

THE CHINKAPIN

A monthly newsletter brought to you by Milford Friends

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Photos from Milford State Park and Milford Nature



Zoom Kansas Day Program with Blue Ridge School



New restroom art at the Nature Center by Mindy's Murals



New flooring in State Park Cabins



Aerial view of the new Splash Pad at Milford State Park.

A Message from the President



Hello and welcome to the newsletter of the Milford Friends Group! The Chinkapin has been out of production for several years. We have decided to bring it back to life. This newsletter will feature monthly highlights from the Milford Nature Center and Milford State Park. Each edition will feature photos and a calendar of upcoming events. The Friends Group exists to support both the State Park and Nature Center through volunteerism and funding for special projects. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and consider joining the Milford Friends Group as we bring lots of fun opportunities to our Milford Lake community. Your Friend, Amber Myers

Milford Nature Center Happenings

This year, Milford Nature Center is celebrating its 30th anniversary!

One of our favorite new things are the stall doors in the restrooms. Mindy's Murals did an amazing job painting Kansas wildlife on the doors. We are working to install a giant pair of Monarch butterfly wings for photo opportunities in the Backyard Habitat area of the Nature Center.

Traditional Eagle Day was cancelled this January due to the pandemic. We offered a modified Virtual Eagle Day and had wonderful participation. Education and Naturalist programs are being provided to local schools and groups via Zoom or in person with special requirements. Mastering new technologies in our rapidly changing world has us learning new skills and adapting quickly.

Milford State Park Happenings



Milford State Park Staff

2021 was off to a great start with the Annual First Day Hike! The hikers donated over 90 pounds of food for the Geary County Food Pantry! Our rental cabins in the State Park are getting new and updated flooring this winter. Last fall, flood cleanup continued around the State Park. The popular Cedar Point Campground had many trees removed and the public helped the efforts by taking a lot of the cut wood for use as firewood. A new Coke machine has been placed at the front entrance to the park. More will be placed throughout the park as the weather warms this Spring.

Upcoming Events

March 6 10am-noon Walk with Friends Join us on the [Crystal Trail at Milford State Park](#) for a Walk with Milford Friends Group. Dogs with leashes are welcome. This is an all ages walk, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The trail is unpaved and the terrain is generally uneven, with some mild uphill and downhill slopes. The total distance of this trail is 2.18 Miles. GPS location of trailhead: 39.11627771446578, -96.88847301155337

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