

Emily Sexson – Education Specialist- 03/06/17 – Spring Break Edventure

Spring won't officially arrive until March 20th, but the education team at the zoo plans to kick off spring a week early with our Spring Break Edventure running Monday, March 13th through Friday, March 17th. This half day camp begins at 8 a.m. and ends at noon. Throughout the week we'll be focusing on our theme "Bloom and Buzz", learning about the environment as well as the unique ways animals survive this ever changing season.

It's not too late to sign up your 1st through 5th grade student for tons of fun, continued education, and behind the scenes opportunities at the zoo. We'll even accept registrations the first morning of camp! The weeklong edventure will kick off with an in-depth look at the world around us. We'll dive into the importance of water, breathe a little easier learning how we can help keep our air clean, and get a little dirty exploring the ins and outs of the earth we live on.

Edventurers will learn, play, and create, as well as meet animal ambassadors, chat with staff members, and get special opportunities to go behind the scenes. Topics include "Eat or be Eaten", with insight on the vital role plants play in our ecosystems as well as learning about carnivorous plants. We'll meet the zoo's largest herbivores (plant-eating animals), as well as grow our own edible plants.

Of course, you can't talk about plants without discussing pollinators, the vital animals that keep plants thriving. We'll also learn about what we can do to help our native species by providing or planting natural habitat. We'll jump into the world of entomology to study and meet an array of insects as well as other invertebrates (animals lacking backbones). There will also be opportunities to meet some vertebrates (animals with backbones). We'll voyage out to the Sand Sage Bison Range for a chance to get a closer look at the bison and discuss how spring changes the prairie and the animals who call it home.

For \$75 (\$70 for FOLRZ members) attendees will receive an exclusive Edventure hat, snacks, a

ton of fun, as well as one of a kind opportunities. If you're interested in registering a special child in your life, or would like more information about our Spring Break Edventure, please call 620-276-1250, e-mail emily.sexson@gardencityks.us , or visit our website at www.leerichardsonzoo.org.