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**Heard Ropes Course Ribbon Cutting Opened New Teambuilding Venue to Community
& Lowe's of North & South McKinney Renovated Education Annex Building**

Thursday, November 13, the Heard Natural Science Museum held a ribbon cutting for the new Heard Ropes Course. This event was hosted by the Heard to not only celebrate the opening of this excellent teambuilding setting, but also to express gratitude to Lowe's of North & South McKinney for their generous donation of materials and volunteers to the Heard Education Annex renovation project. This newly restored facility will be used in ropes activities and other Heard education programs. These gifts were provided to the Heard through the Lowe's Heroes Program. All paint for this project was contributed by Valspar Paint and Olympic Paint. Flexco donated the cove base.

The Heard Ropes Course will provide families and organizations a place to build teamwork and have fun in nature. The course will be available to individuals and families, civic groups, churches and businesses and organizations who are interested in doing something fun to create or enrich teamwork.

In attendance at this event included McKinney Chamber Ambassadors, MISD Partners in Education, McKinney CVB, McKinney Courier-Gazette, McKinney Update.com, Lowe's of North McKinney, KLAQ 97.5 and others as well as Heard volunteers and staff.

PICTURES

Annex Building renovations by Lowe's of McKinney are below. The last picture is one from the ribbon cutting.





Ribbon cutting includes the McKinney Chamber ambassadors and holding the ribbon include: Tim Baker (he is part of the McKinney chamber and he is holding the plaque), Chris Grimley (in the red vest; he is the McKinney North Lowe's store manager), Sy Shahid (Museum ED), Marcy Freiberg (Ropes/Outreach Coordinator), Amber Caceres (Marketing & Communications Director) and Nancy Cowlshaw (MISD Partners in Education)