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Photo by Kevin McIntosh

Puttin' on the Ritz

*Presented by Wintrust Commercial Banking
at Town Bank*

**At Potawatomi Hotel & Casino
6 p.m. cocktails, 7:30 p.m. dinner**

"Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee!" This famous quote from boxer Muhammad Ali, fits in well with this fundraiser. Puttin' on the Ritz is a formal event inside Potawatomi Hotel & Casino that includes watching boxing matches while helping raise money for the Zoological Society of Milwaukee.

The evening starts with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Then, enjoy a gourmet dinner followed by amateur boxing. These young athletes are part of the Wisconsin Local Boxing Committee and are working hard to be the best. They will compete in three-round bouts throughout the evening.

**Register at zoosociety.org/Ritz or call
414-258-2333.**

**Cost: \$250 per person; \$2,500 for a table
sponsorship; or \$3,500 for a ringside
table sponsorship.**

Your contribution less \$100 per person is tax-deductible.

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Daily, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Zoo hours:
Now-Feb. 28, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. weekdays.
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekends.
Starting March 1, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily.

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 (may close 15 to 30 minutes prior).

Tax Tips

For tax-time tips, Zoo Pass benefits and other details, please see zoosociety.org/zoopassfaq

Tax-deductible portions for the Zoo Pass categories are:

Individual (Basic: \$90, Plus: \$106)	Family +2 (Basic: \$141, Plus: \$153)
Individual +1 or Couple (Basic: \$105, Plus: \$120)	Family +3 (Basic: \$157, Plus: \$166)
Individual +2, Family or Single Adult Family (Basic: \$115, Plus: \$135)	Affiliate (Basic: \$189, Plus: \$192)
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15

RUN WILD

Samson Stomp & Romp

Presented by Prairie Farms Dairy

Lace up, stretch out and run wild! The Milwaukee County Zoo's annual Samson Stomp & Romp is back to a one-day, in-person race. Three distance routes – 5k, 2-mile and 1-mile – are available for runners of all levels and ages. All races are within the Zoo. Registration includes a commemorative T-shirt and a day at the Zoo.

Cost: 5K and 2-mile race – \$35 per runner
Teams – \$30 per runner
Kids' 1-mile – \$20 per runner

This popular race honors one of the most famous Zoo residents the Milwaukee County Zoo has ever had, Samson the silverback gorilla (1950-1981). Money raised from the event supports all of the animals in the Zoo's collection.

To register, visit milwaukeezoo.org.



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GET EGG-CITED

Egg Day

Sponsored by Racine Danish Kringles

If the kids are bouncing off the walls like bunnies, head to the Zoo for an egg-cellent day. Start by grabbing a pair of bunny ears when you come through the door. Then, hop through the egg scavenger hunt for some sweet candy rewards.

Throughout the day, witness some Easter enrichment treats the zookeepers give the animals. In preparation for the event, volunteers make papier-mâché eggs that the zookeepers fill with surprises. Enrichment keeps the animals thinking and encourages their natural instincts and abilities. It's also fun to watch the animals rip open the eggs.

As you go through the Zoo, keep your ears perked for the Easter Bunny. He will be traveling on the Easter float waving to all the families. Top off the day with a ride on the Bunny Egg-xpress train. There's so much to do; you are going to be eggs-hausted at the end of the day.

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

To register, visit milwaukeezoo.org.



BOY SCOUTS BUILDING A BETTER PLACE



Scout Josh Levie (middle) stands in front of the shed he helped build for his Eagle Scout project. Photo provided by family.

Walking inside the Small Mammals Building you may notice nearly every habitat now has a wooden ladder. Each one is carefully made from thick branches, giving it a natural look and feel. The ladders are a good way for the animals to move around their habitat, plus it makes them use different muscles and brain power. When local Boy Scout Philip Dornuf learned there was a need for these ladders, it was a perfect match. "When I was younger I would go to the Zoo pretty often, and I still enjoy going to this day," says Dornuf. "I was drawn to this project because I both like the Small Mammals' habitats and I was interested in building something."

The Zoo's Aviary Curator, Alex Waier, coordinates projects for Boy Scouts looking to earn their Eagle Scout ranking. It's something he's been doing for more than a decade. "I saw the opportunity to get some things for the Zoo and help kids achieve what they need to along the way," says Waier. The ladder project started with Dornuf meeting with the Small Mammals supervisor to learn more about the animal needs. From there he got very specific measurements on how tall the ladders had to be and how far apart the steps (rungs) could be for the small animals. The final lesson was unexpected. "I learned about what woods are safe for animals," says Dornuf. He ended up



using pesticide-free maple branches and stainless steel screws. But trying to locate and wait for such specific wood to come in took a long time and was Dornuf's biggest challenge.

