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McKinney, TX 75069



1 Nature Place  
McKinney, Texas 75069

## Hours

Monday-Saturday 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
Sunday 1 - 5 P.M.  
Closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's  
Open until 3 P.M. on Christmas and New Year's Eve

## Admissions

\$8 Adults  
\$5 Seniors and children ages 3-12  
Members and children under 3 are free

## Trails

Trails are open only when the museum is open.  
Check in at the front desk by 4 P.M. Guided trails are available Saturdays at 1 P.M. and Sundays at 2 P.M. First come, first serve; weather permitting. Call 972.562.5566, ext. 237 to reserve a trail guide. Fees may apply.

## Contact

972.562.5566/972.548.9119 (fax)  
heardmuseum.org

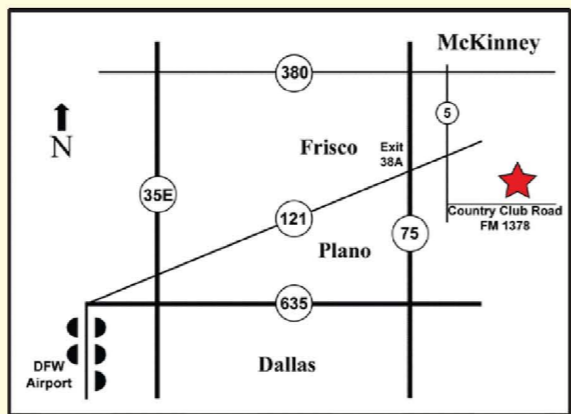
## Rental Facilities

Make your special occasion extraordinary! Enjoy dinners, retreats, birthdays, receptions, weddings, anniversaries and corporate events and meetings in a beautiful setting. For booking information and virtual tours, visit [heardmuseum.org](http://heardmuseum.org).

## Directions

Exit 38A off U.S. 75. Proceed east to SH 5, then south. The museum is one mile east of SH 5 on FM 1378.

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Oct/Nov/Dec 2008

2 New! Heard Ropes Course

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# HAVE YOU HEARD NEWS

*Bringing nature and people together*



## & Amphitheater Grand Opening

Oct 25, 6:30 - 10:30 PM

Experience the spooky side of nature at *Halloween at the Heard!* Kids will have the chance to trick-or-treat along the *Dinosaurs Alive!* exhibit trail featuring 12 life-size animatronic dinosaurs as well as participate in a costume contest.

You will also have the opportunity to enjoy a movie under the stars at the Grand Opening of the Heard's new amphitheater! The amphitheater will seat more than 500 guests and it has handicap seating and accessibility.

Halloween at the Heard sponsors include KLAK 97.5, American Bank, Huntington Learning Center, 6 Day Dental & Orthodontics and Market Street. Special admission tickets go on sale October 1st on the Heard website: [heardmuseum.org](http://heardmuseum.org)

### Attend the First Amphitheater Education Event!

#### *Predators from the Sky*

Thursday, October 16, 2-3 PM

Discover the unique adaptations raptors have for hunting and survival. Erich Neupert from Blackland Prairie Raptor Center will give a live "birds of prey" presentation including a hawk (diurnal raptor) and an owl (nocturnal raptor). Visit and enjoy this unique event! Free with regular admission.

#### Future Amphitheater Entertainment:

Education talks  
Concerts  
Outdoor theater  
Children's performances  
Rental opportunities

### EDUCATION

Homeschool &  
Preschool Classes

Now - Dec 18

Fall Night Hike

Oct 11, 8:15 PM

Field Journal  
Workshop with  
Mark Baldwin

Oct 14

Boy Scout Merit  
Badge Workshop:  
Mammal Study

November 8

Boy Scout Merit  
Badge Workshop:  
Environmental  
Science

December 6 & 13

Dinos After Dark  
Museum sleepover

November 14

### Artisan's Market

Sell your natural  
crafts at "Holidays at  
the Heard." Register  
now! Limited space.  
[vnorthcutt@heardmuseum.org](mailto:vnorthcutt@heardmuseum.org)



## Volunteer

### Museum volunteer

Opportunities are available for trail guides, animal caretakers and other museum activities. This also provides a fun opportunity for your child to learn about responsibility.

### Shop for you and the Heard

Help support the Heard by shopping at Kroger, Tom Thumb, or use the shop-for-museums link on our website. A percentage of qualifying purchases will be donated; contact us for details.

