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Tots to Learn About Animals' Colors and Patterns at Dickson Mounds on March 1

LEWISTOWN, IL – At Dickson Mounds Museum on Thursday, March 1 at 9:30 a.m., the Tot Time program will be 'Colors & Patterns' presented by the Peoria Park District Zoo. The program will explore the amazing markings found in the animal world, highlighting how animals use these markings to hide, attract a mate, or warn others that they are dangerous. Participants may view live animals, such as a snake or turtle, fire bellied toads, and a bunny or chinchilla, to demonstrate the differences in wild and captive animals. Tots and their caretakers may enjoy crafts to take home.

Admission is free and registration is not required. Light refreshments will be served. Groups of eight or more should call the Dickson Mounds Museum in advance to ensure the availability of supplies. The program begins promptly at 9:30 a.m., with the program portion lasting approximately 30 minutes, followed by crafts, snacks, and time to explore the Museum. The 2018 Tot Time program series is sponsored by the City of Lewistown, Canton Chamber of Commerce, Havana National Bank, Rusty Melhouse of Edward Jones, and Chris Bennett of Dunfermline. The Tot Time program series is still seeking 2018 sponsors. Please contact Curator of Education Christa Foster at 309-547-3721 for more information.

The Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds is located between Lewistown and Havana off Illinois Routes 78 and 97. The museum is open free to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. Tours and special programs are available for groups with reservations. For more information call 309-547-3721 or TTY 217-782-9175. Also visit us on Facebook at Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds or online at the Dickson Mounds link on the Illinois State Museum website at www.illinoisstatemuseum.org.