

PRESS RELEASE

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EVENT: **Passport to Adventure Kickoff**

DATE: March 24, 2018

TIME: 11:00 Noon – 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, Independence, MO
18001 Bass Pro Drive, Independence, MO 64055

ENTRY FEE: None

Historic Oxford Schoolhouse and Prairie Oak Nature Center to Participate in the 2018 Kansas City *Passport to Adventure*

The Historic One-Room Oxford Schoolhouse and the Prairie Oak Nature Center in Ironwoods Park are pleased to announce that they will participate in the Interpretive Site Coalition's *Passport to Adventure* again this year. Both are located in Ironwoods Park at 147th & Mission Road.

Now in its 26th year, *Kansas City's Passport to Adventure* is a great way for area residents to experience nature, science and history in their own backyard. The annual event is held to encourage the public to visit area nature centers, museums, historic sites, gardens and parks all year round and during the *Passport* period, which runs March 25 through October 31, 2018.

The Interpretive Site Coalition of Kansas City will officially begin its 2018 *Kansas City's Passport to Adventure* with a Kickoff Event on Saturday, March 24th at Bass Pro Shop in Independence, MO. Both the Kickoff Event and *Passport* program participation are free of charge.

During the kickoff event, which runs from 12 to 4 p.m., each of the participating agencies will be presenting hands-on activities relating to their sites along with games and free informational materials. Live animals will also be available for viewing.

The kickoff is also the public's first opportunity to obtain the official *Passport* booklet. Participants will have until October 31, 2018 to visit 11 or more of the 22 sites listed to get their passport stamped. Everyone who obtains 10 or more stamps will receive a prize by at the end of the program. Completed booklets may be handed in at any participating site.

Sites participating in the 2018 *KC's Passport to Adventure* include: Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center, Baker Wetlands, Beanstalk Children's Garden at Kansas City Community Gardens, Burr Oak Woods Conservation Nature Center, , Ernie Miller Nature Center, F.L. Schlagle Library and Environmental Learning Center, Fort Osage Historic Site, Johnson County Museum, Historic Oxford Schoolhouse, Kemper Outdoor Education Center, Lakeside Nature Center, Lanesfield School Historic Site, Legler Barn Museum, Mahaffie Stage Coach Stop and Farm, Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary, Missouri Town 1855, Prairie Oak Nature Center, Prairie Park Nature Center in Lawrence, KS, Shawnee Indian Mission, Shawnee Town 1929 Museum, Thomas Hart Benton Home State Historic Site and the Trailside Center.

The Prairie Oak Nature Center and the Historic Oxford Schoolhouse are thrilled to be working together again this year. Children will be able to collect two *Passport* stamps by visiting Ironwoods Park in Leawood at 147th & Mission Road.

For more information, please call the Prairie Oak Nature Center (913) 696-7770, Oxford Schoolhouse (913) 663-9157 or any of the sites listed above.