Eagle Scout projects at the Zoo primarily revolve around making something special for the animals like the ladders, a hammock for a bear or platforms for goats to climb. But occasionally there is a project that will be just for the humans working in the Zoo. "I wanted to take on the challenge of building a new tool shed for the Zoo to replace the old one," says Boy Scout Josh Levie. This structure across from the horse and donkey habitat is hard to miss. It stands more than 6 feet tall and is painted red. Inside, the Master Gardeners can store their shovels, rakes and other tools needed to tend to the butterfly and vegetable gardens outside the Dairy Store.

As part of the Eagle Scout project, each Boy Scout needs to raise money to pay for supplies, stick to deadlines and learn leadership skills by recruiting a team to help build the project. Dornuf and Levie both say their favorite part of their projects was coordinating a team for the build. "The leadership skills and discipline that scouting has taught me will hopefully help me in my career goals as well," says Levie. The rewarding projects are also fulfilling for Waier. "One of the more rewarding things is to see these kids come out here for the initial drive around. They're very shy, dad's doing all the talking and then after a few meetings you can see their personality come out. And by the end, they're speaking up, more confident and even joking around with me. It's really nice to see these young adults just kind of blossom."



Scout Philip Dornuf coordinated a group to build more than a dozen ladders for the animals at the Zoo.



Help build a new home for rhinos!

DESIGNS ARE TAKING SHAPE AND NOW WE NEED TO GET SHOVELS IN THE GROUND FOR A COUPLE OF NEW HABITATS AT THE ZOO.

We are hoping to complete the last leg of Adventure Africa and create new indoor and outdoor homes for the rhinos and a new indoor habitat for hippos.



Please help us:

Build two new indoor year-round habitats: the Hippo and Rhino Rec Rooms. This is especially important as these special places will provide two additional indoor viewing opportunities during Wisconsin's cold weather months, similar to the indoor Elephant Care Center experience.

Remodel the old outdoor elephant yard and two current rhino habitats into two large outdoor rhino habitats enhancing the Zoo's ability to breed rhinos. (Current breeding opportunities are limited because of the slope in the current outside yards.)

Utilize foot-friendly, soft substrate in the hippo and rhino indoor habitats and incorporate an overhead canopy, which will allow the hippos and rhinos to enjoy sunshine when they are indoors.



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... AND THIS ONE WAS JUST RIGHT

The bears are hibernating inside the Zoo right now, and one of them is experiencing a new resting spot. Bozeman the grizzly bear was moved to the former polar bear habitat in the summer of 2022. Before that he shared his space with Boris the brown bear, and before that he lived with his brothers and mom in the habitat near the caribou. While hibernation this year may not be any different for Bozeman, the keepers are going to have to learn to be extra quiet this winter. "The seals are active all year, and keepers working with them will need to adjust and stay quiet with Bozeman trying to hibernate on the other side of the wall," says Dawn Fleuchaus, North America area supervisor. If bears wake up too often during hibernation time they can deplete their fat reserves too quickly and they will start looking for food earlier than usual.

Besides this adjustment for keepers, Bozeman is thriving in his new home. He didn't miss a beat. As Fleuchaus says, "he really settled in pretty good. He's very flexible and adaptable." Fleuchaus says Bozeman didn't show signs of stress after the move. He was, however, very intrigued by the smell of the polar bear that still lingered. "Even though it's since rained about a thousand times, that smell is still out there. So he had

his nose to the ground and went over every inch of this place," says Fleuchaus. Zookeepers even used bleach to clean before he arrived, but he could still pick up the scent. That goes to show what a great sense of smell grizzly bears have. Before winter hit, two of his favorite spots in the habitat had been his hammock and the shallow part of the pool. But once it warms up, don't expect to see him go for a deep dive or long swim. "They aren't as big of swimmers as polar bears or even brown bears. Grizzlies go in lakes and rivers but rarely swim in deep water unless necessary," explains Fleuchaus.

While Bozeman seems to be enjoying himself, many guests have asked why the Zoo hasn't gotten another polar bear for that habitat. The answer is a sad truth about the status of that species. Many of the polar bears in human care are getting older and past breeding age. Plus, just because you put a male and a female bear together, it doesn't mean they will successfully breed. It comes down to low breeding and more spaces for polar bears than there are animals to fill them. Getting a polar bear again is not out of the question, but it won't be any time soon. Until then, Bozeman will enjoy his new home and we hope you enjoy watching this magnificent animal.



