

VISTAS



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Prairie Playscape NOW OPEN!

Children learn best when they are engaged, hands-on, and having fun. The new Prairie Playscape on the second floor of the Center is an interactive, hands-on educational experience for youth. With 13 new interactive exhibits, Prairie Playscape engages children in learning about the Kansas Flint Hills. This summer bring your child, grandchild, and nephews and nieces and let them experience this remarkable new permanent exhibit at the Flint Hills Discovery Center.

The FHDC Foundation's NEXT VISTAS CAMPAIGN raised \$1.5 million for this new youth experience. With more than 60 donors, the Prairie Playscape is the single largest and most expensive project of the campaign. The Next Vistas Campaign has achieved even more. It has grown our endowment, advanced the Center's educational programs, and provided \$400,000 in technology upgrades to the Center's Horizon Ranch Immersion Theatre.

"Prairie Playscape was created to help children celebrate the Flint Hills," Bruce Snead, Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation President, said. "The Foundation will be forever grateful to donors who made this project and the Next Vistas Campaign possible".

Big League Fun New Temporary Exhibit

Welcome to the big leagues! This interactive exhibit allows fans of all ages to learn all about the world of baseball and the sport's rich history. From Spring Training to the World Series, to sports broadcasting and a simulated ballpark experience, this exhibit will engage and educate children and fans of the game.



Big League Fun will open May 28th and end September 11th. With the exhibit, the FHDC will be holding a special event, Sports Saturday: Get Fit, Have Fun! on June 25th from 10:00am to 3:00pm. To find more information, go online to their website www.flinthillsdiscovery.org or follow them on Facebook.



Thank you, Grow Green! GMCF Match Day!

Thank you! Friday, April 22nd the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation Education Youth Endowment participated in the 10th Annual Grow Green Match Day. More than \$9,553 was gifted from 46 donors. The Grow Green Match added another \$4,766 to total \$14,319. This endowment now valued at \$72,784 provides annual support to youth education programs at the Discovery Center.

We are grateful to each of our donors and to the Phil Howe Family for providing the Grow Green match. These gifts make the Discovery Center's education programs possible. Join us in thanking these great supporters!

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Mark your calendars for October 20th for our 3rd Annual Bison Beef & Bourbon Gala. This Thursday night event is our annual signature event. Food and drink from the Flint Hills (yes, including bourbon) create an evening of fun as the FHDC Foundation raises money in support of the Discovery Center's youth educational programming. Mark your calendar and watch this space for more details!

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