



March 2026

Dear Friends:

We are thrilled to announce that Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary's 9th annual fundraiser, Dinner in the Forest, will be Sunday, September 13, 2026. We would love your attendance and support!

This intimate evening of casual elegance offers the unique opportunity to share pre-dinner cocktails and delicious food with friends while surrounded by the forested beauty of Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary. Attire for the evening is your favorite forest finery – jeans and gumboots or hiking shoes.

Dinner in the Forest is an exclusive event with limited seating. It sells out quickly. We hope you will become a sponsor to sustain and grow Owl's Hill's programs and trails.

By sponsoring Dinner in the Forest, you provide a protected a home for more than 2,000 species of local flora and fauna that thrive in the hills, forests, creeks, ponds, and meadows of the 300 acres at Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary. Your support also provides nature-based programming for all ages: from family favorites like Marshmallow Hikes, Owl Day, and Summer Camps; to school field trips, outreach and teacher training; to adult education like the Tennessee Naturalist Program, bluebird nest box building, creative writing, and so much more. Your sponsorship also supports national wildlife research programs for bird banding, bird counts, butterfly counts, and monarch larvae studies.

Your involvement ensures that each of our 10,000+ annual visitors enjoys a meaningful experience with nature and helps create a world that values and protects nature.

Enclosed are the sponsorship levels and benefits that come with your investment. Please contact a committee member below or development director, Alison Gower at (615) 370-4672 with any questions. Don't delay. Let us know you will join us. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Tracy Stadnick
Co-Chair

Elisabeth Sandberg
Co-Chair

Dinner in the Forest Committee

Shawn Blankenship | Sharron Francis | Ashley Hart | Mimi and Russ Heldman
Llew Ann King | Deborah McQuaig | Jenni Moran | Leisha Nischan

WHY SHOULD YOU BE A SPONSOR?

On Sunday, September 13, 2026, Dinner in the Forest will be at Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary. The evening features cocktails, farm-to-fork fare, and more. Approximately 170 guests attend this unique, outdoor dining event celebrating middle Tennessee's nature sanctuary gem.

Owl's Hill provides a protected home for the more than 2,000 species of local flora and fauna that thrive in the hills, forests, creek, ponds, and meadows of our 300-acre nature sanctuary. We are a special place for visitors of all ages to explore the great outdoors, learn about our native wildlife and connect with nature.

Establish your organization's position in the community as an environmental leader by supporting this worthwhile event. Proceeds from the evening will support our work to restore, conserve and protect native flora and fauna while stirring a passion for nature and encouraging all ages to get outdoors.

TOP 3 REASONS TO INVEST

EDUCATION

Serving schoolchildren, scouts, and the general public from across Middle Tennessee, your investment will help provide 100+ experiential, nature-based, outdoor programs for our visitors including more than 4,000 schoolchildren and their teachers.

Year-round public program offerings include Tennessee Naturalist training and Knee-High Naturalists; Wildflower, Fall Color, Night, and Marshmallow hikes; Owl Day; annual bird and butterfly counts; scout programs, native plant sale; Wild about Bluebirds Raptor Day; Summer Camps; and more.

IMPACT

A growing body of evidence strongly suggests the importance of nature to a child's health, happiness and their ability to learn. Your investment will enrich the lives of the students and families who visit as well as directly impact the flora, fauna and ecological wellbeing of Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary. Your investment will foster the importance of protecting our rich and diverse native habitats, plants and animals. You will also help inspire future generations of conservationists, that will value and protect nature and the wildlife within it.

EXPOSURE

eNewsletter Distribution: 6,000+ active subscribers; 53% open rate Facebook: 7,055+ followers
Instagram: 3,084+ followers

Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary is a private 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We receive no state or local funding. Proceeds from this event will provide vital operating and program support so visitors of all ages and backgrounds can experience the magic, wonder and beauty of all that is wild at Owl's Hill.

Sponsorships are available from \$1,000 to \$10,000.



DINNER IN THE FOREST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES	SANCTUARY BENEFACTOR \$10,000	BLACK WALNUT WARRIOR \$5,500	SWEETGUM GUARDIAN \$3,600	FOREST FRIEND \$1,000
Tickets to Dinner in the Forest	8 Tickets	6 Tickets	4 Tickets	2 Tickets
Day Passes: Come explore Owl's Hill on self-guided hikes during regular hours, Monday - Saturday	16	12	8	4
Name / Logo on printed invitations (subject to printing deadlines)	LOGO	LOGO	LOGO	Name
Name / Logo prominently displayed at event (subject to printing deadlines)	LOGO	LOGO	LOGO	Name
Name / Logo on event website page and electronic materials	LOGO	LOGO	LOGO	Name
Social Media recognition on Facebook and Instagram	LOGO	LOGO	LOGO	Name
Invitation to Sunset at the Sanctuary: an evening of great food and drink to show appreciation for our supporters	●	●	●	●
Annual Rambler Pass (\$250 value) Unlimited visits for up to 6 people during hours of operation.	2 Passes	1 Pass		
Private Tour / Corporate Outing for up to 10 people with Owl Meet & Greet (\$185 value) Book in advance; subject to date availability. Schedule within 12 months.	●	●		
Choose Your Own Adventure: 90-minute private walking tour with our naturalist for up to 10 people. (\$185 value) Book in advance; subject to date availability. Schedule within 12 months.	●	●		



SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT FORM

(online form available at <https://www.owlshill.org/DIF>)

Sponsor Name _____ Date _____

Company Name (if business purchase) _____

Social Media Information _____

Contact Person _____ Title _____

Name for recognition purposes (if different) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

MARK YOUR CHOICE	SPONSOR LEVEL	AMOUNT
	Sanctuary Benefactor*	\$10,000
	Black Walnut Warrior*	\$5,500
	Sweetgum Guardian*	\$3,600
	Forest Friend	\$1,000

*Please email your high resolution (300 dpi or greater) logo to giving@owlshill.org

We will not be able to attend but would like to support the Nature Sanctuary's work with the enclosed contribution of \$ _____

PLEASE CHOOSE THE FORM OF PAYMENT

- Check enclosed and made payable to: Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary
 Send an invoice to the above address with due date of (month), 2026. Payment due by July 1.

To return form by mail:

Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary
Attn: DIF
545 Beech Creek Road South
Brentwood, TN 37027

By email: giving@owlshill.org

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