Contact us or visit our website to learn about [Heard History](#) and [Miss Bessie Heard](#).

Sign-up for our e-newsletter at [heardmuseum.org](http://heardmuseum.org) to receive more articles and information about the Heard as well as our Education e-newsletter. Event updates and special museum member e-vites are also sent via email so sign-up today!

## The New Heard Ropes Course: *Building Teams in Nature* by Marcy Freiberg

Trust, communication, teambuilding and leadership are a few of the skills your organization will focus on at The Heard Ropes Course. Within the last ten years, outdoor teamwork-enrichment programs have increased in popularity and The Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary is thrilled to participate in this expanding network through our Leadership Program. Our programs are uniquely created to give each participant and team an invaluable set of tools not only for personal growth, but also for professional development.

This fall, experience fourteen challenging high and low ropes course elements located in the beautiful deciduous forest. The Heard professional staff will work with you to create a unique program that will benefit your team.

### Get a Glimpse

- **Rock Climb** 110-foot high rock climb nestled within a 200 year old Bur Oak Tree
- **Team Power Pole** 40-foot high team pole finishing with a leap towards a trapeze
- **Trust Fall** The ultimate low element: Fall backwards from a 4-foot high platform into your teammates arms, trusting that they will catch you.
- **Zip Line** Ride the 500-foot zip line through the tree canopy

### Taking Reservations Now!

First to try the new Heard Ropes Course!

### Contact

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*Early Childhood Intervention  
of Life Path Systems*



## Fall Plant Sale

October 10-12

### Museum Member Only

October 10  
4:00-7:00 PM

### Open to the Public

October 11-12, regular business hours



Autumn Sage



Lantana

Choose from dozens of native plant varieties ideally suited for Texas weather and get expert advice to help you find the right plant for your landscape. Varieties include Fall blue aster, Gaura, Lantana, Turk's cap, Mexican petunia, Columbine, Autumn sage and Flame acanthus.

## Holidays at the Heard & Artisan's Market: Dec 6

Enjoy the "Holidays at the Heard" celebration on Saturday, December 6. Visitors will have the opportunity to take photos with Father Christmas and Mother Nature, tour the Heard *Dinosaurs Alive!* exhibit, make a holiday craft with their children, enjoy refreshments and shop the Artisan's Market.

## Artisan's Market Details

Do you, or someone you know, make a hand-crafted item either utilizing some of nature's resources or depicting nature? Why not consider selling those wares as a unique holiday gift item at the Heard's Artisan's Market?

The Heard anticipates a large crowd considering last year almost 1,000 people attended. Space is extremely limited and will be reserved on a first-come, first-paid basis. The cost is a nominal \$25. To register contact Vicki Northcutt at 972.562.5566, ext. 236, or e-mail [vnorthcutt@heardmuseum.org](mailto:vnorthcutt@heardmuseum.org).

## Sponsors

### Dinosaurs Alive!

Presented by  
Bessie Heard Foundation



### Halloween at the Heard



Participating Locations  
McKinney, Frisco, Plano



E-mail  
[akaiser@heardmuseum.org](mailto:akaiser@heardmuseum.org)  
for sponsor opportunities

## SAVE THE DATES

### Dinosaurs Alive!

Now-December 31

### Permanent Bee Exhibit

Open Now!

### Animals of the World: A Conservation Exhibit

Open Now!

### Fall Night Hike

October 11, 8:15 PM

### Fall Plant Sale

October 10-12, see website for hours

### Field Journal Workshop

October 14, 8 - 3 PM

### Halloween at the Heard

October 25, 6:30-10:30 PM

### Scout Merit Badge Workshops

November 8 & December 6 & 13

### Dinos After Dark Sleepover

November 14

### Holidays at the Heard & Artisan's Market

December 6

## Field Journal Workshop, Sign-up Now!

Would you like to learn habits and attitudes that promote inquiry and discovery about the natural world? A nature journal is a simple, yet effective way to record observations, organize data, make sense of what you observe and it can turn any contact with the natural world into an opportunity to learn. This workshop will engage you in a series of exercises and field experiences designed to sharpen observation and visual and verbal note-taking skills. You will transform a blank book into an indispensable tool for productive inquiry and personal discovery.

### Taking Reservations Now!

Professional Development Workshop with Mark Baldwin of the Roger Troy Peterson Institute

Oct 14, 8 AM - 3 PM

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