

REI Generously Donates \$10,000 to the FONC

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The Friends of the Nature Center recently received a generous donation of \$10,000 from REI. This grant will not only allow the purchase of tools and materials to support the Nature Center's trail improvement and expansion program but also significantly enhance the Nature Center experience for volunteers and thousands of visitors. The materials will also allow staff to replace aged trail bridges, including those on the oldest trail on the property, the Canyon Ridge Trail. One of the Nature Center staff's greatest challenges is a lack of necessary tools for Natural Guard volunteers to complete trail upkeep. REI's donation will give natural resource management staff the ability to utilize groups of up to 30 people, nearly tripling current volunteer work groups at a time.

The Friends of the Nature Center would like to thank REI for its thoughtful donation. REI's financial support helps the Friends continue its mission to conserve, protect, and preserve the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge in perpetuity. We intend to maintain a long-term relationship with REI and hope to partner with the company again in the future for upcoming projects.