

Alive

A close-up photograph of a tiger cub lying in a field of green grass. The cub is looking directly at the camera with a calm expression. Its fur is a mix of light tan and grey, with dark stripes and spots. In the background, there is a low stone wall and more greenery, slightly out of focus.

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Nobody cares more about the animals at the Milwaukee County Zoo than the zookeepers. They are always there for the animals, whether it's caring for them in times of crisis or just making sure their daily physical, mental and psychological needs are met. This is easy to see in our story about Hannah the bonobo and zookeeper Stacy Whitaker on page 3. The latest breeding and transfer plan for the captive bonobo population recommended sending Hannah to the Frankfurt Zoo in Germany to find a mate. Stacy made the 36-hour trip with Hannah so Hannah would have a familiar face once she arrived. Although she was sad to say good-bye, Stacy is happy to know that Hannah could soon become a mom and is helping

keep the European bonobo population diverse and healthy.

We can also see the keepers' care for the animals as the Milwaukee County Zoo prepares its new elephant exhibit. Elephant care coordinator Erin Dowgwillio and large mammal curator Tim Wild were closely involved in the planning and design of the exhibit, which will debut to the public in spring. You can read about how the exhibit was designed and why it will create a better experience for animals, staff and visitors on page 4. The exhibit is the first part of Adventure Africa, which will include new spaces for elephants, African hoofstock, hippos and rhinos. We need your help to make Adventure Africa a reality. Visit elephants.Win2Wild.com to learn more and contribute.

Our summer campers learned a lot about designing zoo exhibits through one of our career camps for 12- to 14-year-olds. The Education Department is helping train the next generation of animal caregivers through classes and camps for all ages, including "Exhibit Design," "Junior Zookeeper" and "Vet Camp." Turn to page 6 to learn about these classes and how they helped lead at least one student to a career in wildlife.

We know you care about the animals here, too. That's why we're excited to bring you our seventh annual Zoo calendar. Enjoy the beautiful animal photos and stay up-to-date on all the Zoo and Zoological Society events happening throughout the year. See you soon at the Zoo!

Jodi Gibson

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ON THE COVER: Snow leopard Asa. Photo by Bob Wickland

Hannah, a 10-year-old bonobo, was transferred to Frankfurt Zoo in Germany earlier this year.

Photo by Bob Wickland

WORLD-TRAVELING BONOBO

International travel is often complicated, but it's even more complicated when you have a great ape with you. Stacy Whitaker, a keeper at the Milwaukee County Zoo, knows that better than anyone after spending 36 hours transporting Hannah, a 10-year-old bonobo, to her new home at the Frankfurt Zoo in Germany in April. But even with the hassle of travel and the sadness of saying good-bye to Hannah, she's excited about what the transfer means for the bonobo population.

A transfer like this takes years of planning, and with good reason. The breeding of endangered animals like bonobos is carefully tracked at accredited zoos through Species Survival Plans® in North America and the European Endangered Species Programme. The Zoological Society of Milwaukee has hosted the Bonobo Species Survival Plan (SSP) since it was created in 1988 under the direction of the Society's conservation coordinator, Dr. Gay Reinartz. "The goal is to maintain a healthy captive population and genetic diversity over the generations," says Auriana Gilliland-Lloyd, Zoological Society conservation assistant. "In order to do that, we have to work with all the institutions holding bonobos."

Bonobos are only represented at 17 accredited zoos in North America, Europe and Japan, so maintaining genetic diversity is especially tricky. The Milwaukee County Zoo acquired its first bonobos in 1986 and now has the largest population in North America with 19. Every two years, Reinartz and her team lead the effort to create a breeding and transfer plan for the Bonobo SSP, while at the same time working closely with their European counterparts to manage the global captive population. The most recent plan recommended sending Hannah to Germany.

