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CUTE PREDICTION



Photo by Joel Miller

Groundhog Day

9 a.m.

Virtual Event

Whether Gordy the groundhog predicts an early spring or six more weeks of winter, we predict he will be cute this Groundhog Day. Gordy is turning 4 years old in April, and this will be his fourth time giving the annual prediction. If he sees his shadow, that means six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't see it, that means an early spring.

Gordy's prediction will be a virtual event for everyone to see. Check out milwaukeezoo.org for details on where you can see the cutest weather predictor in town.

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Note: The following areas close before the posted Zoo closing time: drive-in admission gate (45 minutes prior), walk-in gate (one hour prior) and animal buildings (15 minutes prior).

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JAN.
15 & 16

RUN **WILD**



Samson Stomp January 2020. Photo by Olga Kornienko

Samson Stomp & Romp

Presented by Prairie Farms Dairy

Warm up in the winter with one of the hottest runs in town. This January is the 42nd year for the Samson Stomp, named after the late gorilla Samson. Each runner will get a long-sleeved T-shirt in addition to the chance to win fun prizes and gorilla-themed trophies. Choose from a 5k, 2-mile, or a kids' 1-mile route. Gather your friends and family to form a team and get a discount.

This year, participants can choose to run on one of two days.

Cost: \$30 5k/2-mile
\$25 team member
\$20 kids' 1-mile

For more information on the race and to register, visit milwaukeezoo.org.

MARCH
12 & 13

GET THE **SCOOP**

Inside the Zoo

Presented by Prairie Farms Dairy

10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

It takes a lot of people, a lot of work and a lot of support to run the Zoo. During this event, guests can get inside information on what happens "Inside the Zoo" and what it takes to care for the animals. Details are still in the works. Be sure to check out milwaukeezoo.org or zoosociety.org as more information is released.

Event admission is free for Zoo Pass and Platypus Circle members.



NEST TO IMPRESS

When you think of a bird's nest, you may picture what you see in your neighborhood – a small twig-filled nest in a tree or birdhouse. But inside the Zoo's Herb & Nada Mahler Family Aviary, they come in all shapes and sizes, made of many different items. We take a look at their creations and how the zookeepers help them along.



White-headed buffalo weaver

It's all in the name. White-headed buffalo weavers are named for their instincts to create nests by weaving together grass, twigs and other fibrous material. The Zoo's buffalo weavers are provided a store-bought guinea pig nest and materials like coconut fiber, alpaca hair and various types of grass to build their nest. The aviary zookeepers typically put in a little bit of material to get things started, and the buffalo weavers do the rest!

Nicobar pigeon

In general, pigeons and doves build flimsy nests made of sticks that are prone to falling out of trees or being blown apart by the wind. For safety purposes, the Zoo's Nicobar pigeon nests are almost built entirely by the zookeepers. The base is created with a tennis net, which is then lined with moss and built up with sticks. The Nicobar pigeons are provided fresh greens such as sweet flag grass, but, unlike many other birds in the aviary, these colorful birds typically don't add much to the nests they've been provided.





Crested wood partridge

In the wild, crested wood partridges build domed nests made of leaves, twigs and any other plant material they can get their beaks on. The aviary zookeepers help the Zoo's partridges replicate this style of nest by attaching heaps of silk plants to a wire dish rack. Though they lay eggs in their nests, the keepers don't want these eggs to hatch since all of the Zoo's partridges are related. To prevent this from happening, they replace the real eggs with hand-crafted dummy eggs.

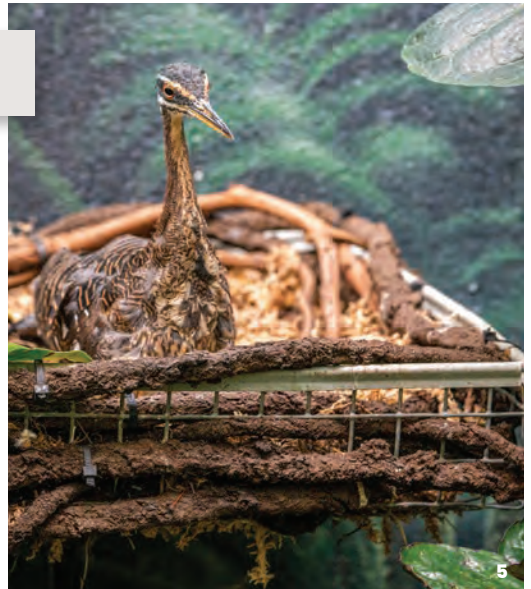


Gold-breasted starling

A small nest for a small bird. When the Zoo's female gold-breasted starling arrived, the aviary zookeepers were informed she preferred an extra small nest. They provided her with a few wooden box options, and she indeed chose the smallest of them all. Her keepers started her out with a base of pine shavings and moss, and she gradually built up her nest with feathers, grass and leaves.

Sunbittern

Sunbitterns are prone to creating shallow nests made of moss, mud and sticks that are built in trees. The zookeepers help promote this behavior by providing a square wooden platform off the ground and plenty of moss and leaves for the birds to use. When needed, the keepers help fortify the nest with extra moss and water. The Zoo currently houses two adult sunbitterns, a female and a male, who welcomed their first chick into their family in the spring of 2021!





