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**The Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary
& Volunteer McKinney Center**

present

Take a Hike! for your Community

Saturday, March 28th

9-11 AM

Hike the Heard to raise funds for your favorite participating partner organization. Receive a free continental breakfast, participate in children's activities, enjoy live entertainment and free museum admission for the day, and get a free t-shirt and water bottle while supplies last. You will also get the chance to win giveaways! Choose to take a tranquil hike on a half mile, mile, or one-and-a-half mile trail. Experience the beautiful Heard sanctuary while you support the community at this fun family event.

Hikers will have the opportunity to challenge themselves on the new Heard Ropes Course from 11-4 (with payment). Experience three exciting elements including a 110 ft. rock climb, a 500 ft. zip line and a power pole, and get the chance to win two free ropes course tickets. Details at heardmuseum.org.

Get involved! Register on-line at heardmuseum.org.

Donate to your organization of choice

(\$10 of each adult ticket and \$3 of each child ticket goes to your choice)

\$20 adults

\$5 kids 3-17

\$40 families of three or more (see website for more details)

Since *Take a Hike* is a fundraiser, no refunds will be offered and the event will take place rain or shine. The Heard will be closed to the public from 9AM- noon for the hike and will reopen at noon.

1 Nature Place, McKinney, TX 75070; 972.562.5566 www.heardmuseum.org

Current participants

3E McKinney

American Red Cross – McKinney

Avenues Counseling Center

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Chestnut Square Historical Village

Collin County Committee on Aging (Meals on Wheels)

Collin County Studies in Free Enterprise (SIFE)

Community Lifeline Center

Crape Myrtle Trails of McKinney

Cross Timbers Youth Orchestra

Grace Lake Ministries
Heard Natural Science Museum
ManeGait
McKinney Christian Academy
McKinney Education Foundation
Morning Pride Lions Club
Mothers Against Drunk Driving North Texas
North Collin County Habitat for Humanity
The Samaritan Inn
Scott Johnson Middle School Avid Class
Turning Point Rape Crisis Center
Visiting Nurses Association
Volunteer McKinney Center