



OZARK NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

Enhancing the understanding, appreciation and stewardship of the Ozark natural environment.

Press Release

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Ozark Natural Science Center Opens Office in Center for Nonprofits

Brief press conference: Thursday, July 22 at 11:15 a.m.

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The Ozark Natural Science Center will join a growing list of nonprofit organizations taking up residency at the Center for Nonprofits at St. Mary's, located at 1200 West Walnut in Rogers.

The Center for Nonprofits is a multi-tenant facility housing agencies providing health, education and human services to residents of northwest Arkansas in the former St. Mary's hospital location in Rogers. The vision of the CFN through the Jones Trust is to bring support to the nonprofit organizations who are serving and strengthening the community of northwest Arkansas.

The Ozark Natural Science Center will occupy an office on the second floor of the renovated building, making the organization accessible for the general public, staff, committees and board members and allowing more interaction with donors, stakeholders and the general public.

According to ONSC executive director Beth Stephens: "Our remote location on 500 acres of Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission land between Eureka Springs and Huntsville is what makes us special, but it also presents unique challenges as we work to ensure that ONSC is top-of-mind for the northwest Arkansas business community. Our true work and the fulfillment of our mission to enhance the understanding, appreciation and stewardship of the Ozark natural environment will always happen at our campus in the Bear Hollow Natural Area, but our new satellite office at the Center for Nonprofits at St. Mary's is an exciting step as our organization continues to evolve."

ONSC friends, board members, educators, families and the general public are invited to join us for a brief announcement of our new space on Thursday, July 22 at 11:15 a.m. at the Center for Nonprofits. Following the announcement will be a meeting of ONSC Corps, our dynamic volunteer outreach organization. It's an excellent time to join us and learn about ONSC Corps.

The Ozark Natural Science Center is a private, non-profit field science education facility on the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission's Bear Hollow Natural Area in rural Madison county between Eureka Springs and Huntsville. ONSC offers summer camps and adult and family programming, but is best known as the site of life-altering school excursions for more than 4,000 public and private school students from Arkansas and beyond each year. The ONSC campus includes three lodges, indoor and outdoor classrooms, an observation deck and nearly eight miles of maintained hiking trails. ONSC employs a team of twenty two administrative, food service and maintenance staff including field staff with backgrounds ranging from aquatic resources to zoology.

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