Hannah is descended from several "founders" of the captive bonobo population, or wild-born bonobos from which the current zoo population descended. Zoos no longer take animals from the wild except for rehabilitation purposes, so it's important to make sure the founders' genes are spread across the population to prevent inbreeding. Hannah's father and maternal grandparents were founders in the SSP who were not represented in European zoos.

In the wild, females leave the bonobo group upon maturity to find mates, says Whitaker, the Milwaukee County Zoo's lead bonobo keeper. For that reason, the SSP tries to transfer female bonobos instead of males. Hannah was the right age to leave, Whitaker says. "She was ready to be a mom."

It took a year and a half to get the international endangered species permits to send Hannah overseas. She had to pass vigorous health checks before she left Milwaukee and was inspected at her departure and arrival airports. Hannah traveled in the cargo hold, but Whitaker went along as a passenger to be a familiar face when Hannah arrived in Frankfurt. Even though she passed all her health checks, Hannah was required by law to stay in quarantine in Frankfurt for a couple of months before joining the other bonobos.

After all that, Hannah was introduced to the Frankfurt group in July, and everything went smoothly, Whitaker says. "Bonobos are pretty resilient and accepting of new individuals," she says. The Milwaukee bonobos quickly adjusted to Hannah's absence, since it would have been natural for her to leave the group at this age. Whitaker gets regular updates from the Frankfurt Zoo, and she will see Hannah again next year when she travels there for a conference. "I hope she has a baby by then," Whitaker says.

By Stacy Vogel Davis



Hannah, left, waits out her time in quarantine with another new bonobo before joining the rest of the bonobos at the Frankfurt Zoo. Photo courtesy of Stacy Whitaker

Construction crews prepare the new elephant exhibit in the former moose yard. Photos by Joel Miller



DESIGNING AN ELEPHANT HOME

When Milwaukee County Zoo staff members met with the designers of its new elephant exhibit, they made one priority especially clear: transparency. “They wanted the visiting public to be part of and see how they are managing the animals at the Zoo, so all of that is out front and personal,” says Jim Brighton of PJA Architects & Landscape Architects. The result is an exhibit where elephants will get the best care and keepers have the best tools available to do their jobs, and much of it will be viewable by Zoo guests.

Plans for a new elephant exhibit have been in the works at the Zoo for years. The Zoo hired HGA Architects and Engineers, which has an office in Milwaukee, and PJA, a Seattle-based firm, in late 2015 and started construction in fall 2016. All that work will finally pay off as the elephants move to their new home this fall and the exhibit opens to the public in spring. New exhibits for African hoofstock will also open at that time in the former Australia area.

The Zoo needed to upgrade and enlarge its elephant exhibit to meet new standards from the Association of Zoos & Aquariums. It wanted an exhibit that would meet modern safety standards, offer better conditions for the elephants and visitors in winter, and include more opportunities for enrichment, or ways to offer the elephants choices and draw out their natural behaviors. The new exhibit is four times the size of the current exhibit and will have space to house up to five elephants.

HGA has a long history with the Zoo. It helped the Zoo create a master plan in the 1990s and worked on the education building, spider monkey exhibit, giraffe exhibit and Wolf Woods, which will become an educational outpost for the new elephant

exhibit. PJA specializes in zoo design and helped design the Zoo’s big cat building that debuted in 2005. One of its principals, Pat Janikowski, is a Milwaukee native. The firm has worked on elephant exhibits for the Honolulu Zoo; Houston Zoo; National Zoo in Washington, D.C.; and Reid Park Zoo in Tucson, Ariz. “Having both firms on board was a plus,” says Tim Wild, the Zoo’s large mammal curator. “We liked HGA’s overall presentation but still got the exhibit-building experience of PJA.”

The two firms held about a half-dozen workshops with Zoo and Zoological Society staff, including keepers, educators, event planners and more. “Everyone gets a voice at a level that gives us the direction, and then we come back multiple times with different sorts of plans,” Brighton says. PJA focused on the exhibit features that involve the animals, while HGA focused on the staff and visitor experience.

