



December 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to the Friends of San Antonio Natural Areas (FoSANA) e-newsletter! We share natural areas news, the Friends' efforts, and opportunities to get involved in volunteering or educational programs at San Antonio's natural area parks. Please check our website, www.fosana.org, for periodic updates and program information.

Upcoming Natural Areas Events - December 2025

Follow the links below for more information and to register.

12/3/2025	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Friedrich	Growing Up Wild
12/3/2025	1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Friedrich	Wilderness Explorers
12/5/2025	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Friedrich	Starting Out Wild
12/6/2025	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Friedrich	Hike: Discovering Trees
12/6/2025	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Medina	Christmas Alebrije
12/6/2025	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Medina	Nature Holiday Cards
12/6/2025	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Friedrich	Art in the Park
12/9/2025	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Medina	Tree Cookie Ornaments
12/9/2025	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Friedrich	Story Time
12/10/2025	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Friedrich	Growing Up Wild
12/12/2025	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Friedrich	Starting Out Wild
12/13/2025	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Friedrich	Art in the Park
12/13/2025	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Hardberger	Star Party (Military Hwy side)
12/17/2025	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Friedrich	Growing Up Wild
12/19/2025	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Friedrich	Starting Out Wild
12/20/2025	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Crownridge	Nature Walk
12/20/2025	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Friedrich	Art in the Park

Perfect Pairings: Picture Books & Our Parks

Pair a visit to a FoSANA park with a great kids' nature book!

By Catherine Stier

In this monthly series, we highlight a book that connects with the features, flora or fauna of our San Antonio Natural Areas to enhance your family's visits to and understanding of these very special places. Reading nature books to children also promotes literacy and encourages the appreciation of wildlife and natural areas. All books are available at the San Antonio libraries.

This Month's Book:

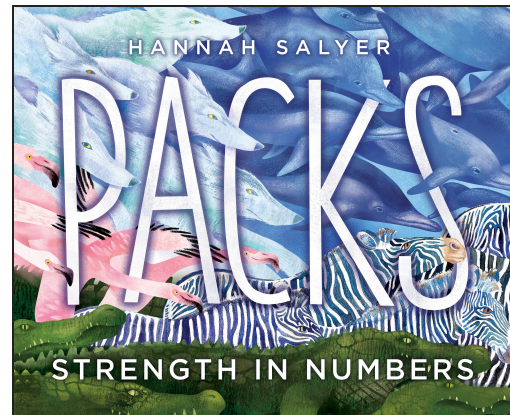
Packs: Strength in Numbers

Written and illustrated by Hannah Salyer

HarperCollins

Recommended Ages: 4 - 7

All together now! This picture book illuminates the ways many kinds of animals find strength, protection and other benefits from joining forces in large groups. Accompanied by vivid illustrations, the text shares the word for these gatherings – huddles, herds and packs-- but also some unusual, even amusing terms, such as a flamboyance of flamingoes. Many of the featured creatures can be found in our parks, including bats, ants and monarch butterflies.



Connection to Our Natural Areas:

As you travel with your own family “pack” through our parks, think about the animals that form groups in our area. Javelinas, recently spotted at Friedrich Wilderness Park, travel in family groups called squadrons, according to some sources. White-tailed deer may be loners or part of a herd, as reported on the Texas Parks & Wildlife website (see link below). Similarly, coyotes may hunt on their own or in a pack. Why might some animals prefer to stay in groups? And why might other animals choose to be more solitary?

Additional Resources:

Learn more about javelinas in this Texas Parks & Wildlife article: “[Javelinas Keep It All in the Family.](#)”

Check out the TPWD Texas Junior Naturalist site’s information about our state’s abundant [white-tailed deer](#) and [coyote](#) populations.

Catherine Stier holds a Masters in Reading and Literacy and is a certified Texas Master Naturalist. She is the award-winning author of more than 20 children’s books, including IF I WERE A PARK RANGER and A VOTE IS A POWERFUL THING, a book that highlights the importance of protecting our natural areas. Stier lives and writes in San Antonio.

See Something Concerning in the Natural Areas? Speak Up!

As a member of FoSANA, you are an important advocate and steward of our natural areas. Your eyes and ears are valuable tools on the trails.

- If you encounter evidence of **vandalism or damage to park property or infrastructure**, report your concern by calling 311 or visiting <https://311.sanantonio.gov/services>.
- If you notice **suspicious behavior or unattended suspicious items** that may pose safety risks, call the non-emergency police line at (210) 207-7273.
- If you witness an **emergency**—violence, medical crises, crimes in progress, or immediate danger—call 911 immediately.

Thank you for helping keep our natural areas clean and safe for everyone to enjoy!

Are you connected to San Antonio Natural Areas on social media?

You can like us on [Facebook](#).

Find us on Instagram account at <https://www.instagram.com/fosanaofficial/>

Are you a member of Friends of San Antonio Natural Areas (FoSANA)?

Becoming a member of FoSANA, a 501(c) nonprofit, is the best way to promote stewardship of San Antonio's Natural Areas! Each year, your membership helps us offer

- over 200 environmental education and outreach programs serving over 5,200 children and adults
- over 400 volunteer programs (that's 7,500 volunteer hours!) to maintain trails, conserve and restore habitats, and tend native landscapes and gardens.

By joining or renewing your membership [online](#) today, you can help keep this great work going.

Plus, when you renew your membership, you'll receive our monthly newsletter with updates on natural area happenings and upcoming events. If you need any assistance or have questions about your membership, please email us at info@fosana.org.

Sincerely,
FoSANA Board

Friends of San Antonio Natural Areas is dedicated to promoting stewardship of San Antonio's Natural Areas, and to the understanding and appreciation of nature through educational and scientific programs.

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