GETTING SQUIRRELLY



Venture into the Small Mammals Building this winter to meet the newest addition. Kopi is a Prevo's squirrel and lives next to the ring-tailed lemurs. Kopi is 3 years old and came from Chicago. Prevo's squirrels are native to Borneo, Sumatra and the Malay Peninsula. Their bodies are similar to squirrels you may see outside your home, but the coloring of a Prevo's squirrel is very different. They are predominantly black but have dark orange and white fur on their bellies. The species belongs to the *Callosciurus* genus, which literally means "beautiful squirrel."

Their average size is 5 to 11 inches with a tail just as long as their bodies. Kopi is a tree squirrel and can be seen leaping around his habitat from branch to branch. Similar to the most common squirrel in Southeast Wisconsin, the grey squirrel, the Prevo's squirrel eats nuts, seeds,

and blooms, along with insects and bird eggs. While this species is not considered endangered, they are at risk due to illegal pet trade, and they are often killed by palm oil plantation owners because the squirrels may eat the crop.

There are more than 200 species of squirrels in the world. Wisconsin is home to five species: eastern grey, eastern fox, red, northern flying and southern flying squirrels. You most likely see the grey squirrel running around your neighborhood. Squirrels' nests, also known as dreys, are easy to find in the winter because the trees are bare. If you see a big ball of leaves and branches, that's probably a drey. It's shaped like a ball instead of bowl like a bird's nest. See if you can find any the next time you walk through the Zoo or your neighborhood.

BURIED TREASURE

Grey squirrels bury a lot of food in the fall to prepare for winter. Researchers have discovered that squirrels have an impressive memory to find buried nuts. Their behavior indicates that they build a detailed mental map of where each of their buried sites is located. Squirrels often bury more food than they need for the winter. The nuts that are not dug back up may one day grow into a tree, making squirrels an important part of our ecosystem.



Grey Squirrel



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ADMISSION ON THE HOUSE



Family Free Days

Sponsored by Tri City National Bank and FOX6

Explore the Zoo this winter with little to no cost. Family Free Days offer free admission for everyone no matter how big your family is or how old you are! Everyone gets in for free (parking fees still apply). These Family Free Days are great for seeing what's new inside the Zoo including new animals like the Prevo's squirrel. The Zoo is open throughout the year offering guests a different perspective for each season. See the animals that stay outside in winter such as the harbor seals, elk, otters, red pandas and Amur tigers. Or, pop inside some of the buildings to see the elephants, giraffes, small mammals or reptiles.

If you or someone you know doesn't have a Zoo Pass, these days are a perfect opportunity to give the Zoo a try, free of charge. When you like what you see, and we know you will, stop by Guest Services in the U.S. Bank Gathering Place to learn more about buying a Zoo Pass. Or, visit zoopass.com.

LIVE AMONG THE GORILLAS

The animals at the Zoo give you a sense of the amazing wildlife that exists around the world. The Zoo's newest attraction takes you further into the natural world of wild animals. Gorilla Trek Virtual Reality Experience gives you a 360-degree look at the mountains of Rwanda. In addition to the special virtual reality goggles, the chairs will move to the video giving you a fully immersive experience. Meet a gorilla family in the wild, learn about their family dynamics and see what happens when emotions take over.



On your way in, check out the hands-on and interactive learning experience. Take the quiz to find out what gorilla you are most like and learn more about their amazing adaptations. The Milwaukee County Zoo is the first zoo in the country to unveil this experience so take advantage of the opportunity.

Gorilla Trek is open year-round. Tickets are \$6 for Zoo Pass and Platypus Circle members when you show your Zoo Pass.



BENEFITS NOW FOR GIVING LATER

The Milwaukee County Zoo makes an impact on children and adults every day – whether it's memories of a field trip, an animal that made them smile or a special event. The Zoo also left an impact on a former employee. Zoo Veterinarian Dr. Vickie Clyde retired from the Zoo in 2020 after more than 23 years of service. "I do know the Milwaukee County Zoo and the people that run it are excellent stewards of our tax dollars. I got to see every day how carefully money was spent to get the most value," says Dr. Clyde. She also knows that's not enough and the Zoo and the Zoological Society need additional help. The only problem for Dr. Clyde and her husband is they haven't always had the disposable income to make significant donations. "The Zoo is an important cultural destination that is going to last in our community for a long time. I thought one way I could contribute, even though I may not have the money now, is to leave a legacy through the Simba Circle."