The zoo world has learned much about elephant needs and care since the Milwaukee County Zoo officially opened in its current location in 1961. People want to see that the elephants have plenty of space and stimulation to keep them active and healthy. “You want to show off what you’re doing and make it clear to your visitors that you’re giving these animals the best possible care,” Brighton says. As a result, the new exhibit has several feeding and training areas in full view of the public, including a demo yard where visitors can see the keepers work with the elephants on skills such as presenting an ear for a blood draw or a foot for toenail care.

One of the biggest new enrichment items is a large watering hole, Brighton says. “It’s a very high-tech swimming pool for the elephants to use throughout the day as drinking water and for



Ruth and Brittany will move to their new exhibit in fall, and it will open to the public in spring 2019. Photo by Bob Wickland

HELP OPEN A WINDOW TO THE WILD

We need your help to finish the elephants' new home! The Zoological Society and Milwaukee County Zoo are participating in a capital campaign for Adventure Africa, which includes the new elephant and hoofstock exhibits and future homes for hippos and rhinos. We are trying to raise \$25 million for this exciting project, which will transform 25% of the Zoo. For more information and to donate, visit elephants.Win2Wild.com.



The new elephant exhibit will be four times larger than the current one.

getting in and submerging. All of our experience with elephants indicates they love to do that, and it's a great experience for the visitors."

The exhibit also will offer more for elephants and visitors to do in winter. It includes a huge, climate-controlled barn with a main "day room" that is viewable to the public and separate "bedrooms" for each elephant. A semi-heated area outside the barn will allow the elephants to spend more time outdoors in winter. "We're not only broadening the exhibit with all of the new features, but it will be kept open year-round," says Paula Verboomen of HGA. "It extends the season."

The second floor of the barn is an enclosed room that can serve as a classroom or host private events. "The coolest thing about it is it looks down into the elephant barn," Verboomen says. "From there you'll be able to see back into the depths of the elephant barn that you might not be able to get a view of from the ground floor." HGA also worked closely with the Zoological Society's education staff to repurpose the former Wolf Woods building into an educational outpost for the public.

The zookeepers are excited to have a new exhibit that will be better for the elephants and help them do their jobs better, says Erin Dowgwillo, elephant care coordinator. "There are so many benefits – flexibility, options, space, the list goes on – but anything that allows elephants to exhibit natural behaviors is always good."

By Stacy Vogel Davis



The elephant exhibit includes a large barn where visitors can see the animals year-round.



The watering hole in the exhibit is large enough for several elephants to submerge.

THE NEXT GENERATION OF ANIMAL CAREGIVERS

Just like people, some animal species are more suited to companionship and some are more solitary. But even the most social animal occasionally needs some alone time.

That's one of the lessons 12- to 14-year-olds learn in "Exhibit Design" camp, one of several summer camps the Zoological Society of Milwaukee offers focused on zoo careers. "Sometimes all the visitors can make an animal stressed, and it just needs to get away for a little while," says Tori V. She's including a cave in her model otter exhibit to fill that need. Dane G. is creating a water stream, cave, trees and rock structures for his clay jaguar exhibit. He learned that animals need enrichment to encourage natural behaviors such as hunting and pouncing. "That way they can stay active so they don't get bored," he says.

Exhibit design is one of many career options available for people who want to work in zoos or with wildlife, says Heather Thomack, leader of the exhibit design camp and school programs coordinator for the Zoological Society. The Zoological Society starts teaching kids about these careers at age 4 and 5 with "Junior Zookeeper" and "Junior Veterinarian" classes. "The goal is to introduce children at an early age to careers within the science field and all the opportunities they can have at a zoo," Thomack says.