A MIKE OF ALL TRADES



Last year Kohl's Wild Theater hired their first-ever technical supervisor, **Michael Cienfuegos-Baca**. A technical supervisor has a sprawling assortment of responsibilities, including set construction, costume design, prop creation and equipment maintenance. Needless to say, this role requires an individual with a passion for all things theater and a Swiss Army Knife-like skillset. In Cienfuegos-Baca, they found just that.

Michael's interest in theater was sparked in middle school when he attended his first musical, a dinner theater production of "Singin' in the Rain." This interest quickly turned into a passion and, by the time he began high school, he knew he wanted to pursue a career in theater art. Upon graduation, he enrolled in Marquette University Performing Arts, drawn in by the program's diverse curriculum. "Marquette emphasizes the importance of being a jack of all trades," says Cienfuegos-Baca. "I'm inherently handy, so my instructors pushed technical theater and design. I learned about making costumes, creating props and building sets. I worked in both the scene shop and the costume shop. I can needle

and thread, I can use a paintbrush. I'm as comfortable working with a jigsaw as I am a serger machine."

In 2021 Kohl's Wild Theater won the Monte Meacham Award from the American Alliance for Theatre & Education, honoring outstanding contributions to theater for youth. Kohl's Wild Theater's ability to transport its audiences to foreign lands is, in large part, due to the technical proficiency of the act, and Michael is proud to lend his expertise to the community fixture.

"This is what I went to school for," he says. "Coming to rehearsal and working on costumes and props and sets is exactly what I want to be doing. And on performance days, I have to make sure all of the technical components of the show are functioning properly. Watching kids enjoy the show when it all comes together is so exciting. There's so much joy and happiness. It warms my heart."



Michael makes puppet repairs to Kapow, the colobus monkey.

Kohl's Wild Theater is made possible by a partnership between Kohl's, the Milwaukee County Zoo and the Zoological Society of Milwaukee. Kohl's Wild Theater brings live, educational, family-friendly shows to schools, libraries and various community events within 60 miles of the Zoo, free of charge. To book a show, visit wildtheater.org.



YOUNG, ENTHUSIASTIC & VIGILANT

Don't be fooled by his name. Bean may sound cute and little but the new male caribou is a strong protector. Bean joined the two resident females, Rosie and Kyllikki (Kylie), in mid-September. Even though he was 1 year old at the time, he took his job seriously. That could be due to the timing since he was in rut during their introductions. Rut not only means breeding attempts but intense behavior. "Their hormones rage all through rut. He's looking for other males that might steal his females, and right now he sees us as a challenger," says North America area supervisor Dawn Fleuchaus. Bean is being vigilant with his protection duties and is a little overly enthusiastic. "Frequently when he sees us he will vocalize and charge at us. So we're not going into the pens at all with him," Fleuchaus explains.

Bean is a little smaller than Rosie and Kylie, but he's expected to reach full mature size in about a year. It will take another five years for his antlers to reach their full potential size and shape. In the

spring when Bean drops his antlers, he is expected to return to a mellow animal. And if he drops his antlers before the females, the roles could be reversed for a short time, and the females would be the dominant ones. But, that will change again once his antlers grow back.

It took years for the Milwaukee County Zoo to find a caribou to join the group. Few zoos house the species, and the ones that do often have difficulty transferring them. "Because of the deer population in our state, there are a lot of rules and testing that has to be done to move them across state lines. Like CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease) and other things that can affect our whitetail population can also affect the caribou," says Fleuchaus. Now that Bean is here and seems to be getting along with the females, there is a chance he and Kylie could breed and form a bigger herd naturally.



You can recognize Bean by his darker coat and a white ear tag in each ear.



PRIMATES DURING CLOSURE

Mandrill

Primates of the World closed to guests in March of 2020. All the animals in the building are susceptible to COVID-19 and because the building has one air vent system shared by animals and humans, the experts kept this building closed to guests for about 20 months. In mid-November steps to safely reopen the building were in the works. Before you return to see the animals, here is what has been happening inside the building.

Orangutans Tommy and Alex were able to enjoy some of the perks of an empty building. Area supervisor Kara DeLanty says she and the other zookeepers would spread out and eat their lunch near the orangutans. Alex and Tommy were able to watch the zookeepers through the glass and seemed very interested in this behavior. "Sometimes if you have an apple they look at you as if they are saying 'hey, stop eating my food,'" DeLanty says laughingly. "But they really do seem to enjoy watching the keepers because we don't usually get that time to just sit by each other." Another perk of an empty building for Alex was a visual enrichment activity. Zookeepers set up a stand for a laptop outside one of her indoor habitats. "She loves, loves nature shows

or shows with orangutans. I've never seen an animal like shows as much as her," says DeLanty.

Sadly, in the past two years, there were two animals in the building that died – mandrill Leroy and siamang Sammy. The surviving two animals get extra enrichment now that their mates are gone. Female mandrill Princess is 30 years old and is the queen of her habitat. "She has preferences for the different types of tree species she can tear the bark on," explains DeLanty. When most animals are given browse (branches with green leaves) they generally like the greens the best, but Princess just wants to chew on the bark. Doing this is a natural behavior and highly enriching. Staff also added mulch to her outdoor habitat and commonly "hide" some food under the mulch to encourage her natural digging and foraging behavior.

Siamang Zachary Ann, generally referred to as just Ann, is also getting extra enrichment now that her mate is gone. Instead of one enrichment item each day, she generally gets two – one in the morning and one later in the afternoon. "She is doing really well. We were concerned how she would do. But she's doing good, and it helps that she had



Colobus monkey



Orangutan



Siamang

access to the outside habitat where she could still see people," says DeLanty.