Photos by Richard Brodzeller

The Simba Circle recognizes individuals who have named the Zoological Society of Milwaukee in their wills or other estate plans. "It gives the Society and Zoo assurance that money will come in the future. The support will be continued and ongoing," says Dr. Clyde. There are many different ways to include the Society in your will, and it doesn't take a lot of extra work. Dr. Clyde explains after she and her husband made the final decision to include the Zoological Society in their will, they made a phone call to the attorney that handles their will and asked them to add it. That was it.

To thank members of the Simba Circle for including the Society in their will, they are invited to annual luncheons and VIP events, all of which Dr. Clyde enjoys attending. "At every luncheon, I see some friends and get to meet new ones. Plus, I love the updates from the Zoo, especially the curators because their passion really shines through in their presentation."

In addition to events and name recognition, joining the Simba Circle could include tax savings. To learn more about this special group, contact Mary Albrecht at 414-918-6151 or marya@zoosociety.org. You can also visit zoosociety.planmylegacy.org.

FILLER UP!

Carrying around a refillable water bottle is not only trendy, but it's also a great way to stay hydrated and save the planet. The Zoo recognizes that reducing waste has a bigger impact than recycling, so they added five more water bottle refilling stations around the Zoo! Some of the stations have a counter that reminds you how much plastic we are all avoiding by reusing bottles. It's a great addition for guests, staff and volunteers. The next time you come, don't forget your bottle!

- U.S. Bank Gathering Place, next to women's restroom
- Nourish 414, near the restrooms
- Aquatic & Reptile Center, near Grand Cayman blue iguana habitat*
- Florence Mila Borchert Big Cat Country, near restrooms*
- Northwestern Mutual Family Farm, near Dairy Store restrooms*
- Giraffe Building*
- West Entrance near the restrooms*
- Karen Peck Katz Conservation Education Building (available for Zoo Class participants)

*New additions



WISCONSIN PROUD



There is some rich history in Wisconsin that many people still don't realize. Specifically, Aldo Leopold, the father of modern conservation, lived in the state. Kohl's Wild Theater is paying tribute to his work in this winter's traveling show, "Aldo Leopold and the Ghost of Sand County." In this musical filled with songs, puppets and drama, Aldo suddenly disappears and his children will have to solve riddles to save him. This highly-entertaining production is great for families and children ages 5 and up.

Kohl's Wild Theater travels to schools, libraries, festivals and community events within 60 miles of the Zoo, free of charge. Bookings for this performance are open and filling up fast. If you know of a library or community event looking for family entertainment, go to wildtheater.org for more information.

Kohl's Wild Theater is made possible thanks to a partnership with Kohl's, the Milwaukee County Zoo and the Zoological Society of Milwaukee. Traveling shows change throughout the year, and summer performances happen inside the Zoo. Don't miss out on the fun!



Photos by Richard Taylor





BEAK TECHNIQUE

While all birds have a beak, not all beaks are the same. Some are short, some are skinny and long, some are straight, some have curves and the list goes on. Here, we take a look at some of the unique beaks inside the Milwaukee County Zoo and how they help that species of bird.



FLAMINGO

The top of the Caribbean flamingo beak takes a sharp turn downward. These flamingos put their head in the water upside down and sweep their head side to side to collect food in their beak. Then, they use their tongue to filter water out so they are left with food.



LAYSAN TEAL DUCK

A bill is a type of beak. Bills are slender, flattened and usually belong to a web-footed bird. In their natural habitat, the Laysan teal duck runs along the shores creating swarms of flies that they gobble up by opening and closing their bill. Picture the game Pac Man.



AMERICAN AVOCET

Photo by Bob Wickland



CINEREOUS VULTURE

This is a meat-eating bird. The end of their beak curves down and comes to a sharp point allowing them to tear chunks of flesh off an animal carcass. Other birds of prey, like an eagle, have a similar pointed and curved beak.

Photo by Richard Brodzeller



OYSTERCATCHER

The name of this bird says it all. They wade through oyster reefs and when they see an oyster with an open shell they strike fast using their long, strong and sharp beak to jab it inside and snip the muscle that closes the shell. Then they feast.



INCA TERN

The beak of an Inca tern is medium size with a point. A beak like this is used for "fishing." Inca terns fly above water and dive in beak first to nab their fish. They also use their pointed beak to swoop in and steal fish out of the teeth or mouths of sea lions.



GREEN ARACARI

If you look closely, this beak has a serrated edge – kind of like teeth but it's part of the beak. The serrated edge works like a knife, and it also helps grip onto the fruit they eat.



