

Alive



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For 31 years the Zoological Society of Milwaukee (ZSM) has published *Alive*, an insider magazine for ZSM members. We've told you about our conservation efforts, new animals and exhibits at the Milwaukee County Zoo, and how we educate nearly 200,000 people each year about wildlife. In this issue we're offering even more. Some readers have asked us for ways to plan their year to include ZSM and Zoo events. Other readers have asked for larger versions of the fabulous photos of Zoo animals taken by our long-time freelance photographer, Richard "Rick" Brodzeller. Our solution? We're

giving you a 24-page 2013 calendar with terrific animal photos plus listings of ZSM and Zoo events.

We're also continuing our tradition of presenting stories on each of the three parts of the Zoological Society's mission to conserve wildlife, educate people about animals and conservation, and support the Milwaukee County Zoo. Each of the three articles in the front of this issue tells a story about our mission:

- **Conservation:** Go on a field trip into Salonga National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Dr. Gay Reinartz (page 4) - the ZSM's conservation coordinator and head of our Bonobo and Congo Biodiversity Initiative - will be your guide. She and her Congolese colleagues take children into the forest to learn about endangered species such as bonobos and forest elephants.
- **Education:** See the Zoo through the eyes of a student who is learning to teach. Discover how attending ZSM Conservation Education classes and summer camps for 12 years has influenced this 17-year-old, who last summer volunteered as an aide with our summer camps.
- **Support of the Zoo:** As a Zoological Society member, do you know how much the ZSM gives to the Zoo each year (page 6)? You might be surprised.

Let us know what you think of our calendar. We look forward to seeing you at the Zoo soon.

Dr. Robert (Bert) Davis
 Chief Executive Officer

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A red panda at the Milwaukee County Zoo.





Learning for a Lifetime



Matthew Bender, 5, of Milwaukee, completes an art project with Julia Hertig's help.

At 17, Julia Hertig has seen two sides to education at the Zoo. Both have left a big imprint on her life. For 12 years, from ages 2 to 14, she took classes and summer camps at the Milwaukee County Zoo. All classes are run by the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's (ZSM's) Conservation Education Department. For the last two summers she has been a ZSM volunteer summer-camp assistant. "I always wanted to be a teacher," Julia says. "Being at the Zoo has given me more confidence, because you get to work so closely with the kids." Under supervision of ZSM education staff, she accompanied children on Zoo tours, helped them with art and learning activities, and gave them individual attention in class. Now she's sure she wants a career as a teacher.

ZSM educators realize that childhood lessons can become the foundation of one's adult life. That's why ZSM summer camps and year-round classes include a variety of messages, from conservation to the rules for getting along in groups. A hands-on emphasis keeps children active and involved. "I liked the activities," Julia says. Art classes have fun things like creating animal sculptures. Veterinary and zookeeper camps teach animal care creatively, like using an orange to practice giving an elephant a shot, or constructing an animal X-ray. Zoo tours during each class reinforce what children learn about animals, since they can ask zookeepers questions and see animal behaviors for themselves.

Zoo classes are offered through age 14. When Julia passed that age, she didn't want to give up the connection she felt to ZSM classes and the Zoo. "I enjoyed the Zoo camps so much and I wanted to stay involved," she explains. So at age 16 she applied to be a high-school volunteer camp assistant. "I thought it would be a good experience," Julia says, because the position would develop her teaching skills. Perhaps the most important part of the experience is being mentored by a college-aged intern. The intern and other staff helped Julia learn how to keep children focused on tasks and to retain information.

As a volunteer for two weeks, Julia also saw children develop socially in ZSM classes. "You don't just learn about specific animals in class. The kids learn how to interact with each other, and are able to learn from each other," Julia says. She recalled how two boys who attended a spring Polar Pals class shared what they learned about penguins with their Animal Champions classmates in the summer.

"(Sharing) makes them more outgoing," Julia has also learned more about teamwork. Teachers and class assistants use coordinated signals to keep classes focused. When a teacher speaks, children stop their activities, put their hands on their heads and listen; assistants reinforce the behavior by doing it themselves. "It was easier to get tasks done and maintain control of the classroom." Being able to communicate and work effectively with interns, teachers and Zoo Pride volunteers "provided not only a great work environment but a great camp experience for the kids."

