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EPS Summer Institute Hosts Twelfth Group of Kansas Teachers

by Brad Guhr, Education Coordinator

Nineteen teachers with 290 combined years of teaching grant proposal and action plan to help them develop a natural experience came to the Dyck Arboretum June 4-8 for our 12th schoolyard laboratory where they will engage their students in Annual Kansas Earth Partnership for Schools (EPS) Summer fun ways of learning hands-on environmental education. Institute. They put themselves in the shoes of their students to It will be interesting to see how each teacher team engages play, participate, explore, observe, engage, plan and learn. their students in the coming years with a new-found EPS

These educators learned about prairie botany, entomology curriculum and passion for reconstructing prairie gardens on and ecology, basics of creating and maintaining prairie pocket school grounds. To see more photos of these teachers in action gardens, studied the macro and micro scales of the prairie, pulled at the summer institute, visit our Facebook page. weeds, made art, wrote reflectively, developed skits, learned Thank you to The Citizens State Bank of Hesston, The Chris nature-based math, and ate delicious food for a week. They Mikesell Foundation, Westar Energy, and Harvey County Farm practiced dozens of creative EPS curriculum activities based on Bureau for helping make this coming year of EPS possible! science inquiry and project-based learning. They also wrote a



Left: Participants sell the medicinal virtues of butterfly milkweed. Right: Teachers sample differences in insect diversity between lawn and a prairie garden.

Giving Grows the Arboretum

What inspires individuals to donate time, talents, a financial support to the Arboretum? This is a question I h asked donors over the years and ask myself as well.

For me, it comes back to relationships. Our relations with each of you is important to us. Your partnership assi that the beautiful and restorative qualities of the garden maintained for others to experience.

It is imperative we work together to link people with land, to encourage students, teachers, visitors and guests to t a more active role in reversing the trends that face native hab and wildlife. Your support of the Arboretum through plan giving, memberships, required IRA minimum distribution donations, and underwriting of events are making a differer

A donation contributes to the immediate growth of Arboretum, but more importantly, our shared connection v the land ensures future generations can experience the sa natural beauty of Kansas we enjoy today.

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