

# GREAT LAKES ALMANAC MARCH RESPONSES AT GREAT LAKES AQUARIUM

## SURVEY QUESTIONS

*Otters are excellent at play, whether it is wrestling in the water, sliding on ice or digging tunnels in the snow. What is your favorite way to play outside during this time of year when the snow transitions to mud? What signs of spring do you look forward to in the natural world? How do these signs stir your senses?*



## RESPONSES

*I enjoy going to the park. I look forward to seeing birds because it means it is warm outside. - Anonymous*

*I like splashing in puddles and throwing snow at each other. I look forward to new beginnings - flowers blooming and new birds migrating. - Nicole K, Duluth, MN, age 32*

*I like to play inside; I like playing in the snow! I like seeing foxes - it tastes like a fox coming back. - Zona and Minnie W, Duluth, MN, ages 9 and 5*

*I like making a mud kitchen. Grass showing, seeing plant life come back and bringing color back is my favorite to see. - Finley S, MN, age 5*

*I enjoy trying to sled down a muddy snow hill and figuring out how to get unstuck. Also mud pies. I like seeing birds come back and always looking up in the trees. We see birds, hear chirping and smell mud. - Myla B, Green Bay, WI, age 2*

*I like to dig in the mud with my excavator (clothes are full of mud!). I feel warmer weather. I can play outside and eat ice cream. I wear fireman (rain) boots and jump in puddles. - Thaddeus, Blaine, MN, age 3*

*I like to splash in the mud. I see flowers growing and hear birds singing. - Rosie S, Cloquet, MN, age 6.*

*I like to play in the snow; I like to go on hikes and walks a little. I like to splash in puddles. I see flower blossoms - they're pretty and they smell nice. I see green leaves and hear peeper frogs. It also rains hard. - Ellinor, Blaine, MN, age 6*

*I play indoor soccer. I feel allergies, weather and the grass looks greener. - Ian, Fairmont, MN, age 16*

*I make mud kitchens with friends and build mud cakes. I see birds migrating, flowers, and watching birds build nests. The smell of the mud and dirt stirs my senses. - Wren S, Duluth, MN, age 5*

*I enjoy catching box elder bugs and swinging on the swings in shorts and t-shirts. I see baby animals. I like to rescue baby birds if there's a storm. We took 4 goldfinch babies to a rescue place once. I catch dragon flies and like the smell of flowers and hearing bumble bees and flies. - Brooke W, Lakeville, MN, age 6*

*I like to make snowmen! And go down snowy slides. The snow starts to melt and the flowers start to bloom. - Adelle, Kenyon, MN, age 7*

*I enjoy stuffing pipes with mud = "clogging pipes." I see flowers - they are always colorful. You know that they're flowers because they are so colorful. - Lola P, Minneapolis, MN, age 6*

We enjoy sledding, making forts and snowmen. We like to walk in the mud and get dirty. We love puddles. I see something with the beavers; rain and melting snow; dry land gardening. - Cassandra, Arabella and Rolland, Duluth, MN, ages 36. 10 and 5

I enjoy going to the park and playing in the mud. Green grass. - Skylar H, Duluth, MN, age 4

I like to play in the snow. Going to the playground. - Charley, Proctor, MN, age 4

I like to jump in puddles, splash, ride my car. Birds singing, green grass and sunshine. They make me everything. - Kyleen M, Webster, WI, age 3

I like stomping in the mud. When the trees start budding, it makes me start to smell the signs of spring. - Chloe L, Clear Lake, MN, age 10

I like to snowboard or scooter. I am looking forward to riding my BMX and snowboarding - Oliver S, Duluth, MN, age 10.5

I enjoy splashing in mud puddles and getting messy. The arrival of migrating birds and longer daylight. - Anonymous, Duluth, MN, ages 2 and 5

I get covered in the snow (not naked) and splash in the puddles. Daffodils, robins, leaves budding, bird songs, buds opening; looking forward to playing in the grass. It makes me feel good, happy, eager to go outside. - June, Stevens Point, WI, age 5

I like to build a yucky snowman. I play outside more. Spring makes me happy. - Dietrich M, Pembina, ND, age 5

Walking and jumping around and climbing in the snow. Sometimes I build stuff. Snowman making.. The snow melting - Anonymous, Duluth, MN

*I enjoy jumping in puddles. Birds chirping, flowers blooming. I feel soft flowers and hear birds and water. - Makenna K, Maple Grove, MN, age 7*

*I scoop up the mud and make mud cakes. I jump in the mud puddles. I notice the weather getting warmer, the snow melting and the daylight lasting longer - Lucia Z, Duluth, MN, age 5*

*I like jumping in the mud, making mud potions. Kitties and flowers. - Wren W, Biwabik, MN, age 6*