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ALIVE



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2021

A YEAR IN REVIEW

The Milwaukee County Zoo and Zoological Society of Milwaukee offer many fun events, attractions and educational opportunities throughout the year. We couldn't do this without the support of our sponsors. Here's a look back at the fun we had in 2021 and the sponsors who made it possible through contributions of \$2,500 or more.

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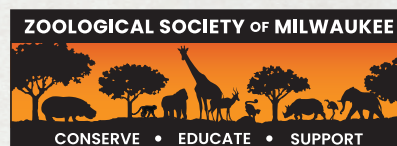
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Reticulated giraffe
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EVENTS



1 Family Free Days

JAN.-MARCH, OCT.-DEC.

Sponsored by North Shore Bank
Media sponsor: FOX6

From October 2020 to March 2021,
29,374 received free admission on
six Family Free Days.



2 Egg Day

APRIL 3

Sponsored by
Habush Habush & Rottier S.C.®

Guests were invited to get into the
Easter spirit and wear bunny ears
around the Zoo. The Easter Bunny
paraded around the Zoo on a float
and greeted 8,980 people.



3 Mother's Day at the Zoo

MAY 9

Sponsored by Noodles & Company

A total of 6,404 visitors celebrated
moms, who received free admission
on their special day.

4 Sean Kenney's Animal Super Powers made with LEGO® Bricks

MAY 29-SEPT. 6

Sponsored by Sendik's Food Market

Millions of LEGO® bricks transformed
into animals drew in 73,642 visitors.
Each creation not only showed off the
beauty of animals but their amazing
adaptations that are like super powers.



5 Father's Day at the Zoo

JUNE 20

Presented by Prairie Farms Dairy

Free admission for dads attracted a
total of 5,170 people.

6 Snooze FOR the Zoo

JUNE 23-25

Sponsored by Post Consumer Brands and Sentry Foods. Activities sponsored by Educators Credit Union.

This reimagined event allowed guests to buy a bag filled with food, activities and a T-shirt to take along on their own camping trips. The Zoological Society packed 341 bags for 1,154 people.



7 July Member Nights: Fun Summer Evenings

JULY 13, 15 & 16

Sponsored by WaterStone Bank. Stage sponsor: eAchieve Academy.

Zoo Pass members were able to enjoy one of three evenings at the Zoo. This after-hours event attracted 8,381 people and featured animals, special exhibits and two stages of entertainment that had people dancing and playing for hours.



8 Birdies & Eagles Golf Tournament

JULY 26

Sponsored by GRAEF

Special guest LeRoy Butler joined 129 golfers at this annual fundraiser for the Zoological Society, which raised \$103,000.



9 Zoo Ball

AUG. 14

Presented by Chair Robert Dohmen

The Society's annual black-tie gala, with its theme Hippo Heaven, raised more than \$495,000 from 490 guests. This year, guests enjoyed cocktails and appetizers by the new hippo habitat before a gourmet dinner and dancing.



10 August Member Nights: Last Call Before Fall

AUG. 24-26

Sponsored by Milwaukee Montessori School. Stage sponsor: AAA Wisconsin.

Zoo Pass members were invited for entertainment, food trucks and the chance to visit the Zoo after hours, with attendance of 4,088 over three evenings.

11 Senior Celebration

SEPT. 1

Entertainment sponsored by Network Health.

Those 55 and older received free Zoo admission. The beautiful weather helped draw 3,357 to the Zoo that day.



12 Ride on the Wild Side

SEPT. 12

Sponsored by The Corners of Brookfield.
Media sponsors: News/Talk 1130 WISN, FM106.1, 95.7 BIG FM, V100.7.
Route sponsor: SaintA.

Bikers of all ages and abilities, 821 in all, rode 2.5, 10, 17 or 27 miles, helping raise \$38,000 for the Zoological Society. All routes started and ended at the Zoo.

13 Boo at the Zoo: Drive-Thru!

OCT. 14-17, 21-24

Presented by Prairie Farms Dairy

Guests could stay in their vehicles and drive through the Zoo to enjoy Halloween decorations, treat stops and music. The event was so successful in 2020 (8,830 guests) it was expanded to include a second weekend in 2021.



