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The Flint Hills Discovery Center Welcomes You Back!

Are you and your children looking for fun and education? The Discovery Center re-opened at the end of June and welcomes you to come explore!



FHDC encourages everyone to wear a mask, practice social distancing, and wash hands frequently. Additional safeguards have also been added throughout the building including adjusting air dampeners to increase the effectiveness of air filters, the addition of more hand sanitizing stations and multiple daily cleaning of high touch point areas. Come and enjoy! Additional information on FHDC re-opening protocols can be found here: <https://www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/626/Reopening-Details>

Day Camp Programs at FHDC

The FHDC Foundation received a Kansas Humanities CARES ACT grant for \$10,000 to support educational programming staff and Summer Adventure Camps for children grades 1-6. Funds are being held and distributed through the FHDC Foundation. The camp was offered June 29th through July 10th. An additional two weeks of camp will be offered July 27-31 for 1st-3rd grades, and August 3-7 for 4th-6th grades. Their goal is to return to regular scheduling for some programs and offer Day Camp opportunities when USD 383 is out of school this fall. The education staff is also working with KACEE and local/regional schools to see how the FHDC staff and programs could be a resource moving into the fall. This includes the possibility of conducting outdoor education programs on-site at the schools, or at the Discovery Center.

The Next Vistas Campaign crosses \$2.6 million!

The Foundation's first comprehensive campaign continues moving forward. Funds are being raised for the KIDSCAPE Project, endowment, and educational programming and equipment for the Discovery Center. If you have experienced the Horizon Ranch Immersion Theatre in the last six months you will have also experienced \$413,000 of new audio and visual presentation equipment funded by the donors of the FHDC Foundation.

Flint Hills Learning Center – ONLINE

A Great Place to Learn About the Flint Hills

The Flint Hills Learning Center is a free online resource that excites and inspires deeper learning about all things Flint Hills - the science, history, culture, and more that makes this place so very special.



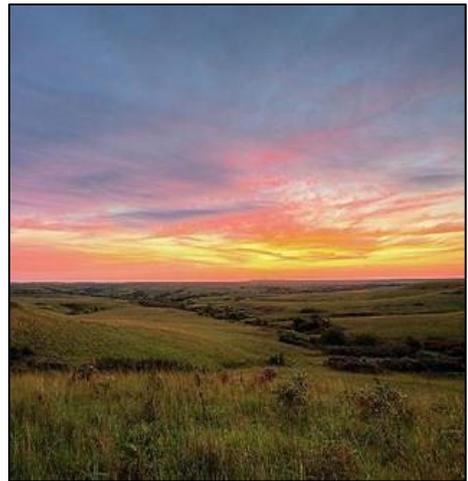
Educators discover helpful tools that complement classroom instruction around these very topics. The FHDC Foundation also manages the Flint Hills Map Exhibits, providing our community with large-scale, full-color maps that tell the story of the last stand of the tallgrass prairie.

Discover the unique history, science and culture of the Flint Hills, with links to several web-based resources. **Flint Hills Map Exhibits** are large-scale, educational maps of the Flint Hills available for purchase and can be download for educational use. There are free resources for teachers to motivate and engage students, including lessons plans, field trips and activities. Go to the Flint Hills Learning Center web site for more details. www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/233/Learning-Center.

October 24th! Friends of the Flint Hills Is Virtual

More details are forthcoming, but we are proud to announce that we will be celebrating our 8th annual Friends of the Flint Hills event, **October 24th**. It will be a virtual event. That means we are still working out the structure for it. If our plans are realized, it will be a wonderful hour you will experience – at home!

As you will recall due to Covid-19 concerns in the April 11 celebration of the Flint Hills Educational Map Program, and the two individuals who led the charge—Emily Connell and Anne Wilson— was postponed. It is time to celebrate this remarkable program and the two people who organized many to make it a reality. We will be reaching out to request underwriters and sponsors for this event. The digital or virtual event does provide an opportunity for people across Kansas and the nation to join in celebration of the Discovery Center and these honorees. Watch this space, your emails and your mailbox as we share more about the 2020 Friends of the Flint Hills virtual event.



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We thank and celebrate all those investing in the Center's unique and dynamic mission.

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