You may have gotten a glimpse at the colobus monkey family in their outdoor habitat, but a few things have changed since the last time the building was open to the public. There are four colobus monkeys – one male, Elvis, and three females, Anissa, Kibbi and Anna. Anna came to Milwaukee in October of 2020 and has never experienced seeing guests inside the building. However, DeLanty says the other colobus never really reacted to the public or even notice. "They're pretty laid back most of the time."

The Goeldi's monkeys next to the mandrill habitat have gone through a small change. The male Goeldi's was swapped with the male from the Small Mammals Building. The male that was in the Small Mammals Building is a good match for the two females in the primate building. Male Poe is now recommended to breed with females Stout and Talum. They are doing well together and have a lot of space compared to their tiny size. While there have been some changes inside the building during the closure, one thing remains the same, our love for all the animals.



Orangutan



Goeldi's monkey



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There are many different ways you can include the Society in your estate. One of the concerns we hear from people is they want to make sure their family and loved ones are taken care of. That's why we encourage you to think of your estate like a pie – you dictate the serving sizes and you can ensure that your loved ones get

the biggest portion of your estate. You can also make sure your family gets served first and then designate another slice to the Zoological Society.

Instead of a fixed amount, consider leaving the Zoological Society of Milwaukee a percentage of your estate or a specific asset. That way, your charitable gift will adjust according to future circumstances, and gifts to loved ones will remain proportional – no matter how your estate fluctuates.

The great thing about gifts from your will is that they are flexible: You can change your mind at any time. Just know that whatever you settle on, a gift to the Zoological Society of Milwaukee does not have to be large – every slice makes a difference.

**Save a slice for the Zoological Society of Milwaukee.
Even a small piece of your estate makes an impact.**



Contact Mary Albrecht at 414-918-6151 or marya@zoosociety.org to learn more about supporting the Zoological Society while serving family first. Or, visit zoosociety.planmylegacy.org.



RHI-NOT HELP?

Since 2019 our capital campaign to create Adventure Africa has resulted in a new and bigger habitat for the elephants – including an indoor Elephant Care Center allowing you to see the animals at any time; a mixed-species yard filled with ostrich, zebra, impala and more; a state-of-the-art hippo home with underwater viewing of Happy the hippo. Now, it's time to start planning and designing the final phase of Adventure Africa.

While the final design has yet to be determined, here is what the Zoo is hoping to do:

- **CREATE** two new indoor year-round habitats: the Hippo and Rhino Rec Rooms. This means you will be able to see them in the winter, just like the elephants.
- **REPURPOSE** the old outdoor elephant yard and two current rhino spaces into two large outdoor rhino habitats enhancing the Zoo's ability to breed rhinos.
- **ESTABLISH** a new pathway through the center of the Zoo. Guests would be able to enter a new walkway next to the new Dohmen Family Foundation Hippo Haven, stop by the big cats or stroll through and exit near the camel yard.

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Donations of \$100 or more will be recognized on the electronic signs inside the Conservation Outpost between the elephants and giraffes.



LITTLE FISH, **BIG FAMILY**

Inside the Aquatic & Reptile Center is a small piece of a big story. In the back left corner of the building, you will find small and colorful fish called cichlids (pronounced sick-lid). The exact number of species is unknown because new ones are discovered every year. But, it is believed there are at least 2,000 different species in the cichlid family alone! Cichlids are freshwater fish, and many of them are found in three large lakes in east Africa: Lake Malawi, Lake Victoria and Lake Tanganyika.

Lake Victoria is represented on the right of that back exhibit. The two species you will see are the degeni and the piceatus. The degeni are blue with red on their tails. The Milwaukee County Zoo is one of only three zoos trying to breed this species.

The other species in that exhibit is piceatus. They are dark with red on their back and bright red on the side. The Zoo is also part of the piceatus' Species Survival Plan® (SSP) to increase the species' population.

The degeni are considered extinct and the piceatus population is drastically dropping, both due to overfishing, pollution and invasive species. Zoos like Milwaukee are doing their part to keep these species around so we can all learn about them and their natural surroundings. For example, did you know Lake Victoria in Africa is the world's second-largest freshwater lake? For comparison, Lake Michigan is the sixth largest.



Piceatus



Degeni



SPIDER **SURPRISE**

HOW TO RECOGNIZE A CICHLID:



Because there are thousands of species of cichlids, these fish come in so many unique patterns and colors that it is almost impossible to find any defining characteristic. However, for the most part, a cichlid has a single nostril on each side, a rounded tail, a long dorsal fin along the back and is typically only a few inches in length. Many cichlids are mouthbrooders – the females carry eggs and newly hatched babies in their mouths.



Inside the Aquatic & Reptile Center you may notice a new animal has made an appearance. Near the exit is a female Brazilian black tarantula. She is 9 years old and has been living off exhibit until this past fall. Since that exhibit was empty, zookeepers decided to add her along with a fact sheet. But, she may not stay for long depending on new animals coming in and out.

This tarantula doesn't have a name but has seen a lot of the Zoo. She is used for educational talks and Animals in Action

talks, along with a rose hair tarantula. She also was part of the special summer bug exhibit in 2016.

Female Brazilian black tarantulas live to about 20 years. Males only live to 4 years. They are considered solitary and only come together during breeding season. Zookeepers feed the Zoo's tarantula crickets and the occasional hornworm. In the wild they also eat small rodents and reptiles. If you could choose a name for her, what would it be?

