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**Get Out and Play Saturday**

ABILENE, TEXAS –The Abilene Zoo will kick off summer break by celebrating the great outdoors Saturday, May, 28, with Get Out and Play day.

Special guests from the Big Country Master Gardeners, Big Country Master Naturalists and Texas Park & Wildlife will offer hands-on activities between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

“Studies show that children who play outside are happier, more attentive and less anxious,” say Abilene Zoo Educator Paige Rudasics. “Nature is good for developing brains.”

Sponsored by the Mayor’s Council on Physical Fitness, all activities are free with zoo admission.

**About the Abilene Zoo:**

Since its founding in 1966, the Abilene Zoo has stood as a place of learning and adventure, where visitors make memories, share the joy of discovery and become inspired to preserve wildlife. Situated on 16 acres in the award-winning Grover Nelson Park, the zoo provides a special encounter in a lushly landscaped walkable setting with more than 1000 animals of 270 species from around the globe. The zoo is open 7 days a week (closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Last admittance is 4 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4.50 for children ages 3-12, \$6 for seniors aged 60 and older. Members are admitted free. [www.abilenezoo.org](http://www.abilenezoo.org). 325-676-6085.