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Keeping In Touch

It is with great enthusiasm that I write my first EFOZ newsletter article. I am very fortunate to be a part of the David Traylor Zoo; it is truly a jewel of our community. With the daylight savings time change behind us and warmer temperatures in our future, it is time to get outside and enjoy the zoo! The park staff has been working diligently to prepare for the spring bloom.

The EFOZ membership drive is nearing completion and I would like to thank you for joining or renewing. Memberships make great gifts and you can always extend an invitation to a friend telling them all the reasons you choose to be a member of EFOZ.

I would also like to thank everyone for their participation in the Zoo Roundup Auction. It looks like the total amount raised will be around \$26,800. What a tremendous investment in our local zoo... THANK YOU!

We have a number of exciting events planned for this spring. Please mark your calendars for April 21st for Party for the Planet. Also remember that June is national zoo month. We will celebrate with Stroll & Show on June 7th and with the EFOZ Open House on June 23rd.

Please take time to visit our beautiful zoo!

Shane Shivley, EFOZ President

Upcoming Events!

Party for the Planet – April 21st / 1:00 p.m.

Kidzoocation – May 11th / 10:00 a.m.

Zoo month – June

Stroll & Show – June 7th / 7:00pm

EFOZ Open House – June 23rd / 1:00-3:00pm



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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Hello Zoo Friends,

Spring is upon us and the recent rains we have received have been a blessing. I'm sure I am speaking for many as it will be a welcome sight to see the Zoo's inhabitants out scampering around in the greening grasses over the next few weeks and for others, it may be the trees budding and the flowers blooming. Either way, the temperatures will be warming and the beauty of nature will prevail.

The EFOZ board recently held their annual Round-up auction at the Emporia Country Club. A BIG thank you goes out to everyone who joined us or donated to this worthy cause. Every dollar raised will help to meet EFOZ's mission "to provide financial support in the expansion and development of the Zoo." Most recently, they partnered with the City of Emporia to complete an updated master plan for the Zoo. That plan is well underway and I look forward to sharing it with you when it is complete.

Summer hours will begin on May 29th with extended hours on Sunday and Wednesday evenings until 8pm. The Docents will also be in the Zoo on Sunday afternoons beginning in April from 1-2:30pm with educational artifacts, if the weather permits.

Stroll & Show will be held on June 7, beginning at 7pm. This year the movie will be Beverly Hills Chihuahua, which is about a ritzy Beverly Hills chihuahua, who finds herself lost in Mexico and is in need of assistance in order to get back home to her owner. This event is open to the public and is free of charge. Bring the whole family along with your lawn chairs, blankets and sleeping bags as we camp out for an evening (*not over night*) on the Zoo Education Center lawn for this light-hearted movie. This event would not be possible without our community partners, U.S. Cellular, Flint Hill's Optimist Club, Country Mart North, Bluestem Farm & Ranch Supply and Dave's Pumping Service.

Final thoughts.....as summer draws near, please plan to visit the Zoo and take advantage of one of the *most beautiful* places Emporia has to offer.

Until next time.....

Lisa Keith

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Docent Report

Spring has finally sprung!

The Emporia Zoo Docent program started off the New Year by attending the ESU Activities Fair on campus, where approximately 300 students were in attendance. February came quickly with the usual Daycare and Adult Care home visits keeping us busy. We held a Valentine's Day Kidzooocation program on the evening of the 13th with 8 families attending for a total of 17 participants. Anyone who attended the Sunflower Gym-nastics Tournament may have seen our Docent booth set up with pelts for the attending gymnasts and spectators, where we had contact with about 90 people. The David Traylor Zoo also had a booth set up at the Spring Expo, with attendance of over 1,200 people, despite the heavy snow. March brought the annual Hunting & Fishing Expo, with approximately 600 people stopping to see our booth. The Docents also participated in Expanding Your Horizons at ESU with over 90 students attending our discussion & workshops. We set our clocks forward an hour with our annual Spring Forward for Amphibians event. Although the weather was chilly, we had over 50 people attend which was held in the Zoo Education Center.

What's coming up next? Look for us at the Teddy Bear Clinic on **Saturday April 6th** at the Flinthills Mall. April is also our annual Earth Day celebration. Join us Sunday, **April 21st from 1p-3p** to help us "Party for the Planet" in the Zoo and Zoo Education Center. We will have demonstrations, crafts and games about conserva-tion, recycling and more! We are planning a Mother's Day Kidzooocation program in the Zoo Education Center on **Saturday May 11th at 10am**. Don't forget to pre-register! The Summer Reading Program this year is titled "Dig It!". Children visiting libraries in the surrounding counties will learn about some zoo diggers. June will bring Stroll & Show on **Friday, June 7th at 7pm**. Enjoy an evening stroll through the Zoo followed by a big screen movie & snacks on the lawn of the Zoo Education Center. The annual EFOZ Open House will be **Sunday, June 23rd from 1p-3p**. July will bring Zoo Camp. Register your 3rd or 4th grader now on the form included in this newsletter.