This beak is not only long and skinny, but it also has a unique curve that goes up. Avocets sweep their beak side to side in the water leaving their mouth partially open to capture prey. The curve allows for a better sweeping action. They may also peck at the water to eat an insect or small fish.

CUDDLY VALENTINE

Roses are red, so are red pandas. If you need a valentine don't even ponder, become an animal sponsor. Your valentine deserves a unique gift that shows how you feel about them (and the Zoo). This year, consider sponsoring the Zoo's youngest red panda cub, Cinder. Your \$50 sponsorship comes with an adorable red panda plush, a chocolate heart, a certificate of sponsorship, a red panda fact sheet and an invitation to a special event in August. It's a gift that keeps on giving.

Cinder was born June 12 at the Milwaukee County Zoo. She is the third cub born to parents Dr. Erin Curry and Dash. She can be seen throughout the winter exploring her habitat while still staying pretty close to mom. Cinder is getting big fast, but you may be able to spot her smaller size next to her parents.

When you upgrade your sponsorship to \$100 you will get a photo of Cinder, Zoo attraction tickets and you will automatically be put in a drawing for a chance to win a rare behind-the-scenes experience of the red panda home! Must sponsor by Feb. 28, 2023 for a chance to win.



Go to zoosociety.org/sponsor to order your sponsorship today. Or, call 414-258-2333.

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CARING FOR RED PANDAS



Kids Conservation Club Workshop
Two sessions to choose from 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Kids Conservation is a great way to get your child involved in the Zoo and wildlife. For \$25 a year (per child), KCC members sponsor an endangered animal at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Benefits include invitations to two workshops a year, an animal fact sheet on that year's animal, collector cards with endangered animals, the child's name on the donor board in the Peck Welcome Center and an invitation to a behind-the-scenes event in August.

The spring workshop is all about red pandas. Registered kids will take part in red panda crafts, enjoy a snack and head over to the red panda habitat where they will get inside information about the small and furry animals.

If you are a member of the Kids Conservation Club and want to register for this workshop, contact Becky Luft at beckyl@zoosociety.org.

If you're interested in joining the club to get these great benefits, go to zoosociety.org/sponsoranimal.

The Zoological Society of Milwaukee's



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 health and safety precautions and general classroom policies on Page 29.

STROLLER SAFARI

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 feature songs, puppets, stories and more. We recommend wearing close-toed shoes, warm clothing and bringing your stroller along. All classes begin in the atrium of the Conservation Education building. 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!

8:45–9:45 a.m.

June 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 17, 22, 24, 26, 30
July 6, 8, 9, 11

10:15–11:15 a.m.

June 9, 10, 12, 14, 17, 22, 24, 26, 30
July 6, 8, 9, 11

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 the horse or donkeys will "neigh" for us. Get ready to practice animal sounds with your little one!

8:45–9:45 a.m.

July 13, 14, 18, 19, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29
August 5, 6, 7, 9

10:15–11:15 a.m.

July 14, 18, 19, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29
August 5, 6, 7, 9

AGE 2

with one adult | \$30 Zoo Pass members
\$40 non-members

LITTLE LOVE BUG

Buzz around a beehive and crawl through an anthill in our classroom garden. Learn about beautiful bugs as you make your own bug costume and use your wings to flutter from flower to flower. Then see some friendly bugs up close.

8:45–9:45 a.m.

June 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16,
17, 20, 24, 25, 27

10:15–11:15 a.m.

June 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16,
17, 20, 24, 25, 27

COLOR ZOO

Red, yellow, green and blue – see the colors at the Zoo! From pink flamingos to green frogs, explore our vibrant classroom and play an animal color game as you learn about colors. Get your picture taken with your grownup for your very own Color Zoo book and meet a colorful Zoo animal.

8:45–9:45 a.m.

July 28, 29, 31
August 2, 4, 5, 6, 8,
10, 12, 13, 15

10:15–11:15 a.m.

July 29, 31
August 2, 4, 5, 6, 8,
10, 12, 13, 15

AGE 3

with one adult

\$37 Zoo Pass members
\$47 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.

8:45–10:15 a.m.

June 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 20, 24, 25

11a.m.–12:30 p.m.

June 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 20, 24, 25

BEARS!

Catch fish, sniff out a "snack," and crawl into our cozy den as you learn about bears. Touch real bear fur and make your own furry costume. Then visit the Zoo's bears to round out a "beary" good time.

8:45–10:15 a.m.

June 28, 29
July 6, 8, 13, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22

11a.m.–12:30 p.m.

