



# EXPLORATION PLACE

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## ***Survival: The Exhibition* Coming to Exploration Place Immersive wilderness adventure opens Jan. 21**

WICHITA, Kansas — Adventure awaits visitors of all ages to Exploration Place with *Survival: The Exhibition*, opening Jan. 21. The highly engaging and immersive exhibition runs until April 24.

Created by Imagine Exhibitions, *Survival: The Exhibition* is the world's first and only traveling exhibition that provides practical, real-world and science-based techniques to prepare visitors of all ages for survival situations they may actually face in their lifetimes. An interactive, informative and safe place to learn and test essential survival skills, the exhibition features nine zones with immersive scenic and theatrical elements that simulate extreme scenarios. Each zone combines STEM concepts with hands-on challenges that teach the scientific principles behind key survival tactics.

As kids and families move through the exhibition, they will visit a variety of simulated climates and topography that offer unique challenges to human survival. From the rainforest to the high mountains, from the extreme cold to the temperate forest, each zone focuses on a critical survival skill with instructional, hands-on challenges that build on one another throughout the experience, allowing young people to develop more advanced skills as they progress.

While the exhibition transports visitors to the world's most breathtaking scenery and awe-inspiring locales, core messages encourage guests to learn about and engage with their local community and prepare for the unexpected in their own backyard. With the knowledge that most accidents occur within a mile of the home, *Survival: The Exhibition* empowers visitors to stay cool, calm and collected in an emergency. In addition, visitors to Exploration Place will practice the seven principles of Leave No Trace and identify ways to be a steward for their local landscape.

Through collaboration and problem solving, guests will learn first aid, signaling and navigation, outdoor gear essentials, how to find food and water, and more. The exhibition invites visitors to experience the thrill of adventure as they come face-to-face with a life-sized bear, gain an appreciation for the wonders of nature when they identify edible from poisonous plants and prepare for the unexpected as they practice CPR in the aftermath of a natural disaster.

The exhibition culminates in the optional *Lava Challenge*, where visitors' confidence and problem-solving skills are put to the test in a low ropes adventure course. The obstacles and activities teach balance, focus, coordination and concentration while building resilience and determination in the face of adversity.

The *Lava Challenge* will be open 11 a.m. to noon and 3 to 4 p.m. daily. Exploration Place is open late on Thursdays, with special *Lava Challenge* hours of 6 to 7 p.m.

*Survival: The Exhibition* is presented by Burns & McDonnell and is included with admission.

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### **About Exploration Place**

The mission of Exploration Place, Kansas' premier science center, is to inspire a deeper interest in science and technology through creative and fun experiences for all. Exploration Place is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and through 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings. For more information, visit [exploration.org](http://exploration.org).