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Keeping In Touch

Wow, what a spring we have had so far! We just hosted our "Party for the Planet" and it was a huge success with 446 in attendance. There were plenty of activities for the children, both educational and fun.

We have a busy summer planned starting with Stroll & Show on June 8th @ 7:00, bring your lawn chairs and blankets and watch the movie "Shark Tale" under the stars. On June 24th we will host an Open House from 1:00 to 3:00. Zoo camp will be July 9-13th.

As always the flowers are beautiful thanks to our hard working staff, come down and enjoy them and bring the kids to play on the toys in our new Preston Forest Adventure.

Lori Clark, EFOZ President

Upcoming Events !!

Photo Zoofari - May-August

Stroll & Show - June 8 / 7:00 pm

Annual EFOZ Open House - June 24 / 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Zoo Camp - July 9-13 / 9:00am - 12:00pm

preregister & fee applies



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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Summer is fast approaching and the Zoo is busting at the seams with excitement as we prepare for summer events. June is Zoo month so I urge you to visit the Zoo often and if you are planning a road trip this summer, be sure to visit one of more than 200 Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accredited zoos and aquariums. Emporia Friends of the Zoo members can get discounted or free admission at nearly 150 of them all over the United States. You will discover that today's zoos are not only sanctuaries for rare and endangered animals. They are also educators of children, with missions of teaching all ages to appreciate our planet's wildlife. The David Traylor Zoo is no exception as we strive to meet our mission of conservation, education and recreation. The unique plants and animals have created a living classroom for over 20,000 visitors already this year.

While capturing special moments at the Zoo this summer be sure to enter your photos in our Photo Zoofari contest that began in mid-May and will end August 31. Our sponsors have provided really nice prizes for 3 age groups and 3 different categories. The photos will be judged by the Emporia Camera Club and winners will be announced in September. You can find more information on our website at www.emporiazoo.org.

Stroll & Show will be held June 8 at 7pm with the movie "Shark Tale." The events activities are free to the public thanks to our sponsors U.S. Cellular, Flint Hills Optimist Club, Country Mart North, Dave's Pumping Service and the City of Emporia. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs and sleeping bags and enjoy an evening of fun.

To finish off the month, EFOZ will be hosting the Annual Open House on June 24 with tours in the off-exhibit area, quarantine and veterinary facility. A chance to interact with our animal ambassadors, receive free popcorn and balloons, be entertained by activities and plenty of hotdogs, beverages and merchandise will be available for purchase. It is sure to be a fun-filled adventure from 1-3 pm.

We hope your family's summer is full of wonderful memories - and we hope many of them are made right here at the David Traylor Zoo!

Until next time.....*Lisa Keith*

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Docent Report

Time flies when you're having fun, and that's just what we have been doing! To start where we left off in March...

You may have seen some of our Docents at the Flint Hills Mall for the Hunting & Fishing Expo, where the snapping turtles had a whopping 387 visitors. We also participated in the Expanding Your Horizons workshops at Emporia State University where Zookeeper Jen Sweetman spoke to young ladies about careers, and Outreach Coordinator Erin Lingenfelter presented hands-on workshops about the wildlife trade. Our annual Spring Forward for Amphibians event was a bit of a disappointment due to the rainy weather. We attempted to leave our booths up in the classroom over spring break, hoping for more visitors but the weather decided to be uncooperative the entire week. Later in the month, the Teddy Bear Clinic at the Flint Hills Mall drew 543 visitors to see the Screech Owl and the Short Eared Owl & hear their rehabilitation stories. We have had two more birthday parties, one of which was for TWINS, and several more are scheduled. Our annual Party for the Planet attendance was one of the largest yet with 446 visitors to the zoo & zoo education classroom. All of this on top of the usual care home visits, two weeks packed full of end-of-the-year school field trips, an "All about Eggs" Kidzooation program on May 23rd and Docent Training the week of May 21st-25th. Whew!

Next up we are planning for "Stroll & Show / World Oceans Day, Open House & Zoo Camp!