June 29
July 6, 8, 13, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22

NEW! NUEVO!

PODER DE PINGUINO

¡Sumérgete en el mundo de los pingüinos! Deslízate sobre tu estómago, equilibra un huevo sobre tus pies y "nada" en busca de peces como un pingüino. Acérquese para ver los pingüinos del zoológico y vea algunos huevos y plumas de pingüino geniales.

8:45–10:15 a.m.

Junio 17, 23

11a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Junio 17, 23

GENTLE GIANTS

Even grownups feel small next to a giraffe. Uncover fun facts about the world's 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.

8:45–10:15 a.m.

July 26, 27, 30, 31
August 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13

11a.m.–12:30 p.m.

July 27, 30, 31
August 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13



Photo by Paul Ruffolo

AGES 4 & 5

child only or with one adult

\$45 Zoo Pass members
\$55 non-members

Register your child to attend independently for a **child-only** class or attend with your child in a **child & adult** class.

JUNIOR WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST

Previously known as 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.

1-3:15 p.m.

June 11, 17, 24

June 11, 17, 24

July 15, 16, 18, 20, 22

July 15, 16, 18, 20, 22

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.

June 30

July 6, 7, 11, 14, 17, 19, 20

Child & Adult

9:15-11:45 a.m.

July 8, 9, 13, 15, 21, 22,
23, 24

1-3:15 p.m.

July 7, 11, 14, 17, 19, 20

1-3:15 p.m.

July 8, 9, 13, 15, 21, 22,
23, 24

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 22, 23, 26, 27, 29

July 6, 17, 21, 26

August 1, 2, 7, 10, 14, 15

1-3:15 p.m.

June 23, 26, 27, 29

July 17, 21, 26

August 1, 2, 7, 10, 14, 15

FLAMINGOS

Did you know that eating shrimp gives these fabulous birds their pink color? Discover more fun flamingo facts like the unique way they use their beaks to eat. Build a nest and put on flamingo feet to stir up mud in search of shrimp. Flaunt your own feathered costume and fly over to the Zoo's flamingo flock. This class will be a wing-flapping good time!

Child Only

9:15-11:30 a.m.

July 26, 28, 31

August 1, 4, 7, 9, 11

1-3:15 p.m.

July 28, 31

August 1, 4, 7, 9, 11

Child & Adult

9:15-11:45 a.m.

July 29, 30

August 5, 6, 12, 15, 16

1-3:15 p.m.

July 29, 30

August 5, 6, 12, 15, 16

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

— Class Participant



Photo by Bob Wickland

AGE 4 & 5 WEEKLONG CAMP

child only

\$285 Zoo Pass members
\$325 non-members

ZOO TRAVELERS

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.

8:30-11:30 a.m.

June 12-16; 19-23; 26-30

July 10-14

12:30-3:30 p.m.

June 12-16; 19-23; 26-30

July 10-14



AGES 6 & 7

child only

\$85 Zoo Pass members
\$95 non-members

SENIOR ZOOKEEPER

Would you like to spend your days making puzzles for animals, cleaning up pounds of elephant poop and hiding vitamins in food? Then being a zookeeper is the perfect job for you! 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 at the Zoo!

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

June 15, 16, 19, 21, 28, 30
July 7, 11, 13, 18, 20, 24, 25, 27, 31
August 4, 8

ZOO AWAKENS: A NEW ZOO

It is a period of change. Secret spies have managed to steal conservation plans from the Zoo. Come aboard our starship to explore planet ecosystems, save the animals and restore freedom to the galaxy. May the Zoo be with you!

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

June 12, 13, 14
July 7, 14, 21
August 2, 3, 10, 14, 16

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 15, 16
July 7, 10, 11
August 7, 8, 9, 14

BIG CATS

Lions, and tigers, and cheetahs! Oh my! Join us as we meet some "not so little" feline friends while visiting the Zoo's big cats! Prowl around the world and learn about these amazing creatures' habitats and the adaptations that help them survive in extreme climates. We'll also discover the traits that make big cats some of the toughest predators in the world. Cat lovers welcome – and dog lovers, too!

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

June 15, 16
July 26, 27, 28, 31
August 1, 15, 16

Photo by Bob Wickland



AGE 6 & 7 WEEKLONG CAMPS

child only

\$330 Zoo Pass members
\$380 non-members

YOUNG CONSERVATIONISTS

Time for an expedition, we're on a mission to save the planet! In this weeklong camp, we'll explore what we can do to save wildlife and habitats around the globe, across the United States, and even in our own backyards! We'll take a look at some fellow conservation heroes, and learn about the actions they took to help care for the planet they love. So, pack your bags – you're in for a wild ride!