Summer 2012 was Julia's final year as a camp assistant. She graduated from New Berlin Eisenhower High School in the spring and began pursuing a degree in music education at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater this fall. She hopes to continue her work with ZSM camps next summer as part of the ZSM's intern program for college students, saying, "It's just a positive place to be."

Teens ages 15-18 who are interested in becoming a volunteer camp assistant for two weeks in summer 2013 should contact ZSM instructors Christopher Uitz or Heather Thomack by April 1, 2013, at 414-258-5058.



Julia Hertig volunteered two summers in Zoological Society camps.

By Liz Mauritz

In Congo:



First-Time Field Trip



Schoolchildren from villages near Etate get their first box of crayons. Hugo Warner photo

Conservation involves more than protecting animals. It involves teaching the next generation to value, understand and protect wildlife. The Zoological Society of Milwaukee (ZSM) has been conducting a bonobo-conservation program since 1997. Called the Bonobo and Congo Biodiversity Initiative (BCBI), the program is coordinated by Dr. Gay Reinartz, the ZSM's conservation coordinator. BCBI has a research station, Etate, in Africa's Democratic Republic of Congo. BCBI includes not just research on bonobos and other endangered wildlife in their habitat but also programs to help local Congolese near Etate. The BCBI supports an agricultural cooperative, aids three primary schools, and offers adult literacy classes. The following is a story by Dr. Reinartz about the BCBI's latest effort, on April 29, 2012, in conservation education:

Once a professor of chemistry at the University of Kinshasa explained to me how the Congo still managed to produce trained students despite the country's unimaginably meager resources. He said enthusiastically, "In this country we add zero plus zero and we get one! We defy mathematics and physics in Congo." Since then I have thought many times about Dr. Tabu's story, his indomitable optimism rising above the dingy, dilapidated classroom where rain gushed in through a hole in the roof. It seems that my conservation work in Congo is at times profoundly framed by Dr. Tabu's allegory. Take, for example, the children of Watsi and Tompoco and their recent field trip to our research station and patrol post in the Salonga National Park.

The day dawned beautifully bright as the sun illuminated the opal mist that clung to the black, still river. The Etate patrol post came to life with an aura of anticipation. Even phlegmatic

Edmond had an extra kick in his step as he passed by my window smoking his pipe. The guards were cleaning the camp, cutting the grass with sling blades, cooking beans and rice, and chattering away like a family of finches. Twenty children, our guests, were due to arrive in two hours. The guards would be their hosts for the day and teach these kids about the park, its bonobos and wildlife, and what it was to be a park guard. This would be a historic moment. Today they would begin to end the great paradox of their national park – they would shape some minds.

National parks in the United States are places revered for their beauty and celebrated in our society as spectacular vacation spots. Not so in Congo. For local people, parks are a pain paramount to an injustice. National parks are mostly forbidden places for village people – not places for family camping trips or vacations. For them, to survive by farming and hunting is antithetical to taking a vacation. Camping is a way of life. People are banned from entering the park for traditional use – to hunt or fish – and park guards become enemies.

Yet, in the park, animals exist that children and most adults have never seen. There are bonobos and elephants, for example, which no longer live in community forests because they have been hunted to extinction. Imagine, however, that *less than five miles* from the village of Tompoco, just across the Salonga River and in the park, bonobos and elephants live, unseen for nearly a generation by the people to whose heritage these animals belong. No wonder locals believe that animals are considered to be more important to their government and to international conservation organizations than they, the people themselves. Today the Etate guards, hosting a field day for school kids, would take the first step to change this reality.

At 8:00 sharp, they arrived. The 30-foot-long pirogue (dugout canoe) sliced through the river mist and slowly came to port. Ten children, aged 6 through 12, from the neighboring village of Watsi and ten from Tompoco, had left their beds at 5 a.m. to walk two hours through the formidable swamp to catch the boat for Etate and go on a “field trip,” a concept entirely new to them. Accompanied by four teachers, they sat on the pirogue floor, 20 small heads peeking, curious yet wary, above the gunnel. As they landed, no one spoke, everyone shy in their new role. Never before had *children* come to the Salonga National Park – only poachers ventured here. Finally Ngomo Mozart saved the day: “Welcome to Etate!” he shouted, and the children clambered into camp. We herded them into the *paillotte* (a circular covered veranda) where they sat respectfully on benches around a large round table, still speechless but eyes wide with expectation.

