



See What All the Buzz is About this Weekend at Assiniboine Park Zoo

For immediate release: Winnipeg, August 14, 2019 – The Assiniboine Park Zoo will be buzzing with activity this weekend! In honour of National Honey Bee Day (August 17), the Zoo has planned two full days of activities and is inviting Zoo visitors to learn how bees, butterflies, beetles and other insects support plants, people, and other animal species.

“Experts estimate that between 75% and 95% of all flowering plants on the earth need help from pollinators to reproduce. This includes plants that supply humans with food and support wildlife,” said Laura Cabak, Manager, Communications & Public Relations. “Unfortunately many pollinator populations are in decline, so it is more important than ever that we educate and inspire people to protect pollinators and their habitat.”

The following activities will take place at the Shirley Richardson Butterfly Garden in the Zoo on Saturday, August 17 and Sunday, August 18 and are included with regular Zoo admission:

- Meet a Master Gardener | 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Learn about the benefits of having bees in your garden.
- Craft Station | 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Make a decorative rock for your garden and get tips on how to attract butterflies and bees to your own garden.
- Face Painting | 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Get a bee, butterfly, or flower painted on your face.
- Butterfly Safari Zoo Chat | 10:00 a.m.
Learn about the butterflies at the Zoo from the people that know them best.
- Monarch Teacher Network | 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Visit a living monarch display and learn about the monarch’s amazing migration to Mexico and other fascinating facts about these pretty pollinators.

The Zoo is open daily from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Full details can be found on the [Zoo website](#).

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