I have begun planning for a toddler storytime geared towards stay-at-home parents and home daycare providers. Dates and times have not been set, but if you would like information as it becomes available, please email emporiazooed@emporia-kansas.gov or call me at (620) 341-4372.

---Erin Lingenfelter, Outreach Coordinator

WE NEED YOUR HELP ☺

Here is a list of items we need for Zoo Camp this year. If you are willing to donate any of these items, please drop them by the office, or give us a call and we'll pick them up at your convenience. Thanks so much!

- Empty tennis ball containers - 32
- NEW* White tube socks - 48
- NEW* Grey crew socks - 16
- Black, white, brown & yellow felt
- Decorative moss
- 1 inch wide fabric ribbon (red, yellow, green)
- Refrigerator boxes
- Polyfill stuffing – 3 bags
- Blue Model Magic clay

CONSERVATION CORNER

Many gardeners are seeking ways to save water and keep their gardens, too. Look into rain barrels & graywater to keep your flowerbeds & gardens happy.

Graywater- Graywater is leftover water from washing dishes, laundry and bodies. According to graywatergardening.com, a family of 4 generates over 100 gallons per day, or 3,000 gallons per month of graywater. Graywater gardening can be as simple as a bucket under the kitchen sink and converting to detergents free of phosphates, or as complex as a complete garden irrigation system, installed with the help of a licensed plumber.

Rain Barrels & Solar Stills- Rain barrels, also known as a catchment system, are an old fashioned, low-tech water conservation method for gardeners. By connecting your drainspouts to rain barrels, you'll need less from your well or government supply lines. Rain barrels can also be connected to the downspout of a roof. Downspouts can also be directly routed to the garden.



black-footed ferret puppets

ZOO CAMP 2013 HABITATS



prairie dog puppets



life-sized prairie dog town

WHEN: July 8-12 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

WHERE: David Traylor Zoo of Emporia

WHO: Children who have completed 3rd or 4th grade

FEE: \$35 for EFOZ member or \$45 non-member

Enrollment is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. For this fun and exciting ZOO CAMP, please return the registration form and fee to: Emporia Zoo Docents, PO Box 345, Emporia KS 66801-0345

Checks received after the camp is full will be returned and the student's name will be placed on a waiting list.

REGISTRATION FORM

Participant's Name _____ (Please Print) Nickname _____ Male / Female
please circle

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Bus. Phone _____ Grade completed ____ Fee ____ (\$35/\$45) T-Shirt Size: Youth ____ (M/ L) Adult ____ (S/M/L)

WAIVER STATEMENT

The undersigned, as parent or legal guardian of the registered participant states that he/she understands that the Emporia Friends of the Zoo, the City of Emporia, and the Emporia Zoo Docents are not and shall not be responsible or liable for any illness, injury to person or damage to property resulting from the Zoo Camp, and the undersigned, on behalf of themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators, and the registered participant and their heirs, executors and administrators, do hereby remise, release and forever discharge the City of Emporia, Emporia Friends of the Zoo and the Emporia Zoo Docents from all claims, demands, actions or causes of action on account of any injury or illness to the participant or damage to property resulting from or during the Zoo Camp and the attendance thereat, and does further waive any claim resulting from any photograph, photographic likeness or video tape taken of the participant while attending and participating in the Zoo Camp and does further authorize the use of such photograph, photographic likeness or video tape by and as deemed appropriate by the Emporia Friends of the Zoo and the Emporia Zoo Docents.

Signature of Authorized Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Eco-cell recycling program

We are now accepting the following items for the Eco-cell recycling program. Please bring items you are no longer using and we will send them to Eco-cell who will recycle the products and keep the environment safe from the toxins located inside these units. Items we accept include:

cell phones; MP3 players; hand held games; e readers; digital, still and video cameras; laptops; GPS; portable hard drives



★ EFOZ ROUNDUP

Through the generosity of the donors (listed below) and attendees, we were able to raise over \$26,800 for the Zoo and its programs. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you next year!

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You're Invited

to

“Party for the Planet”!

Join us Sunday April 21st from 1-3pm in the David Traylor Zoo and Zoo Education Center for our annual Earth Day Celebration.

Enjoy kids games, demonstrations and crafts to promote conservation.



This event is free for all ages & does NOT require registration.

Contact the Zoo office at 341-4365 for more information.