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

June 19-23; 26-30
July 17-21; 24-28;
July 31-August 4

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. Many of those "powers" are found in the animals we see every day. In this weeklong camp, become a Zoooper Hero as you discover "super-powered" animals that share their skills with superheroes we know and love!

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

June 12-16; 19-23
July 10-14; 24-28
July 31-August 4



AGES 8 & 9

child only

\$85 Zoo Pass members
\$95 non-members

A DAY IN THE PAWS

NEW!

Have you ever wondered what Chinook, the bear, was thinking about while snoozing in his hammock? Or, what does it mean when Bob, the cockroach, hisses? Get an inside look into how the Zoo cares for its animals and learn how to figure out what they may be thinking or feeling.

9:15 a.m.–3 p.m.

June 13, 14, 22, 23

July 13, 20

August 11, 15

WHAT'S UP, DOC?

Aspiring animal caretakers, grab your gloves, and get ready to learn all about one of the most important jobs here at the Zoo! As a zoo veterinarian in training, you'll learn how the vets keep more than 2,000 animals happy and healthy! Practice conducting health reports on some of the animal residents, and learn about important vet tools. Give this camp a shot if being an animal "doc" is in your future!

9:15 a.m.–3 p.m.

June 29, 30

July 20, 21, 31

August 1, 2

AGES 8 & 9 3-DAY CAMP

child only

\$200 Zoo Pass members
\$230 non-members

ANIMALS AFTER DARK

NEW!

Join the night shift in this three-day camp! Become an expert on the unique adaptations that allow some animals to survive in complete darkness. Tour the Zoo to observe nocturnal animals from around the world and learn about the special care the zookeepers provide for these creatures of the night. Use your new knowledge to complete challenges and build your ultimate nocturnal animal!

9:15 a.m.–3 p.m.

June 19–21

July 17–19

August 14–16



AGES 8 & 9 WEEKLONG CAMPS

child only

\$330 Zoo Pass members
\$380 non-members

LET'S GET WILD: KOHL'S WILD THEATER CAMP

Love being creative and telling stories? Learn all about the world of theater with professional actors who work at our own Kohl's Wild Theater (KWT) company. Practice your acting skills with some of the best actors in Milwaukee, explore the different areas of theater that aren't about being on stage, work on your puppetry skills and explore the Zoo to find inspiration as an artist! Get the inside scoop on acting at the Zoo and be a part of the KWT company for a week of fun!

***Attendance for all five days is required; camp is for ages 8–11.**

9:15 a.m.–3 p.m.

June 26–30

July 17–21

August 7–11

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 26–30

July 10–14

August 7–11

AGES 10 & 11

child only

\$85 Zoo Pass members
\$95 non-members

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 our Zoo's healthcare specialists treat more than 2,000 animals by adapting medical tools for patients large and small.

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

June 15, 26, 27
July 17, 18, 19, 27
August 3, 4

"WATT" IS RENEWABLE ENERGY? **NEW!**

Learn about the mechanics and importance of our renewable sources of energy! Discover how sun, wind and water can provide us power, and then design and develop your own miniature power plant. We'll test out your creations at the Zoo and see how much power we can get from nature!

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

June 16, 28
July 13

AGES 10 & 11 3-DAY CAMP

child only

\$200 Zoo Pass members
\$230 non-members

NATURE THROUGH A LOOKING GLASS **NEW!**

Explore global and local nature while learning how to use a map and compass. Practice water quality monitoring by performing water testing at the Zoo. Map out where some of the most charismatic animals live around the world and learn how they meet their survival needs.

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

June 19-21
July 24-26
August 14-16

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

June 26-30
July 17-21
August 7-11

STRANGER FINS **NEW!**

When a young fish goes missing, an aquatic ecosystem discovers a mystery involving secret pollution, natural forces and one strange salamander. Dive into the world of roleplaying games! Learn about some of the Zoo's aquatic animals, build an underwater character for your quest and join the campaign to save your home!

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

June 19-23
July 10-14
August 7-11



Photo by Paul Ruffolo

FAMILY CLASS

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

POLLINATOR ENCOUNTER

Discover the importance of insects, butterflies, birds, and bats in our ecosystem by investigating the pollinator garden and traveling to the Zoo's beehives! Walk away with a project that will support pollinators in your own backyard.

9:15-11:30 a.m.

June 24, 25

1:00-3:15 p.m.

