

We invite you to join Sandy Creek Nature Center

Memberships are valid one year from date of purchase.

*(Membership Benefits described below)

I would like to join to the following level:

- Individual \$25
- Family \$35
- Contributing \$100
- Sustaining \$250
- Patron \$500
- Benefactor \$5000 or more

Please fill out and return this form to: Memberships Sandy Creek Nature Center 205 Old Commerce Road Athens, GA 30607

All contributions and memberships are tax-deductible.

New _____ Renewal _____ Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

(city) (state) (zip)

Please indicate family members (provide ages of children)

If this is a gift membership, please give us your name and address (given by):

Memberships and additional contributions can be made by...

Check: Please make payable to Sandy Creek Nature Center

Charge card:

Please charge my tax-deductible membership/contribution of \$ _____ to:

Visa MasterCard

Expiration date: _____

Card number: _____

Signature: _____

Members are an essential part of Sandy Creek Nature Center. Members support the mission of the center with their time, talents and contributions. Members benefit from the center with a variety of programs, discounts and incentives. We invite you to join today!

About Sandy Creek Nature Center

Sandy Creek Nature Center is an educational facility located on a 225-acre natural preserve at the confluence of the North Oconee River and Sandy Creek, just off the Athens Perimeter off U.S. 441. The site provides a rich cross-section of Piedmont ecology and history. The site includes upland and lowland forests, wetlands, three ruins from a brick factory, and reforested old cotton fields. Sandy Creek Nature Center lies at the southern end of the Sandy Creek Greenway and its foot path, Cook's Trail, and soon will be connected to Athens via the paved North Oconee River Greenway.

Today, visitors enjoy the wooded beauty of the Nature Center's four miles of trails. Groups of students and their volunteer guides study plants and wildlife by the edge of Claypit Pond, or learn about life on Georgia's western frontier in an early 1800s log house. Walker Hall and the new ENSAT building provides classroom space and features interactive learning centers that introduce visitors to basic concepts of ecology in Georgia. A third interactive learning center focusing on agriculture is now being planned and will join the wetland and coastal learning centers. Through exhibits, programs, and informal visits, more than 4,000 people enjoy Sandy Creek each year.

Where our funding comes from

The Nature Center is a facility of the Athens-Clarke County Department of Leisure Services. General operating funds come from the Athens-Clarke Government. Additional funding is provided by the Sandy Creek Nature Center, Inc., a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that founded the Nature Center in 1973. Your membership contributions go directly to enhance the programs, equipment and facilities at the center.

Why we're here

Sandy Creek Nature Center exists to help people understand the natural world, especially the Georgia Piedmont, and our part in it. Our primary goals are:

- ◆ To stimulate awareness, appreciation and sound stewardship of our natural resources.
- ◆ To provide environmental education for the people of Clarke County and surrounding areas.

Membership benefits

The Nature Center facilities are open to everyone during normal operating hours, and trails are open from sunrise to sunset daily. In addition, members can:

- Provide support for an important community natural resource.

- Take guided hikes at the Nature Center or on other trails in North Georgia and other members-only events.
- Receive discounts for Sandy Creek Day Camp, mini-camps, birthday parties and other designated programs and purchases at the Frog Pond Gift Shop.
- Receive our newsletter and calendar, *The Hyla* three times per year.

Give to the future by joining today

Matching gifts

Many companies will match their employee's gifts to charitable and educational organizations. If your employer will match your contribution, please let us know!

Name of company _____
(please include matching gift forms)

Pledges

You can also make your gift in the form of a pledge.

Please bill/charge me:

monthly _____ quarterly _____

Endowments and special gifts

Sandy Creek Nature Center welcomes contributions and gifts to our Endowment Fund, which helps build the center's long-term financial security while providing tax advantages to you and/or your estate. Find out more by contacting us!

Phone: (706) 613-3615 x 235; fax: (706) 613-3618

Explore more!

Membership is only the first step in enjoying the full excitement and fun of Sandy Creek Nature Center. We encourage you to become more involved by volunteering with us, whether for an hour or two helping to clear a trail, or more formally as an assistant animal caretaker, trail guide or more. Please call us for information on the many opportunities available.

Contact us

If you want more information, please visit or call us at

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