14 Fantastic Forest

DEC. 1-31

Sponsored by Hawks Landscape

More than 60 evergreen trees donated by Hawks Landscape are decorated with ornaments handmade by hundreds of local children. Guests can see the trees in different spots around the Zoo.

15 Wild Lights

DEC. 1-5, 8-12, 15-23, 26-31

Presented by We Energies

Zone sponsors: American Transmission Co.; Prairie Farms Dairy; Habush Habush & Rottier S.C®; Mad City Windows and Baths; Meijer

The Zoo will premiere a holiday event this December featuring an illuminated 1-mile walking path through the Zoo. Get in the spirit with these holiday decorations inside one of Milwaukee's top family attractions.



EDUCATION

16 Kohl's Wild Theater

In Partnership with Kohl's

Kohl's Wild Theater, the country's largest zoo-based theater program, brought conservation-themed shows and sketches to nearly 20,500 people in-person at the Zoo and more than 24,000 around southeastern Wisconsin in-person and virtually.

17 Zoo Classes

Sponsored by The Corners of Brookfield

The Zoological Society offered virtual Zoo Classes in the spring due to the pandemic. ZooConnect offered live interactions between students and educators and videos from animal habitats around the Zoo. In-person classes returned in the summer and fall.



ATTRACTIONS/ VISITOR SERVICES

18 Zoo Terrace

Sponsored by Generac

19 Carousel

Sponsored by Penzeys

20 Playground

Sponsored by UnitedHealthcare

21 Safari Train

Sponsored by North Shore Bank

22 Sky Safari

Sponsored by Mathnasium: The Math Learning Center

23 Sky Trail® Ropes Courses & Zip Line

Sponsored by Tri City National Bank

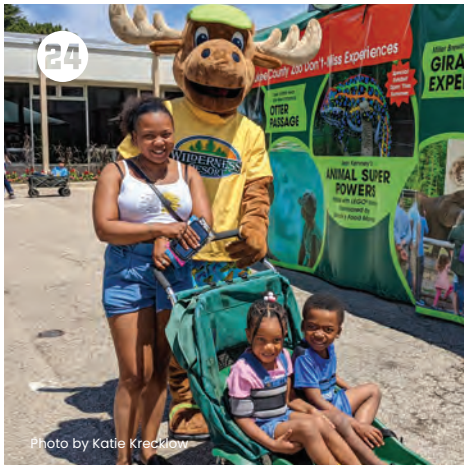
24 Stroller Rentals

Sponsored by Wilderness Resort

25 Zoo Expeditions

Sponsored by Meijer





Additional opportunities to support other Zoo and Zoological Society events, attractions and programs are available at almost any level.

Contact Patty Harrigan Mills at 414-918-6185 or pattyhm@zoosociety.org for more information.

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January 2022



An Inca tern soars through the Herb and Nada Mahler Family Aviary, ushering in the New Year with wings spread wide. These acrobatic birds are experts at hunting crustaceans, anchovies and other small fish. Photo by Bob Wickland



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Runners bundle up and pay tribute to the Zoo's legendary gorilla Samson during this annual 5k race. Photo by Olga Kornienko</p>			 <p>Squirrel Appreciation Day is on Jan. 21. Photo by Garrett Hopkins</p>			<p>1 New Year's Day Zoo and Society closed</p>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Family Free Day**
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Samson Stomp**
16 Samson Stomp**	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18	19	20	21 Squirrel Appreciation Day	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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February 2022

♠ Sloths move slowly, but the bond between Fezzik and Nentas developed fast when Nentas was brought to the Zoo in Feb. 2021. They are a recommended breeding pair by the Hoffmann's two-toed sloth Species Survival Plan®.
 Photo by Bob Wickland