The classes become more sophisticated as the children age. At the 12-14 level, children can take four career camps: "Working at a Zoo," "Exhibit Design," "Animal Enrichment" and "Beyond the Zoo," which focuses on the conservation fieldwork that many zookeepers take part in. "The classes show the value of zoos," says Zoological Society educator Jessica Ciatti. "You can get people to think about how the staff cares for the animals here on exhibit and about conservation efforts in the wild."



SIGN UP

for Fall Zoo Classes,
sponsored by Meijer, at
zoosociety.org/education.
Member registration for
winter/spring classes
starts Nov. 15.

(Above) Gabriella Z. cleans out a holding area during "Zookeeper: Big Cats" class for 8- to 10-year-olds.

(Left) Raynique learns to use a blow gun to sedate animals for veterinary care during "Vet Camp" for 10- and 11-year-olds.

Photos by Bob Wickland

The Society also offers career programs to schools for students in fourth through eighth grade. The programs are popular with teachers because they fit into a focus on STEM – science, technology, engineering and math – that is increasingly important in education. For example, the exhibit design class – which will be offered to schools for the first time this fall – teaches about animal needs, architecture and design. Students lead the learning process by asking questions, sketching their designs and building exhibit models. “Our goal is to make sure our programming is as interactive and hands-on as it can be,” Thomack says.

The programming has inspired children to think about careers not just in zoos but in science in general. Devin G., a recent high school graduate, says his experiences with Zoo Classes and Camps are part



of what led to his goal of studying paleontology in college. “I already liked animals going into the classes, but all the fun I had definitely made me want to eventually work with animals in any way,” says Devin, who has also served as a high school assistant at Zoo Camp. “I know for certain that if paleontology doesn’t work out, I will try my hand at being a zookeeper, completely due to how much I loved the classes and camps.”

The classes create lifelong memories no matter what careers the students ultimately pursue. Ciatti vividly remembers taking “Junior Zookeeper” as a kid, and now she gets to teach it. “We went to the old big cat building and got to clean the hyena exhibit,” she says. “It was the most fun thing in the world.”

By Stacy Vogel Davis

Javier G. weighs out meat for the big cats in a zookeeper class for 8- to 10-year-olds.

Photo by Bob Wickland

‘ZOO SCHOOL’ GRADUATE ENTERS WORLD OF WILDLIFE

At the Zoological Society, educators hope to kindle a love of animals and science in children and even encourage them to pursue careers in zoos or animal science. That’s just what they did for Martin Feehan.

Feehan calls himself “the poster child” for Zoo Classes and Camps. He started attending at age 3. “I grew up in the city of Milwaukee, where you don’t have the same wildlife opportunities as you do in rural areas, and I fell in love with the Zoo,” he says. Today, the 27-year-old is pursuing a doctorate at Cornell University in New York and studies white-tailed deer populations on behalf of the U.S. government.

Feehan always knew he wanted to work with wildlife, but Zoo Classes and Camps showed him just what was possible, he says. In “Junior Zookeeper” and “Senior Zookeeper,” he learned about what a zookeeper does and even got to clean out stalls in the Zoo’s Winter Quarters. In “What’s Up Doc,” he learned about the job of zoo veterinarian. As a teen, he attended advanced classes that offered a more sophisticated view of animal-related jobs. “When we got to meet the curators, that had a huge impact on me,” he says. “So many of them do wildlife research outside of zoos around the world. It really increased

my interest in the whole field.” He continued his relationship with the Zoological Society as a high school assistant, college intern and Zoo Pride volunteer.



Feehan studies the white-tailed deer population in northern New York by sedating, tagging and releasing does and fawns. Photo provided by Martin Feehan

When he started college at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, he was thinking about going into zoology, but he realized he was more interested in field research. He earned a degree in 2014 in evolutionary biology and wildlife ecology. His main research as an undergraduate student was with Dr. Karen Strier working on birth seasonality in northern muriquis, a critically endangered type of spider monkey from Brazil.