BECOME AN EMPORIA ZOO DOCENT!!

- Do you like animals and people?
- Are you outgoing & dependable?
- Are you a fan of the Emporia Zoo and would like to share your enthusiasm?
- Do you think it would be fun to handle animals and talk about them?
- Would you like to help with special events like Open House, Zoo Camp and Boo in the Zoo?
- Will you make time to volunteer at least 12 hours a year (1 hour/month)?
- Are you a member of the Friends of the Zoo or willing to become one?
- Are you at least 16 years old?

If your answers are "yes!" you can be an Emporia Zoo Docent!! Call Erin Lingenfelter at 341-4365 for information on a future training session.

CONSERVATION MESSAGE:

World Oceans Day is coming up on June 8th! Join us at the David Traylor Zoo for Stroll & Show with a showing of "Shark Tale", along with educational crafts & booths about the ocean. The objective of World Oceans Day is to generate awareness to conserve & protect our oceans. Why? Because when people understand the connection between all that the oceans offer us (from the air we breathe, the food we eat, the water we drink, to regulating our climate), and how our everyday habits affect the ocean, only then will people change their perspectives & change their ways. Ocean protection must be viewed as a way of life. Whether you live inland or on the coast, you affect, and are affected by, the ocean.

A few tips to help the Oceans:

- Make smart seafood choices by purchasing sustainable harvested seafood.
- Conserve water & keep our water clean.
- Use less plastic & recycle when possible.
- Reduce your carbon footprint.
- Limit your use of chemicals.
- Share your knowledge!

Erin Lingenfelter
Outreach Coordinator
David Traylor Zoo

photo Zoofari

at the David Traylor Zoo

AIM, FOCUS and TAKE your best shot during **Photo Zoofari at the David Traylor Zoo of Emporia**. The Zoo's photo contest is open to **all photographers**.

Photos will be judged in the following categories & age divisions:

Category #1- Animal(bird, mammal, reptile, amphibian)

Category#2- Plant or Insect

Category#3- Friends & Family



Division A- Ages 11 and under

Division B- Ages 12-17

Division C- Ages 18 and older

Participation in Photo Zoofari is easy. All photos **MUST** be taken at the David Traylor Zoo (obvious zoo background) between May 15 and August 31, 2012 and submitted to or received at the David Traylor Zoo by 5:00PM on August 31, 2012.

RULES

-All Zoo rules **MUST** be followed! Rules can be found on the main entry gate.

-Photo must be printed on photography-grade paper with the longest side equal to 10 inches and the shortest side no larger than 8 inches. Photos do **NOT** need to be mounted.

-Contestants may enter one photo per category.

-Prizes awarded for the best photo in each category in every age division.

***Written consent forms must be filled out and turned in with photo, granting the David Traylor Zoo unlimited use of the photos for future advertising, education, and/or promotion without compensation to the photographer. Although photo credit will not appear in advertising, it will be applied elsewhere when practical. The photos become the property of the Zoo and will **NOT** be returned.*

Entry/Consent forms available on our website www.emporiazoo.org or for pickup at the Zoo Education Center located at 75 Soden Road.

**Mail entries to: Lisa Keith
David Traylor Zoo of Emporia
75 Soden Road
Emporia, Kansas 66801**

Judging date: September, 2012

Event Sponsors:

Emporia Camera Club

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Annual Open House



Sunday, June 24

1:00 - 3:00 PM

(The zoo will open at 1:00 PM)

- ★ **tour off-exhibit area, quarantine and veterinary building**
- ★ **visit the Zoo Education Center to interact with animal ambassadors**
- ★ **purchase animal-related souvenirs**
- ★ **freshly grilled hot dogs and ice cold beverages will be for sale**
- ★ **Fire Department will offer children's activity**
- ★ **purchase a ride on the Sertoma miniature train**
- ★ **free popcorn and balloons (while they last)**
- ★ **Docents, staff and volunteers will be available to answer your questions**