Each child was dressed in his or her best clothing – throw-away, second-hand dresses, too long or too short, torn slacks and beat-up shoes, previously worn by people in richer nations. The yellow satin dress of one girl lacked a zipper, exposing her small, delicately formed back, but such detail did nothing to dim the sun in her smile.

Mozart introduced the day’s program, explained to the children that it was a great honor to have them join the guards at Etate. He explained that Etate was a patrol post and a research station, and that their job was to protect the animals of the park. He said that today, they would learn *why* the animals had to be protected, and that it was important for the students to pay close attention because *their* job would be to teach others in their village about what they learned. So, the day began. Edmond translated Mozart’s Lingala (a widely spoken trade language) into Kimongo, the local language. When Mozart finished, Bokitsi Bunda, chief guard, spoke about his job to oversee Etate and to lead patrols to arrest dangerous poachers. Bunda then gave the floor to guard Isasi, who described the wonders of the animals.

Isasi, a formidable man who would cause a poacher to wither, performed like a seasoned teacher, rich in detail, story and warmth. He spoke in animated tones of a born storyteller, posed questions, and received bursts of eager hand-raising. Jumping from her seat, the smart little girl in the blue shirt with sequins answered proudly: “Yes! The elephant is the world’s largest agriculturist,” repeating what Isasi had told them. “He plows the forest with his great tusks and prepares the earth to receive the seeds from trees and other plants!” The children learned about the wily bonobo, his human-like traits and intelligence. Leopards, monkeys, antelopes – each got a turn.

By 10 a.m. the sun had burned through the morning mist. The day turned hot. Lacking other refreshments, we served the children what we had: coffee loaded with milk and sugar. After

Below: Bunda, chief guard, and Dr. Gay Reinartz give thumbs up to conservation efforts. Photo provided by Dr. Gay Reinartz

Bottom: A boy is perplexed by an elephant drawing. Which way does it go? he asks. Dr. Gay Reinartz photo



Look for bonobo nests up in trees, park guard Isasi Bianga tells children on their first field trip to the national park.

▼ Dr. Gay Reinartz photo



▲ Isasi Bianga (left), a guard at the Zoological Society’s Etate research station and patrol post, teaches village children about animals of the Salonga National Park. Dr. Gay Reinartz photo

coffee, we steered the group into the woods to search for bonobo nests. Taking the lead, Bunda explained how to find bonobo nests high in the canopy. They spotted one! *Félicitation!* Then another, and, oh, yes, another. Louder and faster. We held a brief competition – which team could find the most nests? Without fear of the forest, the children scattered before we could organize ourselves. Suddenly they were gone like a shot! After 30 minutes of calling and following, we had rounded up everyone for a reassuring head count. Laughing and holding hands, the kids marched back to camp. Strolling after them, the teachers talked with the park guards like old comrades.

Back at Etate, each child received a green cap, a box of six crayons, and pages of animals to color. Among fluttering papers and eager hands, we showed the children how to open the boxes of crayons – another first. Mozart described how to color the animals on the pages, and cautiously they began, unwilling to make a mistake. Black for the bonobo, blue for the parrot, and gray for the elephant. “Is this the elephant?” A small boy reoriented the page. “Which way does it go? This way, or this way?”

At that moment I realized that we had arrived at another zero. Of course, not only had these children never seen an elephant before, but unlike every American school-age child, they had never even seen a picture of one. Not even a picture of the greatest land mammal, and one that lives five miles away from their village.

That day we took zero and zero and made one.



How Much? Guess!

“Is it \$200,000?”
“\$1 million?”
“\$3 million?”
“\$4 million?”

These are some of the answers we got from Zoological Society members interviewed at the Milwaukee County Zoo on July 27. What was the question? **How much financial support do you think the Zoological Society gives to the Zoo each year?** Our goal was to find out how much our members know about the non-profit organization that they belong to, the Zoological Society of Milwaukee (ZSM). We discovered that they underestimated what the ZSM does.