APRIL
16

HOP ON IN



Photo by Kevin McIntosh

Egg Day

Sponsored by Racine Danish Kringles

Hop on in to the Zoo and enjoy an Easter-themed day. Start by getting into the spirit by putting on bunny ears, and then wiggle your nose and smile at one of the spring selfie stations. As you're watching the animals in their habitats, take a look to see if they're enjoying an egg-shaped treat. Zoo Pride volunteers make dozens of paper-mâché eggs so zookeepers can fill them with fun treats for the animals. It's a great enrichment item for the animals, and it's fun to watch them rip the "eggs" apart. While you're watching the real animals, be on the lookout for the Easter Bunny making its rounds around the Zoo.

Egg Day admission is free for Zoo Pass and Platypus Circle members.

APRIL
30

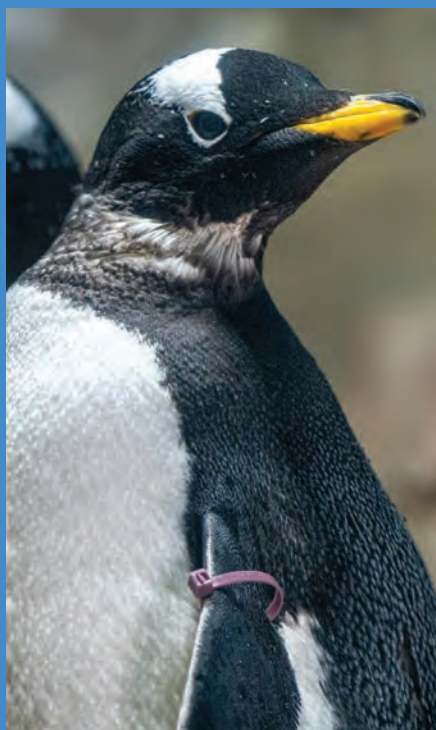
FLIPPING OVER PENGUINS

Penguin Day

Waddle you do during this event? Learn about the penguins of course. The Milwaukee County Zoo has three species of penguins. The Humboldt penguins are the most visible and live near the U.S. Bank Gathering Place, and the Gentoo and rockhoppers live in the same habitat inside the Herb & Nada Mahler Family Aviary. During Penguin Day you can learn about the adaptations that make penguins so "cool," like how their layer of fat keeps them warm, how their black and white color protects them or why their body shape helps them fly under water. But don't let us "blubber" on about these awesome animals. See for yourself!

Paintings by the penguins will be on sale during the event. Plus, stop by Guest Services in the U.S. Bank Gathering Place to sponsor your favorite penguin!

Admission for Penguin Day is free for Zoo Pass and Platypus Circle members.



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SUMMER ZOO CAMPS



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We know you're excited about our classes, and we want to make your child's educational experience rewarding. Please read and familiarize yourself with important information, such as our general classroom policies and health and safety precautions on page 30.

STROLLER SAFARI: STAY AND PLAY

Age infant–2 with one adult | \$20 Zoo Pass members
\$30 non-members

Stroll through the Zoo on these guided tours designed specifically for one-on-one learning time for you and your child! Programs are no-touch and include songs, puppets, stories and more. Each class includes time at our off-exhibit Nature Play site, allowing you and your child to explore the forest together! We recommend wearing close-toed shoes and bringing your stroller along. All classes begin at the north gate of the Conservation Education backyard. *Tours take place outside rain or shine.*

TIME TO PLAY ♥

It's playtime at the Zoo! Are the monkeys jumping or swinging? Which animal's wild relatives use a leaf as an umbrella? Let's go find out as we learn songs about jumping monkeys and rainy days. Stretch and wiggle with us as we move our bodies in the way that animals do!

8:30–9:30 a.m.

June 7–9, 11, 12, 14–21, 23–30

July 6–10

10:15–11:15 a.m.

June 7–9, 11, 12, 14–19, 21–30

July 7–10

NEIGH, OINK, CLUCK, MOO

Explore the sights and sounds of our fantastic farm animals. Listen to some noisy cows, hear the grunting pigs and see if Gypsy the horse will "neigh" for us. Get ready to practice animal sounds with your little one!

8:30–9:30 a.m.

July 12, 14–17, 20–24, 26, 27, 29

August 1–8, 10–12

10:15–11:15 a.m.

July 12, 14–18, 19, 22–25, 28, 29

August 3–9

♥ = Back by Popular Demand!



AGE 3

with one adult

\$32 Zoo Pass members

\$42 non-members

PENGUIN POWER

Dive into the world of penguins! Slide on your belly, balance an egg on your feet and "swim" in search of fish like a penguin. Waddle over to see the Zoo's penguins and check out some cool penguin eggs and feathers.

9:45-11:15 a.m.

June 1-3, 10-27

1-2:30 p.m.

June 2, 3, 8, 17-21, 24-26

HURRAY HIPPOS!

Most humans cannot hold their breath for six minutes, but hippos can! Learn many little-known facts about this fascinating pachyderm. Then lumber over to the Zoo's hippo exhibit and gaze at these fantastic creatures!

9:45-11:15 a.m.

June 30

July 6-12, 14-20

1-2:30 p.m.

July 8-10, 15-17

GENTLE GIANT GIRAFFES

Even grownups feel small next to a giraffe. Uncover fun facts about the worlds' tallest animals as you create a giraffe, complete with a long neck, dark tongue and lots of spots! Bend, stretch, reach and then gallop through the Zoo to see these long-legged creatures.