Since 2015, Feehan has studied the white-tailed deer population around Fort Drum, a military base in northern New York. He captures, tags and releases does and fawns to study issues like blood parasites, presence of Lyme disease and population demographics. He fondly remembers learning how to dart a stuffed tiger in “Vet Camp.” “I’ve darted close to 270 deer using essentially the professional version of the same thing I fell in love with as a kid at camp.”

Feehan also teaches field ecology at Cornell and hopes to become a professor of wildlife biology. “My love of teaching definitely came from time at the Zoo, both in formal roles as a high school assistant and college intern and in more one-on-one roles like my time in Zoo Pride,” he says. “The driving reason I love public outreach and I do so many programs for the public now is because of my time with the Zoological Society.”



January 2019



Polar plunge, anyone? Humboldt penguins are found in the wild on the Pacific coast of South America, not Antarctica. Heated rocks and a heated pool help them stay warm in Milwaukee winters. Photo by Joel Miller

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The Samson Stomp & Romp fundraiser celebrates the Milwaukee County Zoo's most famous gorilla.
Photo by Olga Korienko



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Have a swanky good time at Puttin' on the Ritz, a black-tie fundraiser at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino.
Photo by Stacy Kaat



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February 2019



Murph, a 28-year-old bonobo, is the son of Laura, the bonobo group's matriarch. He helps keep order in the group and enjoys playing with the youngsters. Photo by Bob Wickland

Sunday

Gordy, the Zoo's new groundhog, will look for his shadow this Groundhog Day.
Photo by Joel Miller

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You can get a good workout and help the animals at the Zumba® Fitness Party at the Zoo.
Photo by Bob Wickland

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Spring Zoo Classes begin*

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March 2019



A green tree python and Brazilian rainbow boa snooze in their exhibit in the Aquatic & Reptile Center. Both snakes are constrictors, which means they suffocate their prey by squeezing it. Photo by Joel Miller

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<p>Visitors can see where some animals spend the winter and how they stay active at Behind the Scenes Weekend. Photo by Stacy Kaat</p>		<p>Dreaming of summer? Registration is now open for Zoo Summer Camps. Photo by Bob Wickland</p>			<p>1</p>	<p>2 Family Free Day**</p>
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April 2019



Oscar the American badger arrived at the Milwaukee County Zoo in March 2017. Like all badgers, he is nocturnal and spends much of the day underground.

Photo by Joel Miller

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28	29	30	Humans and animals alike get treats on Egg Day. Photo by Olga Kornienko		Celebrate World Penguin Day with the Zoo's three penguin species: rockhopper (pictured here), gentoo and Humboldt. Photo by Joel Miller	

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May 2019



Zink the zebra rests in the African waterhole exhibit. She is named after the book "Zink the Zebra," about a zebra with spots instead of stripes, because she has a spot on her chest.

