



## Nature Play Information Packet

Zoo Atlanta has partnered with the Children and Nature Network to present Nature Play Club! Join us as we explore the great outdoors during this family-friendly program. With the guidance of a Zoo Atlanta Educator, you and your family will engage with nature by exercising your imaginations, exploring independently and learning about nature by learning *through* it, all within the heart of Atlanta! Each month we will explore a different topic and use engaging tools to bridge science and nature together. Participants will meet at Zoo Atlanta and walk into Grant Park to discover the nature that surrounds us in an urban environment. We hope you come play in nature with us!

Each Nature Play session will focus on specific aspects of the environment. Families will learn about nature through observation, sketching, note-taking, and hands-on exploration. Each month families will receive a nature-themed takeaway to build a Family Nature Exploration Kit.

### What to expect during your program:

- During your program, we will explore different aspects of public parks. We will take a closer look at Nature that surrounds us, such as flowers, bugs, plants and even clouds! Zoo Educators may bring biofacts (turtle shells, pelts, bones, etc.) that pertain to the monthly theme.
- Activities during your program could include: observing the natural world, writing or sketching your observations, making nature art, games and activities with other families, unstructured play time, and informal scientific experiments.

### What you need to know:

- Time: 10 a.m.- Noon on pre-set dates.
- Advance registration required.
- Payment in full is required at time of reservation; reservations and payment required at least one week in advance of program date.
- A paid adult must accompany child(ren)
- Family Programs are subject to cancellation if minimum number of participants is not met. Call 404.624.5822 with questions or email [education@zooatlanta.org](mailto:education@zooatlanta.org).
- Programs will take place rain or shine. Please be sure to dress accordingly. In cases of heavy rain or extreme cold, we will move the program inside.

### Directions to Nature Play

Please park in the Cherokee Avenue parking lot and meet your Zoo Educator outside the main Zoo Entrance. Nature Play will begin and end at the main Zoo Entrance. The program will take place nearby in Grant Park.