“Would you believe \$6.4 million?” we said. That’s how much cash and in-kind support the ZSM provided the Zoo in our last fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2010, through Sept. 30, 2011). “Wow!” exclaimed Janelle and Ryan Burch, almost in the same breath. They were at the Zoo with their son, Evan, 22 months. They live in New Berlin and are relatively new ZSM members. “What do you think the ZSM does for the Zoo,” we ask? Janelle replies: “Help to maintain all the areas for the animals?” Yes, indeed, we said. That gave us a chance to explain that through ZSM annual appeals and general support to the Zoo, we help maintain animal exhibits, remodel them and build new ones. In fact, during the last Zoo-ZSM joint capital campaign, from 2001 through 2008, the Zoological Society raised \$15.3 million and helped build or dramatically remodel nine Zoo buildings/exhibits, from an animal hospital to a new education center with eight classrooms.

What’s your favorite area of the Zoo? The Burches mention the giraffe exhibit. We note that the remodeled exhibit – including a new indoor building and a giraffe feeding deck – was opened in 2006 as part of the capital campaign. Not only did the Zoological Society help recruit the major contributor to the exhibit, MillerCoors, but individual ZSM members also helped make the giraffe exhibit possible.



Left: Janelle Burch, of New Berlin, and her son, Evan, visit giraffes at the Zoo. Right: Quin Pavich and her son, Bobby, enjoyed the 2012 Adventure Dinosaur! sponsored by Sendik’s Food Markets. The Zoological Society recruits sponsors for such special summer exhibits at the Zoo.

ZSM members did the same for the education building. Little Evan Burch, who turned age 2 in September, can start taking ZSM animal-science classes now. The Zoological Society offers classes and camps for ages 2 through 14, from February through December (www.zoosociety.org/education). The Karen Peck Katz Conservation Education Center was built thanks to a major contribution from the Peck family and to individual donations from ZSM members.

“Conservation?” Ryan Burch suggests that this might be another area in which the ZSM helps the Zoo. He’s right. Conservation is a significant part of our mission. Not only does the ZSM fund conservation projects proposed by Zoo staff, but the Zoological Society has run its own international conservation projects over the years. They include Birds Without Borders-*Aves Sin Fronteras*, which produced two manuals with tips on how to help birds (you can download the manuals for free from the ZSM Web site: zoosociety.org/bwb-asf). A continuing project is the Bonobo and Congo Biodiversity Initiative to help protect bonobos and other wildlife in Africa (see page 4).

The Zoo does a great job of taking care of its own animals, and the ZSM helps with grants to the veterinary department. We mention to Ryan Burch that the ZSM funds pathology residents and veterinary students or graduates who train at the Zoo under supervision of the Zoo’s two resident veterinarians. So we ask him: “Do you think the ZSM is on track with its support of



For more information about how the Zoological Society of Milwaukee supports the Milwaukee County Zoo, check out our annual report: www.zoosociety.org/annualreport



Left: This is a golden-breasted starling. Below: Brewster the black rhinoceros splashes in water during a 100-degree day at the Zoo last July. The Zoological Society has supported conservation projects for rhinos and many birds.



the Zoo?" He replies: "Training vets, making sure animals are taken care of – these are definitely on track."

Karina Taylor of Milwaukee is another ZSM member interviewed July 27. She and her mom, Mary Billings, were at the Zoo with a large family group, including two grandchildren. Taylor was very familiar with the events at the Zoo because the family has a lot of fun attending them. "I like when they do Zoo a la Carte, Boo at the Zoo, Breakfast With Santa and other events throughout the year," she says. And she's very pleased that the ZSM sends out notices of those events in its newsletter, *Wild Things*, "because sometimes I forget."

This was a chance to tell the women that the Zoological Society also recruits the sponsors for these events. Sponsorship helps make the events possible. Also, some of the events are put on by the Zoo and open to the public, while a few events are exclusively for ZSM members (a summer special exhibit preview in June and special nights for children and families in July).

Another family of ZSM members who loves events at the Zoo was surprised to learn how much financial support the ZSM gives to the Zoo. Quin Pavich was at the Zoo with her son, Bobby, 7, and his grandparents, Sheila and Bob Pavich, who live in Chicago but have a cottage in Delavan. "We do a lot of stuff here, like education classes and Breakfast With Santa," says Quin. As for the \$6.4 million of ZSM support, "that's a lot of money, but it's definitely worth it. I think the money is going to what it should."