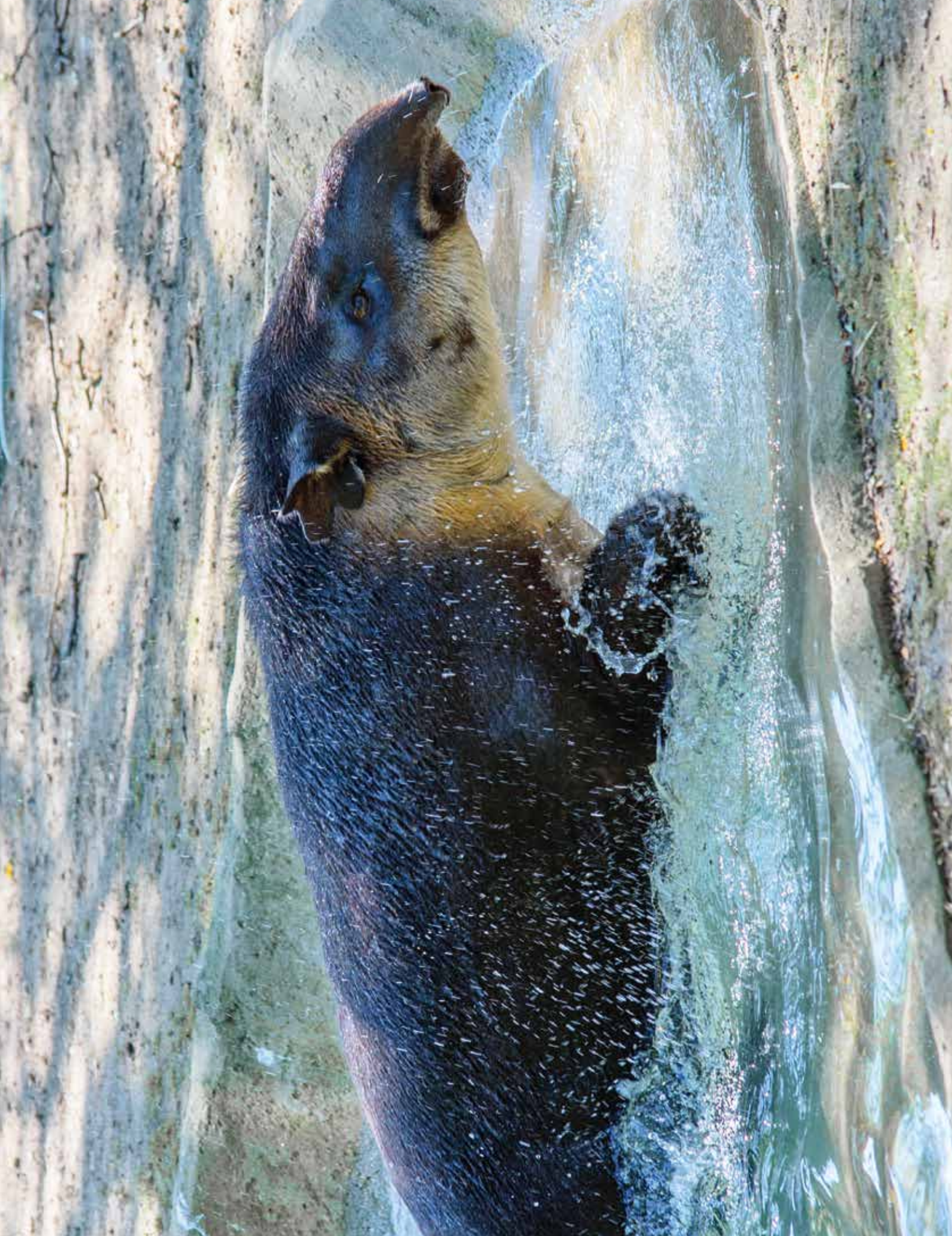
Photo by Joel Miller

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<p>5</p> <p>Zootastic, a family fundraising night at the Zoo, includes crafts, a family photo and other fun activities. Photo by Bob Wickland</p>	<p>6</p>		<p>1</p> <p>May Day</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Zootastic, * 5-9 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p>
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June 2019



The Baird's tapir is native to Mexico, Central America and northern South America. It is endangered because of habitat loss and hunting. Photo by Bob Wickland