9:45-11:15 a.m.

July 23-31

August 1-12

1-2:30 p.m.

July 23, 24, 29-31

August 5-7



Photo by Paul Ruffolo



AGES 4&5

child only or with one adult

\$39 Zoo Pass members
\$49 non-members

Sign up your child for a **child-only** class or attend with your child in a **child & adult** class.

TIGERS ON THE PROWL

Do you spend your day stalking, springing, scratching and swimming? You would if you were a tiger! Discover how tigers mark their territory and use their tails to communicate. Make your own tiger costume, practice stalking prey and pounce over to see the Zoo's tigers in action.

Child Only

9:15-11:30 a.m.

June 13-18, 20-24, 27-30
July 6-8

Child & Adult

9:15-11:30 a.m.

June 25, 26
July 9-12, 14, 15, 17-21

1:00-3:15 p.m.

June 14-18, 20-24, 27-30
July 7, 8

1:00-3:15 p.m.

June 9, 10, 25, 26
July 9-12, 14, 15, 17-21

ANIMAL CHAMPIONS ♥

On your mark, get set ... GO! Find out what makes an animal a champion in this action-packed class. Can you run like a cheetah? Can you "swim" like a penguin? Test your skills and then sprint into the Zoo to see some animal athletes in motion.

Child Only

9:15-11:30 a.m.

August 1-5

1:00-3:15 p.m.

August 1-4

Child & Adult

9:15-11:30 a.m.

July 27-31
August 8-10

1:00-3:15 p.m.

July 27-31
August 8-10

JUNIOR ZOOKEEPER ♥

Do you want to be a zookeeper when you grow up? If so, this class is just for you! We'll work hard as we practice the three main jobs of a zookeeper: feeding, cleaning and helping. Join us as we learn about these fun (and messy!) zookeeper jobs.

Child Only

9:15-11:30 a.m.

June 14-16, 21, 24
July 6, 12, 15, 25-28
August 1-4, 8-10

1:00-3:15 p.m.

June 14-16, 21, 24
July 12, 15, 25-27
August 1- 4, 8-10

ZOO TRAVELERS FOR THE DAY ♥

Create your own nature journal and then journey around the Zoo like a scientist "in the field" to find and observe animals. Which animals did you see on your adventure, and what captured your interest the most? Trek back to our classroom to design a miniature model of your favorite animal in their wild or Zoo habitat.

Child & Adult

9:15-11:30 a.m.

June 19, 27, 28, 29, 30
July 7, 8, 16, 23, 24
August 6, 7

1:00-3:15 p.m.

June 19, 27, 28
July 7, 8, 16, 23, 24
August 6, 7

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AGES 4&5 WEEKLONG CAMP

child only | \$275 Zoo Pass members
\$315 non-members

ZOO TRAVELERS ♥

(Previously Nature Builders)

Let's explore the natural world and the plants and animals that call it home. With the Zoo, our backyard and the Nature Play forest as extensions of the classroom, follow your curiosities as you explore scientific concepts in a new way. We'll build a sense of community as we become scientists together. Don't be late: We'll hike the Zoo each day before it opens!

8:15 a.m-12 p.m.

June 13-17, 20-24

July 11-15, 18-22, 25-29

August 1-5, 8-12

Photo by Bob Wickland



AGES 6&7

child only

\$75 Zoo Pass members

\$85 non-members

SENIOR ZOOKEEPER ♥

Can you imagine if you spent your day making puzzles for animals? Or, cleaning up pounds of elephant poop? Or, throwing fish to a penguin? Well, those are only some of the jobs of a zookeeper! In this camp, we'll become zookeepers for the day and get the inside scoop on how keepers care for the tiniest, largest, furriest, slimiest, most dangerous and cutest animals in the Zoo!

9:15 a.m.–3 p.m.

June 17, 20, 22, 23, 28–30

July 7, 8, 11, 14, 18–22, 29

August 5

CALLING ALL ZOO ARTISTS! ♥

Artwork at a Zoo? Art is everywhere! Explore the Zoo, searching for art inspired by animals! Get creative and practice your own art skills while observing animals and wildlife on Zoo grounds.

9:15 a.m.–3 p.m.

June 27–30

July 7, 8

August 8–10

CAFÉ ZOO

Imagine if your grocery list included 1,000 bananas, 200 pounds of fish and 600 frozen mice! The Zoo needs so much food to feed their 2,000+ animals that they have their own "grocery store", the Commissary, to feed herbivores, carnivores and omnivores alike. Feed your curiosity as you discover what an insectivore, frugivore and piscivore's favorite foods are and learn about these animals' unique diets in the wild and at the Zoo.

9:15 a.m.–3 p.m.

June 27–30

July 7, 8, 25–29

August 9, 10



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AGES 6&7 WEEKLONG CAMPS

child only

\$320 Zoo Pass members
\$360 non-members

YOUNG CONSERVATIONISTS: BACKYARD AND BEYOND ♥

Ready to go on an expedition and save the planet? Pack your bags – you're in for a wild ride! In this weeklong camp, we'll explore habitats that can be found right here in Wisconsin, across the United States and around the globe. Learn about different animals and how we can take care of the Earth right from our own backyards.

9:15 a.m–3 p.m.