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Groundhog Day**	3	4	5 Family Free Day**
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day	15 National Hippo Day	16	17	18	19
20	21 Presidents Day	22	23	24	25	26
27 International Polar Bear Day	28		<p>◀◀ A groundhog demonstrates his penchant for seasonal predictions on Groundhog Day. Photo by Joel Miller</p>			<p>◀◀ A Nicobar pigeon perches on a food dish. Photo by Garrett Hopkins</p>

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March 2022



Atticus the baby cotton-top tamarin was born to female Javi and male Zi in early 2021. Male cotton-top tamarins play a significant role in raising their young, and Zi quickly proved he was up to the task. Photo by Joel Miller



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 <p>Families get to visit their favorite animals and don't have to pay admission on Family Free Day. Photo by Bob Wickland</p>	1	2 Ash Wednesday	3	4	5 Family Free Day**
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Inside the Zoo**
13 Daylight Saving Time begins Inside the Zoo**	14	15	16 Purim begins at sundown	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 World Frog Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		 <p>World Frog Day is on March 20. Photo by Garrett Hopkins</p>



April 2022



Milja (left) and her mother Orya have been inseparable since the female cub was born at the Milwaukee County Zoo in May 2020. Snow leopards rely on their mothers for their first two years of life as they learn to hunt and survive on their own. Photo by Peter Zuzga



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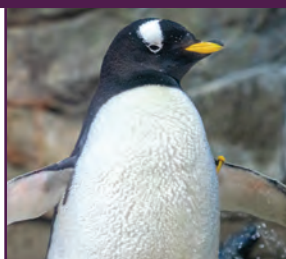
THURSDAY

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SATURDAY



Meet the Easter Bunny and watch Zoo animals enjoy their egg-shaped surprises at Egg Day!
Photo by Kevin McIntosh



World Penguin Day is on April 30.
Photo by Garrett Hopkins

3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Palm Sunday	11	12	13	14	15 Good Friday Passover begins at sundown	16 Egg Day**
17 Easter	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 World Penguin Day**

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May 2022



Kumo the Japanese macaque celebrates his first birthday on May 15. His name means cloud and, like a cloud, he can be seen effortlessly bouncing around his grassy home on Macaque Island throughout the year. Photo by Peter Zuzga



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Eid al-Fitr begins at sundown	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Zootastic*	7
8 Mother's Day**	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 World Bee Day Elephant Appreciation Day**	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Summer season begins, including the opening of the special summer exhibit and free daily Kohl's Wild Theater performances.
29	30 Memorial Day	31	 Mothers get free admission to the Zoo on Mother's Day. <small>Photo by Garrett Hopkins</small>	 Zootastic is an after-hours FUNdraising party at the Zoo filled with dinner, dancing, crafts and other family activities. <small>Photo by Bob Wickland</small>		

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June 2022

⚡ A cow elk enjoys some shade on a summer afternoon. Staying cool can be a challenge for an animal with such a thick coat, so elk often resort to relaxing under trees or in the shade of dense vegetation during the hottest part of the day. Photo by Garrett Hopkins



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>◀◀ Gowns, tuxedos and animals: there's nothing quite like Zoo Ball, one of the Zoological Society's most anticipated events of the year. Photo by Peter Zuzga</p>			1	2	3	4 Scouting at the Zoo**
5	6	7 Nights in June*	8 Nights in June*	9 Nights in June*	10	11 Celebrate Diversity!**
12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day** Juneteenth	20	21 World Giraffe Day	22	23	24	25 Zoo Ball*
26	27	28	29	30	 <p>◀◀ Dads get into the Zoo for free on Father's Day. Photo by Garrett Hopkins</p>	

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July 2022

✦ Boris the brown bear shakes off during a dip in his pool on a sunny afternoon. Despite their size, bears are excellent swimmers. They swim to travel, to hunt prey and, as seen here, to have some fun and cool off. Photo by Garrett Hopkins



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◀◀
Golfers tee off for a cause at Birdies & Eagles, the Zoological Society's annual golf fundraising event.
 Photo by Peter Zuzga