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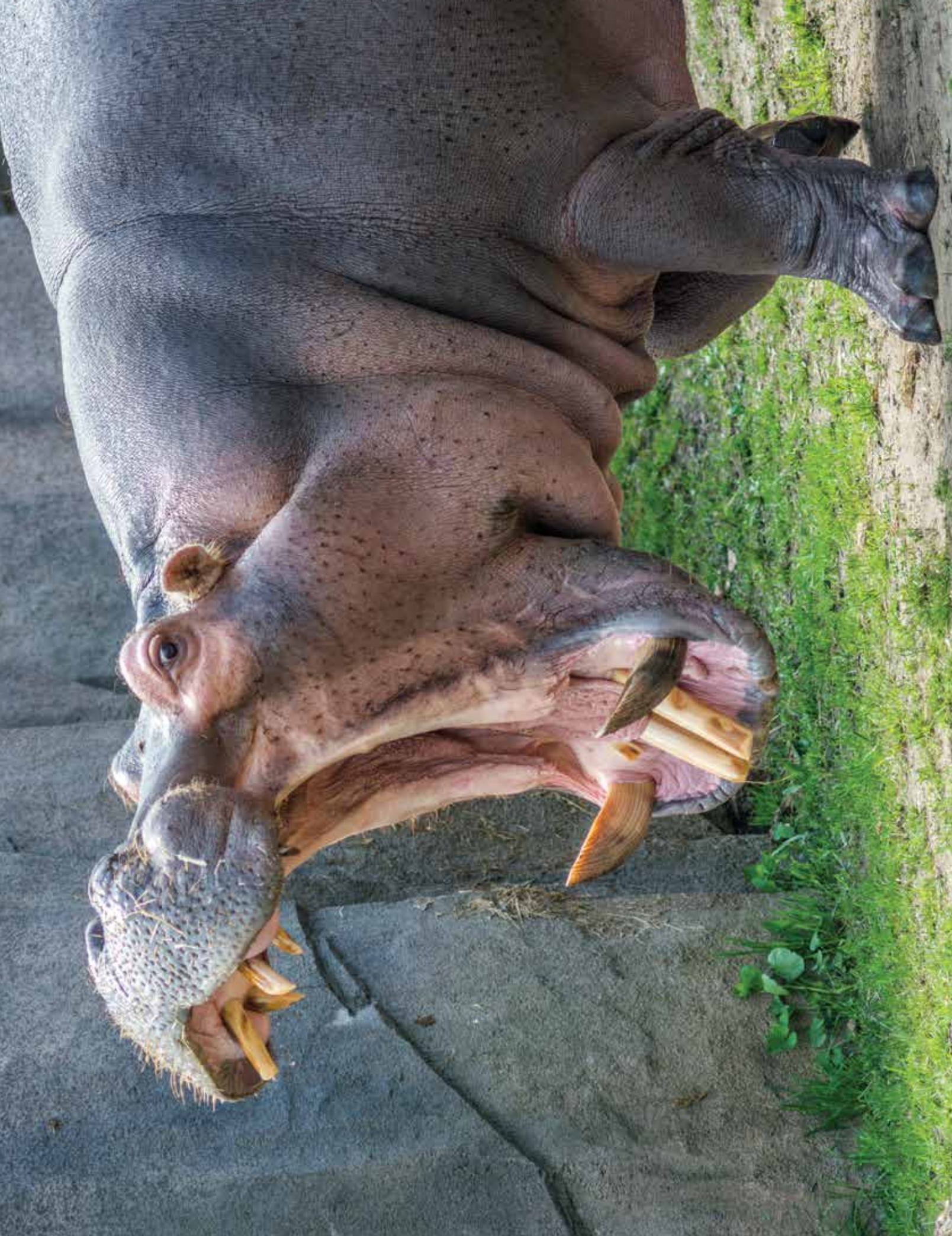
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<p>Crafts, food and music are on the agenda for Nights in June for Zoo Pass members. Photo by Stacy Kaat</p>				<p>23</p>
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July 2019



Happy the hippo shows off his huge mouth and teeth. Hippopotamuses can open their mouths more than 150 degrees to show dominance and defend their territory. Photo by Bob Wickland

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			Sunset Zoofari**			
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	Birdies & Eagles Golf Tournament,* off Zoo grounds		Sunset Zoofari**	Watch live performances, dance to music and check out the animals at night at Kids Nights for Zoo Pass members. Photo by Bob Wickland		

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August 2019



Every tiger has its own unique stripe pattern and scent. That's how we know this photo is Kash, the Amur tiger cub born to Amba in 2016. Photo by Joel Miller