June 13–17, 20–24
July 11–15, 18–22

ZOOOPER HEROES

Look up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a Zoooper Hero! Lightning speed, strength and invisibility – superheroes have awesome powers to help save the world. But many of those "powers" are found in the animals we see every day. In this brand-new weeklong camp, discover "super-powered" animals that share their skills with superheroes we know and love!

9:15 a.m–3 p.m.

June 13–17, 20–24
July 11–15, 18–22
August 1–5

AGES 8&9

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WHAT'S UP, DOC? ♥

Do you want to be a veterinarian when you grow up? Then this is the class for you! Learn about one of the most important jobs at the Zoo, a veterinarian, and how they keep more than 2,000 animals happy and healthy. Visit Zoo animals to conduct a "health report" and practice other important skills in veterinary medicine, such as using a stethoscope and syringe. Give this camp a shot if you are an aspiring veterinarian or simply an animal lover!

9:15 a.m-3 p.m.

June 28-30

July 8, 11, 12

JAGUARS & THE RAINFOREST

Do you know the only big cat that lives in the Americas? It's the jaguar! Explore the habitat of a jaguar, including its neighbors and prey, in this paw-some camp. Visit the Zoo's jaguars as you learn about these powerful and stunning felines that are known to kill their prey with a crushing bite to the skull! Along the way, discover an important connection our Zoo has to the Belize Zoo and jaguar conservation in the wild.

9:15 a.m-3 p.m.

July 14, 15, 26-29

August 8

ANIMAL ARCHITECTS

No power tools needed at these construction sites! Beavers saw with their teeth, polar bears dig with their claws, and woodpeckers drill with their beaks. Learn about the amazing "tools" animals carry with them everywhere to build some incredible structures. Visit the Zoo's animal architects and test your skills as you build an animal structure of your own.

9:15 a.m-3 p.m.

June 27

July 7, 25

August 8-10



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9:15 a.m-3 p.m.

July 25-29
August 1-5

STEM MAYHEM

Dive deeper into the world of animals as a scientist! Explore how math and science concepts can help save the planet. Develop tools for scientific inquiry with us at the Zoo. Each day we will do experiments that engage, challenge and spark wonder in curious young minds to explore the world around them. With a wide range of activities, there is something each day for every young scientist to enjoy!

9:15 a.m-3 p.m.

June 13-17, 20-24
July 18-22
August 1-5



AGES 10&11

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ANIMAL SYMBOLISM

To many cultures, animals hold special meaning, wisdom and power. Explore the world of animal symbolism – how human cultures give special meaning to animal traits and skills. Create a mask based on the pre-Colombian legend of Tona, in which each man and woman shares a common destiny with an animal counterpart.

9:15 a.m–3 p.m.

June 27, 28, 29, 30
July 13, 14

VET CAMP ♥

The career of a zoo veterinarian can be challenging but rewarding! Through hands-on activities, learn the skills that are required to prevent, diagnose and treat injuries and illnesses in animals. Head into the Zoo for animal observations and discover how the Zoo's healthcare specialists treat more than 1,000 different animals, adapting medical tools for use on a wide variety of patients from the largest to the smallest.

9:15 a.m–3 p.m.

June 13, 14
July 7, 15, 26, 27, 28, 29
August 8

"Thank you! The staff were prepared, enthusiastic and professional. Very pleased with the whole experience!!"

– Summer Participant

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July 25-29
August 1-5

THE H.I.P.P.O. DILEMMA

Have you heard about the 6th mass extinction? Indeed, biodiversity is in a lot of trouble due to one species... *Homo sapiens*. Learn why as we delve into H.I.P.P.O., the five main reasons animals become endangered and extinct. We will also discuss and take part in conservation actions we do to decrease our human impact on the earth and its inhabitants.

9:15 a.m-3 p.m.

June 20-24
July 18-22
August 1-5

Photo by Bob Wickland



AGES 12-14

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CAREERS: SPECIES SURVIVAL PROGRAM

How do zoos help endangered animals? One way is through the Species Survival Plan® (SSP) Program. SSPs allow zoos to work together to maintain healthy captive animal populations and support their wild counterparts. Discover more about the Zoo's SSP animals such as bonobos, Guam kingfisher and snow leopards. Meet Zoo staff involved in SSP Programs and play "matchmaker" to some.

9:15 a.m-3 p.m.

June 15, 16, 17
July 11, 12, 25

BIOMIMICRY: NATURE BY DESIGN

The grip of a gecko, the silk of a spider, the sleek skin of a shark. These have all been the natural inspiration behind items designed by humans. Biomimicry is taking inspiration from nature to solve human problems. Are there other animals that have inspired design? See for yourself as we visit many of the awesome animals in the Zoo to discover how they have helped us solve problems. Then design your own innovation inspired by nature.

9:15 a.m-3 p.m.

July 8
August 9, 10



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FAMILY CLASS

all ages | \$17 Zoo Pass members
\$27 non-members

POLLINATOR ENCOUNTER ♥

Family camp is back in action, and for this class we'll be in our community's backyard – the Zoo! Connect with nature by stepping into the pollinator habitats found on Zoo grounds.

Discover the importance of pollinators in our ecosystem by investigating the pollinator garden and traveling to the Zoo's beehives. Explore the wonders of Wisconsin pollinators and walk away with a project that will support pollinators in your own backyard.

9:15–11:30 a.m.