◀◀
International Tiger Day is on July 29.
 Photo by Peter Zuzga

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3 Military & Veterans Family Day**	4 Independence Day	5	6 Sunset Zoofari**	7	8	9
10	11	12 Kids Nights*	13 Sunset Zoofari**	14 Kids Nights*	15 Kids Nights*	16
17	18	19	20 Sunset Zoofari**	21	22	23
24	25 Birdies & Eagles Golf Tournament*	26	27 Sunset Zoofari**	28	29 International Tiger Day	30
31						

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August 2022



Happy is always happy to show off his impressive teeth to Zoo guests. Hippopotamus tusks can grow well over a foot in length, and while hippos don't commonly use them for eating, they do use them to show dominance and settle territorial disputes. Photo by Garrett Hopkins



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Snooze at the Zoo*	11 Snooze at the Zoo*	12 Snooze at the Zoo*	13 Snooze at the Zoo*
14	15	16	17	18	19 World Orangutan Day	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Animal Safari*
28	29	30	31 Senior Celebration**	 <p> ◀◀ Calling all campers! Snooze at the Zoo is your chance to pitch a tent, assemble some s'mores and spend a night at the Milwaukee County Zoo. <small>Photo by Bob Wickland</small> </p>		

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September 2022

♠ A pair of Thomson's gazelles affectionately greet each other in the mixed-species Savannah Yard. Tommies are one of the smallest species of gazelle, most easily recognized for the black stripe that runs along their midsection. They are native to desert regions of Africa and Asia. Photo by Garrett Hopkins



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	<p>◀◀ International Vulture Awareness Day is on Sept. 3. <small>Photo by Garrett Hopkins</small></p>		<p>◀◀ Enjoy a view of the Zoo from the seat of your bike at Ride on the Wild Side, the Zoological Society's annual bike riding event. <small>Photo by Garrett Hopkins</small></p>	1	2	3 International Vulture Awareness Day
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11 Ride on the Wild Side*	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Rosh Hashana begins at sundown	26	27	28	29	30	

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October 2022



Safety in numbers! A trio of waterbuck demonstrate their preference for living in a herd. Native to grasslands and forests of eastern Africa, waterbuck often live in groups containing up to 30 members.

Photo by Peter Zuzga



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SATURDAY



Raise your glasses! At Zoo Brew adults gather for samples of beer, a scrumptious sampling of food and an after-hours opportunity to view some of their favorite animals.
Photo by Stacy Kaat



The Zoo is filled with spooky surprises and costumed candy-eaters during Boo at the Zoo.
Photo by Paul Ruffolo

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Family Free Day**

2	3	4 Yom Kippur begins at sundown	5	6 Zoo Brew*	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 International Sloth Day Boo at the Zoo**	21 Boo at the Zoo**	22 Boo at the Zoo**
23 Boo at the Zoo**	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Halloween 31					



November 2022

🦋 The shimmering beauty of a school of silver dollar fish is doubled by reflective water in the Aquatic & Reptile Center. Silver dollar fish are found in heavily vegetated rivers and streams throughout South America. Photo by Joel Miller



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		1	2	3	4	5 Family Free Day**
6 Daylight Saving Time ends	7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12 Zumba® Fitness Party at the Zoo*
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Zoo and Society closed	25	26
27	28	29	30		<p>Enjoy an autumn outing at the Zoo at Family Free Day!</p> <p>Photos by Bob Wickland</p>	

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December 2022

North American river otters provide endless entertainment for Zoo guests throughout the year. These playful mammals love to wrestle with each other, slide around in the snow and even explore repurposed evergreen trees from time to time. Photo by Joel Miller



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 <p>◀◀ Evergreen trees decorated by youth groups bring holiday cheer to the Zoo during Fantastic Forest. Photo by Stacy Kaat</p>		 <p>◀◀ A rhinoceros hornbill enjoys a snack. Photo by Garrett Hopkins</p>		1 Wild Lights Begins*** Fantastic Forest Begins*	2	3 Family Free Day**
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Hanukkah begins at sundown	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas Zoo and Society closed	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Wild Lights Ends Fantastic Forest Ends

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 #No Wild Lights on Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 24 or 25.

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African lioness
Photo by Garrett Hopkins

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