Melissa Juvinal of Port Washington agrees. She was at the Zoo in July with her godson, but she and her husband, Andy, often come by themselves. "It's pleasant to walk around. There are lots of good resting spots and a good variety of exhibits." She especially likes the big cats. She became a Zoological Society member this year and likes what the organization does for the Zoo. "Keep doing what you're doing," she says, "'cause it's great. The Zoo is awesome."

By Paula Brookmire



January 2013



Amur tigers, native to Siberia, are at home in the snow of a Wisconsin winter at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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20 Samson Stomp & Romp**	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22	23	24 Puttin' on the Ritz,* Potawatomi Bingo Casino, evening event	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Photo at top left: Puttin' on the Ritz is a Zoological Society fundraising event including a gourmet dinner, an auction and boxing.	
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5 Family Free Day**		

*Zoological Society of Milwaukee event: www.zoosociety.org

**Milwaukee County Zoo event: www.milwaukeezoo.org



February 2013



A Dall sheep at the Milwaukee County Zoo is sure-footed on rock or snow.

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Left: Zoogoers make a toast at Wines and Beers of the World, a Zoological Society fundraiser.

Bottom right: Families bowl to raise money for the Zoo's animals at the Zoological Society's Saturday Bowl-a-Thon.

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Wines and Beers of the World,* evening event

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Groundhog Day celebration at the Zoo**
Family Free Day**
Beastly Bowl-a-Thon*;
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Chinese New Year

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Ash Wednesday

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Valentine's Day

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Presidents' Day

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March 2013



This male Mandarin duck is in full breeding plumage in winter and spring. In summer, when it molts, its colors are much less vibrant.

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Lisa Ryan photo

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During the Egg Day and Breakfast & Lunch With the Bunny events at the Milwaukee County Zoo, kids get to meet the Easter Bunny.

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Family Free Day at the Zoo**

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Behind the Scenes Weekend at the Zoo**
Zoological Society Members-only
Trip to Chicago's Field Museum*

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Breakfast & Lunch With the Bunny**

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Egg Day at the Zoo**

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First day of spring

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Good Friday

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Easter

*Zoological Society of Milwaukee event: www.zoosociety.org

**Milwaukee County Zoo event: www.milwaukeezoo.org



April 2013



This giant Oustalet's chameleon is native to Madagascar.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 All Fools Day (April Fools Day)	2	3	4	5	6 Family Free Day at the Zoo**	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Zoological Society Members-only Field Trip*	
21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26 Zootastic,* evening event	27	
28	29	30					<p>Enjoy fun, food, music and animal talks at the Zoological Society's Zootastic family-night fundraiser. Here a Zoo Pride volunteer shows a snow leopard pelt to guests.</p>

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**Milwaukee County Zoo event: www.milwaukeezoo.org



May 2013

These three African lion youngsters, born in July 2011, were nearly adult size by April 2012, when this photo was taken.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Cinco de Mayo 	6	7 Kohl's Wild Theater, a partnership between the Zoological Society and Kohl's Cares, returns with free conservation-themed plays at the Zoo on Memorial Day Weekend. This actor plays a Baltimore oriole.	1 May Day	2	3	4
12 Mother's Day at the Zoo**	13	14	15	16	17	18 Party for the Planet at the Zoo**
19 Party for the Planet at the Zoo**	20	21	22	23	24	25 The Zoo's official summer season opens, including its special summer exhibit and Kohl's Wild Theater Zoo performances.
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	



June 2013



This "smiling" tomato frog is on exhibit in the Aquatic & Reptile Center at the Milwaukee County Zoo

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Art Rosenthal Photography

Left: Zoo Ball features elegance, dancing, auctions and animals. It's the Zoological Society's largest fundraiser of the year. Right: Father's Day at the Zoo offers free admission for fathers (not including parking).