July 30, 31
August 7

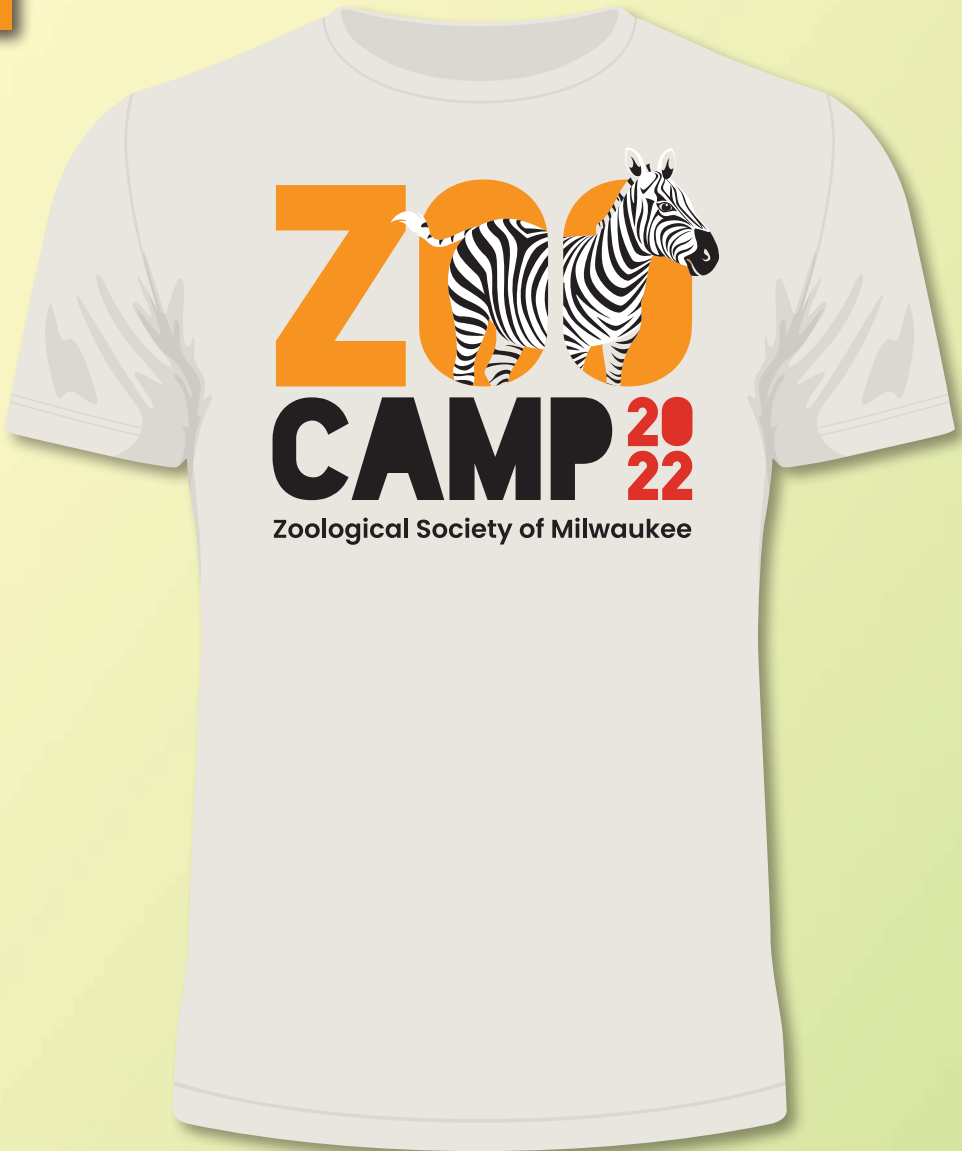
1:00–3:15 p.m.

July 30, 31
August 7

While we welcome family members of all ages, the content of this class is intended for children ages 3–12. Minimum of two registrants required and must include one adult (18 years or older) and one child. Children under the age of 1 are free to attend and do not need to be registered.

AGES 14–18

Are you 14–18 years old and interested in science, animals, working with kids, or simply volunteering in your community? Volunteer by becoming a high school assistant and spend time supporting our awesome Zoo Camps & Classes during summer! Check our website at zoosociety.org/HSA for details on how to get involved.



Get your Zoo Camp T-shirt for Summer 2022!

You can purchase a T-shirt via our registration site until April 3, 2022.

Youth sizes | \$13

Adult sizes | \$15

All t-shirt sales are final.

A.M. & P.M. Care

Need to drop your child off early or extend the camp day?

We have A.M. & P.M. Care for ages 6-14!

A.M. & P.M. Care participants are supervised in our camp classroom with free-choice activities such as coloring, puzzles, books and games. Please note: A.M. & P.M. Care are only available for children who attend camps for ages 6-14.

- A.M. Care: 7:30 a.m. until the start of the camp day (\$10 per session).
- P.M. Care: 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. (\$10 per session). Late fees apply after 5 p.m.
- A.M. Care & P.M. Care will NOT be offered on July 6 and August 10.
- **Space is limited.**

Financial Aid

The Conservation Education department offers a welcoming and inclusive environment for all guests, providing opportunities for all to access our Zoo education opportunities. Financial aid provides an opportunity for qualifying families to pay significantly reduced prices for Zoo Classes and Camps. Award is based on demonstration of financial need and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit zoosociety.org/education/financial-aid for more information.