Sunday

Make memories that will last a lifetime by camping out at Snooze at the Zoo.
Photo by Bob Wickland

Monday



Kids can turn discarded material into animal artwork in the Kids' Green Art Contest, part of Animal Safari.
Photo by Stacy Kaat

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1 Online registration begins for Fall Zoo Classes*

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10 Snooze at the Zoo*
World Elephant Day**

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24 Animal Safari for animal sponsors*

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31 Senior Celebration**



September 2019



The Zoo's new Otter Passage opened at the west entrance in spring 2018. Visitors love watching the antics of North American river otters Emerald, Shamrock, Clover and Larkey.

Photo by Bob Wickland

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3 Fall Zoo Classes begin*	4	5	6	7 Family Farm Weekend**
8 Family Farm Weekend** Ride on the Wild Side Bike Ride*	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23 First day of autumn	24	25	26	27	28 Zoo Pass members-only field trip*
29 Rosh Hashana begins at sundown	30	<p>Make ice cream, milk a pretend cow, learn about how bees make honey and more during Family Farm Weekend.</p> <p>Photo by Olga Kornienko</p>		<p>Kids and adults can pedal around the Zoo in the Ride on the Wild Side Bike Ride.</p> <p>Photo by Bob Wickland</p>		

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October 2019



The spangled cotinga lives in the Amazon rainforest and feeds on fruit and occasional insects. You will find it at the Zoo in the Herb & Nada Mahler Family Aviary. Photo by Bob Wickland

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Saturday

Enjoy a night for adults only while sampling beer and food at Zoo Brew.
Photo by Stacy Kaat



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Zoo Brew,* 7-10 p.m.

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Family Free Day**

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Yom Kippur begins at sundown

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Columbus Day observed

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Boo at the Zoo,** 6-9 p.m.

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Boo at the Zoo,** 6-9 p.m.

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Halloween Spooktacular with trick-or-treating,** 6-9 p.m.

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Halloween Spooktacular with trick-or-treating,** 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

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Halloween

Celebrate fall at Boo at the Zoo and Halloween Spooktacular.
Photo by Olga Kornienko



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November 2019



Malayan chevrotains are also called mouse deer because of their tiny size and hooves. The Zoo's chevrotains, Opal and Rain, are the only mammals that live in the bird building. Photo by Joel Miller

Sunday

The Zoo offers Family Free Days once a month October through March.
Photo by Bob Wickland

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The Zoological Society's Education Department hosts classes for school groups and families.
Photo by Bob Wickland

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Online registration begins for 2020 Spring Zoo Classes*

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Family Free Day**

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Daylight saving Time ends

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Veterans Day

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Thanksgiving

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December 2019



The Zoo's cheetahs, Kira and Imara, have shelters and heated rocks to help them stay warm in cold weather. They have the option to stay inside in winter but usually choose to go outside. Photo by Bob Wickland

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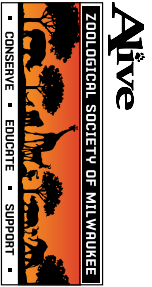
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Fantastic Forest (through Dec. 29)* Family Free Day** Breakfast & Lunch with Santa**
8 Breakfast & Lunch with Santa**	9	10	11	12	13	14 Breakfast & Lunch with Santa**
15 Breakfast & Lunch with Santa**	16	17	18	19	20	21 Breakfast & Lunch with Santa** First day of winter
22 Breakfast & Lunch with Santa** Hanukkah begins at sundown	23	24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	Enjoying breakfast or lunch with Santa at the Zoo is a tradition for many families. Photo by Richard Taylor		Youth groups from all over the Milwaukee area decorate evergreen trees for the Zoological Society's Fantastic Forest. Photo by Bob Wickland	

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February



March



April



May



June



July



August



September



October



November



December

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African elephant Ruth at the Milwaukee County Zoo.
 Photo by Olga Korienko

