead and all the new opportunities it will bring!

Thank you for being a part of our journey and for caring about this beloved community gem. Your commitment ensures that the Dunwoody Nature Center will continue to thrive for generations to come.

With gratitude,



Nancy Longacre
Executive Director, Dunwoody Nature Center

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NATURE CAMPS

In 2024, we offered **13 weeks of summer camp at our main campus, plus seven weeks of camp for campers aged 9-13 at Island Ford Park** on the Chattahoochee River.

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

93%

of parents would recommend our summer camps to a friend or colleague



1,454

campers attended our camps throughout the year

“My son absolutely loved each and every week of the camp. The teachers and staff were always able to keep the kids engaged, entertained, learning and oh so happy. We can't wait to come back!”



SCHOOL PROGRAMS



6,460

students attended field trip programs in 2024

51%

of schools who attended field trips in 2024 came from Title I schools

93%

of teachers said they would recommend our field trips to a friend or colleague

In 2024, we received funding to offer full scholarships (including transportation) for field trips for 30 unique schools.

We utilize our three distinct habitats to enhance the fundamentals of environmental science in a controlled setting & correlated with Georgia Standards of Excellence.



VOLUNTEERS



7500+ volunteer hours in 2024

100% of survey responders were extremely satisfied with their experience

Because of our 2,000+ volunteers, our community is stronger.

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—that is the foundation of all our work at Dunwoody Nature Center.

“I had a fantastic experience! The staff were knowledgeable and happy to answer any questions I had. They also made sure everyone felt comfortable with the tasks we were assisting with.”

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In 2024, we put on two community festivals: our signature Butterfly Experience weekend and our brand-new Fairy Tale Forest Festival.

Both of these festivals engaged children and adults alike by presenting nature as an engaging community space for everyone to enjoy from storytelling to pollinator interactions.



3,850

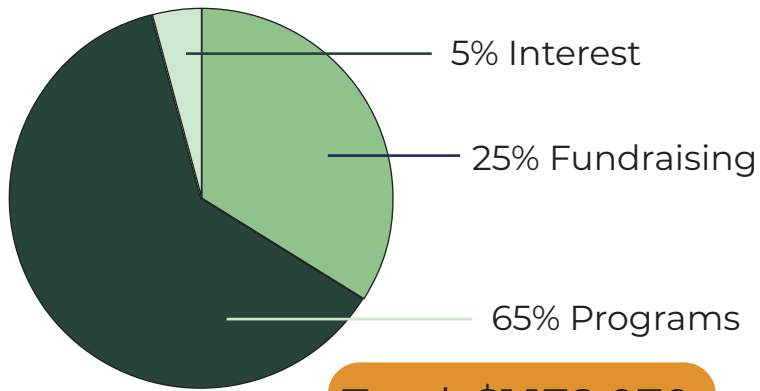
people attended our festivals throughout the year

“This was the best year yet! I loved the roadmap for the kids to guide us through crafts and educational activities. The entire family learned something!”



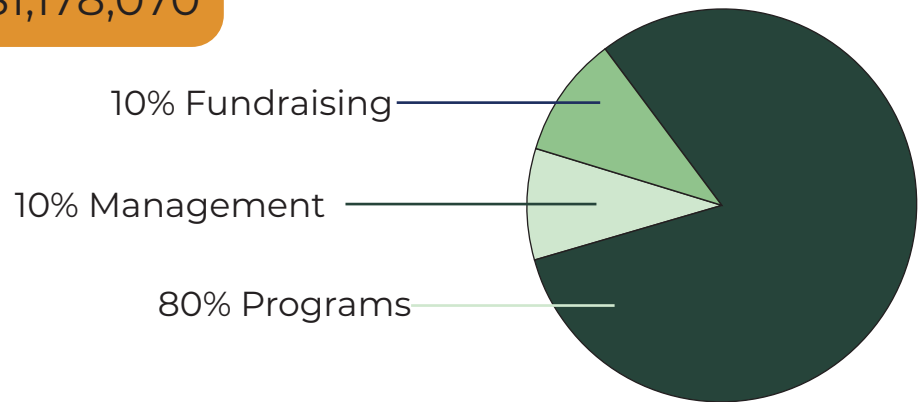
FINANCIALS

INCOME



Total: \$1,178,070

EXPENSE



Total: \$1,032,898



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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
7 Days a Week
Park Hours: Sunrise to Sundown
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