June 24, 25

NOT ALL FAMILIES WHO WANDER ARE LOST **NEW!**

Prepare to go on your own Wisconsin wildlife hike after learning how to use a compass, spot birds with binoculars and identify key plants. Bring your family to the Zoo and learn from the animals what it takes to survive in the forest in Wisconsin!

9:15-11:30 a.m.

July 22, 23

1:00-3:15 p.m.

July 22, 23

While we welcome family members of all ages, the content of this class is intended for children ages 3-14. 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.



Photo by Bob Wickland

AGES 12-14

child only | \$85 Zoo Pass members
\$95 non-members

CRYPTOZOLOGY

Cryptozoology is the study of "hidden" or unknown animals, called cryptids. Previous cryptids, like the giant squid and okapi, are no longer rumor and legend but actual creatures recognized by science. Others, like Bigfoot and the Loch Ness monster, continue to elude those who look for them. Join us as we "discover" cryptids from around the world and get the chance to create your own!

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

June 22

July 7, 14

August 10

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

July 10, 28

August 8

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.



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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: 8 a.m. until the start of the camp day (\$15 per session).
- P.M. Care: 3 until 5:15 p.m. (\$20 per session). Late fees apply after 5:15 p.m.
- A.M. Care & P.M. Care will NOT be offered on July 6th and August 16th.
- **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 is an opportunity for families and individuals to receive funds for Zoo Classes and Camps. Award is based on demonstration of financial need and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis within the application window. Visit zoosociety.org/education/financial-aid for more information.

Register Online For Priority

[ZOOSOCIETY.ORG/SUMMER](https://zoosociety.org/summer)

**Member registration begins
February 22 at 9 a.m.**

**Non-member registration
begins March 1 at 9 a.m.**

PLEASE READ!

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).
- 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.

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**.

SNACK & FOOD ALLERGIES

If your child is attending a full day of camp, please pack a lunch and snack for your child and we will ensure that food is 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**.

ANTICIPATE ENTRANCE GATE LINES

The time required to enter the Zoo can vary depending on weather, road construction, school groups and events. Please plan to arrive early. You may check your confirmation email or call the Conservation Education Department in advance of your registered education program for the most up-to-date entry information. 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 this season. 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**.

COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES

We are continually assessing community indicators to inform us of our status, designing Zoo 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. 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 prior to our registration date.



Get your Zoo Camp T-shirt for Summer 2023!

Zoo Camp T-shirts aren't just for campers! It's more fun when you match with family and friends. This year's design was inspired by our Giant Pacific Octopus, Chalupa. You can purchase T-shirts via our registration site until April 14, 2023.

Youth sizes | \$13

Adult sizes | \$15

All T-shirt sales are final.

INSECT HOTEL

You may not want insects in your hotel room, but you should consider making them their own hotel in your yard. Plain and simple, an insect hotel is a space for insects to live, nest and eat. Here in Wisconsin, we have more than 1,000 native insects! About 80% of flowering plants require pollination by insects or other native pollinators. Plus, the insects and the plants they pollinate help attract more bird species. Many native bird species are insectivores including eastern bluebirds, various woodpecker species and American robins. Insects not only help your lawn and garden but also supply these birds with a nutritious meal.



The Milwaukee County Zoo has an insect hotel in an off-exhibit garden, behind the dairy barn. It was created by a Boy Scout in 2021. It has a wooden roof and shelves that hold cardboard rolls, leaves and twigs. The hotels don't last long because the bugs slowly eat away at the material and, because the wood needs to be untreated, it breaks down quickly. If you can't build a hotel, consider keeping a brush pile somewhere in your yard to attract and feed bugs. It's all about the circle of life and providing homes to all living things.



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QUICK FACT:

A squirrel's teeth never stop growing.

Meet the Prevost's squirrel on page 8.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Jan. 1

New Year's Day, the Zoo will be closed

Jan. 7

Family Free Day, sponsored by Tri City National Bank & FOX6*

Jan. 15

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

Jan. 26

Puttin' on the Ritz, presented by Wintrust Commercial Banking at Town Bank (pre-register)

Feb. 2

Groundhog Day (virtual event)

Feb. 4

Family Free Day, sponsored by Tri City National Bank and FOX6*

Feb. 22

Zoo Pass member registration for Summer Zoo Camps and Classes, sponsored by Penzeys, begins

March 1

Registration for Summer Zoo Camps, sponsored by Penzeys, opens for everyone

March 4

Family Free Day, sponsored by Tri City National Bank and FOX6*

April 8

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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