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Youth education comes in many forms at the Flint Hills Discovery Center. The first Friday of every month is **Tallgrass Tales** for preschoolers. They have the opportunity to hear stories and participate in a craft activity. Tallgrass Tales is free of charge in the Flint Hills Discovery Center Lobby.

The **Preschoolers in the Flint Hills** classes learn about the region and discover new and interesting things about the wonders of the Flint Hills where they live. They can participate in a variety of activities and experience hands-on learning. This one-hour program occurs at various times, so check the Discovery Center website for available dates and program costs.

Adventure Camp is a unique Discovery Center program offered throughout the school year for kids grades K-6. It is a great opportunity for them to learn about the Flint Hills when their regular school classes are not in session. For available dates and registration, go to the Discovery Center website and check the next class offering. Your child will have a great time and be in the know!

Helping put the "Flint Hills on the MAP." Now that school is back in session, your kids or grandkids may have mentioned that they have seen the **Flint Hills Educational Map** on display in their school. Over the course of the last couple of years, the **FHDC Foundation** was able to assist with the **"You Are Here: Flint Hills Map & Education Project."** More than a map, the display is an instructional tool for teachers to discuss the geology, history and ecology of the Flint Hills.

MAP project volunteers and personnel were able to **place displays in 183 K-12 schools, 10 universities/colleges and 10 public locations throughout the Flint Hills.** The Foundation acted as the fiscal agent for the project. Emily Hunter Connell served as project director, and Annie Wilson served as program coordinator. These two raised all the funds to provide these maps at no cost to the K-12 schools!! **Thank you Emily** (Butler County) and **Annie** (Chase County) for your vision and tenacity!

Where will you find a Map? Butler Community College, El Dorado; **Emporia State University** (with three displays at the William Allen White Library, Visser Hall, and The Ross Reservation); **Flint Hills Technical College**, Emporia; **Kansas State University** at the Student Union and Throckmorton Hall; **Manhattan Area Technical College**; **Tri-County Technical College** at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and **Tulsa Community College**.

You will also see the Map on display at these public locations: **Camp Wood YMCA**, Elmdale; **Lyon County History Center**, Emporia; **Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve**, Strong City and Pawhuska; **Osage Nation Interpretive Center**, Pawhuska; **Rock Springs 4-H Camp**; **Konza Biological Station**; **Pioneer Bluffs Historic Ranch**, Matfield Green; **Flying W Guest Ranch**, Cedar Point; and the **Flint Hills Discovery Center**.

The **Map's educational program** is located at <http://www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/243/Flint-Hills-Map-Education-Program>.

You may have noticed Dave Kendall, of Prairie Hollow Productions is out and about on the Flint Hills prairie again. He is shooting for his next production called, "**Prairie Women: Engaging Women of the Flint Hills.**" Dave and his wife, Laura Mead, are producing this film about some of the notable women actively engaged in the promotion, preservation and protection of the Flint Hills, as well as reflecting upon the pioneering experiences of those who came before them. The new production focuses on women engaged in a variety of pursuits, from ranching and agri-tourism to songwriting and landscape painting. The film is scheduled to premiere in the spring of 2018.

The **FHDC Foundation** is serving as fiscal agent for Dave's film project as it did for his first documentary film, "**The Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve: A Flint Hills Love Story.**" Be sure and visit Dave's website (prairiehollow.net) and the Prairie Hollow Productions Facebook page to learn more about his film work.

Read VISTAS Memo now online at the FHDC website, <http://www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/414/Vistas-Memo>. The Foundation's pages are located within the FHDC website, so be sure and take time to browse other sections of the FHDC website to keep up with all the activities happening at the Foundation and the Discovery Center.

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