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5 Zoological Society members' free admission to Zoo's special summer exhibit, evening event*

4 Zoological Society members' free admission to Zoo's special summer exhibit, evening event*

3 Zoological Society members' free admission to Zoo's special summer exhibit, evening event*

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Zoo Ball*
evening event

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First day of summer

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Father's Day
at the Zoo**

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Sunset Zoofari
at the Zoo**

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Military Family
Day at the Zoo

*Zoological Society of Milwaukee event: www.zoosociety.org

**Milwaukee County Zoo event: www.milwaukeezoo.org



July 2013



The kudu is one of the most elegant African antelope. View it at the Milwaukee County Zoo's African Waterhole Exhibit.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2	3 Sunset Zoofari at the Zoo**	4 Fourth of July holiday	5	6	
7	8 Kids' Nights at the Zoo* Ramadan begins	9	10 Sunset Zoofari at the Zoo**	11 Kids' Nights at the Zoo*	12 Kids' Nights at the Zoo*	13	
14	15	16	17 Sunset Zoofari at the Zoo**	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24 Sunset Zoofari at the Zoo**	25	26	27	
28	29 Birdies & Eagles Golf Tournament,* off Zoo grounds	30	31 Sunset Zoofari at the Zoo**				<p>For Zoological Society members only, Kids' Nights feature music, food and animal presentations at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Here children pet a Cochin chicken.</p>

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August 2013



Mahal, the Milwaukee County Zoo's popular young orangutan, loves to "hang out" and make faces at his adoring fans.

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Chomp! Taste food from more than 25 food vendors and enjoy music on six stages at a la Carte, the Milwaukee County Zoo's biggest fundraiser.

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September 2013



The majestic black rhinoceros from Africa is highly endangered. The Milwaukee County Zoo has helped rhino preservation efforts.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5 Rosh Hashana	6	7 Family Farm Weekend at the Zoo**
8 Family Farm Weekend at the Zoo**	9	10	11	12	13	14 Elephant Appreciation Day at the Zoo** Yom Kippur
15 Ride on the Wild Side family bike ride starting at the Zoo*	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 First day of autumn	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Left: Riders take off for a ride through the Zoo and beyond in the Zoological Society's Ride on the Wild Side. Right: Safety first. A couple secure their helmets for the ride.



October 2013



The potto is a shy, big-eyed, nocturnal creature adept at climbing. Visit this African mammal in the Small Mammals Building at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

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13	14 Columbus Day observed	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Zoo Brew, evening event**	25 Halloween Spooktacular evening event at the Zoo with trick-or-treating**	26 Halloween Spooktacular at the Zoo with trick-or-treating, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.**
27	28	29	30	31 Traditional Halloween holiday	 <p>Pumpkins and costumes are popular at the Milwaukee County Zoo on two weekends during Boo at the Zoo and Halloween Spooktacular.</p>	

*Zoological Society of Milwaukee event: www.zoosociety.org

**Milwaukee County Zoo event: www.milwaukeezoo.org



November 2013



The playful cotton-top tamarins are on exhibit in the Small Mammals Building at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

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In November, youth groups decorate trees with homemade ornaments for the Zoological Society's Fantastic Forest, which opens Nov. 30 in the Milwaukee County Zoo's entrance atrium.

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Daylight Savings
Time Ends

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Veterans Day

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Zoological Society
Members-only Holiday
Field Trip to Chicago*

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Veterans Day

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Thanksgiving
First day of Hanukkah

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Fantastic Forest at the
Zoo (through Dec. 31)*

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December 2013



Bactrian camels are accustomed to snow, and you can view them outdoors all winter in the Camel Exhibit at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Sunday

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Family Free Day at the Zoo** Breakfast & Lunch With Santa at the Zoo**
8 Lunch With Santa at the Zoo**	9	10	11	12	13	14 Breakfast & Lunch With Santa at the Zoo**
15 Lunch With Santa at the Zoo**	16	17	18	19	20	21 Breakfast & Lunch With Santa at the Zoo** First day of winter
22 Lunch With Santa at the Zoo**	23	24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanza begins	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

Breakfast and Lunch With Santa is a popular Milwaukee County Zoo event that runs over three weekends and often is filled by November.



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2013 Events Calendar Zoological Society of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County Zoo



January



February



March



April



May



June



July



August



September



October



November



December

Event dates listed in the calendar are subject to change.

Caribbean Flamingo
at the Milwaukee
County Zoo.



Jay Westhauser photo

About the photographer

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