**Register Online
For Priority**

ZOOSOCIETY.ORG/SUMMER

**Member registration begins
March 23 at 9 a.m.**

**Non-member registration
begins March 30 at 9 a.m.**

GENERAL CLASS POLICIES

Participants must be the appropriate age for a given class and no unregistered children may attend (including siblings). Exceptions on age are only made for children with special needs (please call Education prior to registration). Please only register for one date per class topic. If your child is attending a child-only class, an adult (18 years or older) must check the child in and provide the following information: emergency phone number, allergies/medications and names of adults authorized for pickup (only authorized adults with valid identification may pick up children). In addition, please do not meet or follow your child's group into the Zoo, as this is a distraction to the educational experience.

COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES

We are continually assessing community indicators to inform us of our status, and are reimagining Zoo Camps & Classes to ensure an engaging and safe experience for all. Classes that were offered in prior years may have modifications due to health and safety precautions, staffing limitations and/or innovation. All classes will adhere to Milwaukee County health and safety requirements. Our health and safety policies and best practices can be found online at zoosociety.org/summer prior to our registration date.

SNACK & FOOD ALLERGIES

Please pack a snack for your child and we will ensure that snacks are not shared among children due to food allergies. When registering, please complete the "participant information" form for our awareness with any food-related allergies or call our staff with updates at 414-258-5058.

MEDICAL, COGNITIVE, BEHAVIORAL AND PHYSICAL INFORMATION

When registering, please thoroughly complete the "participant information" form with any medical and/or cognitive, behavioral or physical information. We strive to provide an inclusive environment for all, and your information will help us make the class successful for your child! You can also call our staff with updates at 414-258-5058.

ANTICIPATE ENTRANCE GATE LINES

The time required to enter the Zoo can vary depending on weather, road construction, school groups and events. Please check our website for events or call the Conservation Education Department in advance of your registered education program. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

CANCELLATIONS & REIMBURSEMENT

You Cancel – If you're unable to attend class, call at least 3 days before the class date and we will try to reschedule your child for another available date within June-August 2022. We do not issue refunds; however, you can offer your child's class to a friend of the same age.

We Cancel – The Conservation Education Department reserves the right to cancel classes. We will attempt to reschedule, accommodate your child in another class, or process a reimbursement. For weather-related cancellations, refer to local news stations or call 414-258-5058.



FOXY VALENTINE

It's hard to pick the most adorable animal at the Zoo, but the fennec fox is pretty close to the top. With their big ears, big eyes and little furry body, the foxes inside the Small Mammals Building are a hit with guests. "They're active and they play like dogs, so people relate them to their dog," says area supervisor Rhonda Crenshaw. "They don't come up to you like a dog would, wanting to be touched. They are a little skittish, but that is their nature."

The two brothers Ollie and Artie do enjoy dog toys and like to destroy things with their teeth similar to a dog. You may even catch them carrying

things around in their mouths. The two look almost identical, but if you look closely at their tails, you'll notice Artie's has a black tip at the end. Ollie has been spending more time up on the rockwork in the habitat. At first, Ollie was a little cautious about exploring new things but seems to have made himself right at home.

For all these reasons and more, we think sponsoring Ollie the fennec fox is a perfect Valentine's Day gift. For \$50 you will receive a plush-toy fennec fox, a certificate of sponsorship, a fact sheet about Ollie, name recognition and more.

Visit zoosociety.org/SponsorAnimal.

QUICK FACTS

- Fennec foxes are native to the Sahara Desert and North Africa.
- They are nocturnal.
- Their ears radiate heat and keep them cool.
- Ollie and Artie eat raw meat, crickets, mealworms, fruits and vegetables and get one mouse a week.



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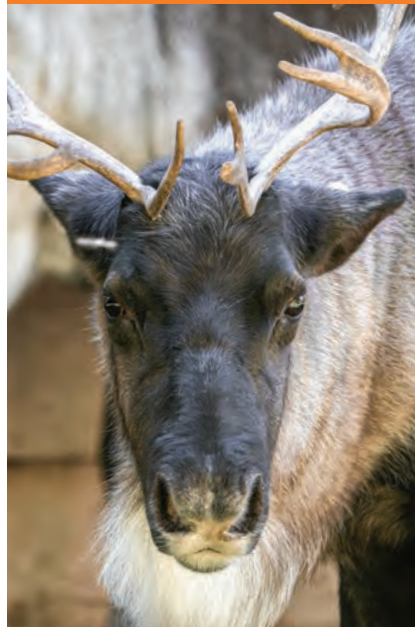
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QUICK FACT:

Caribou are the only deer species in which both females and males grow antlers.

Meet the newest caribou, page 7.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Due to COVID-19 and health and safety guidelines, the Zoo and Zoological Society have had to make changes to events. For the most up-to-date information about these and other events, visit zoosociety.org/events.



Jan. 1

New Year's Day, the Zoo will be closed

Jan. 8

Family Free Day, sponsored by North Shore Bank & FOX6*

Jan. 15 & 16

Samson Stomp & Romp, presented by Prairie Farms Dairy (pre-register)

Feb. 2

Groundhog Day (virtual event)

Feb. 5

Family Free Day, sponsored by North Shore Bank & FOX6*

March 5

Family Free Day, sponsored by North Shore Bank & FOX6*

March 12 & 13

Inside the Zoo, presented by Prairie Farms Dairy*

April 16

Egg Day, sponsored by Racine Danish Kringles*

* Zoo Pass members get free regular Zoo admission with their Zoo Pass. Those with Zoo Pass Plus also get free parking for one vehicle per membership per day. Platypus Circle members receive free admission and parking with their card.

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