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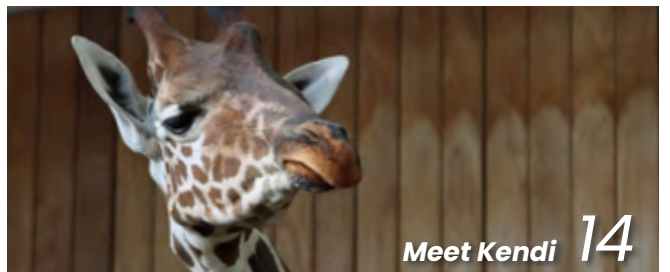
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ROLL WITH THE PUNCHES



Photo by Garrett Hopkins

Puttin' on the Ritz

At Potawatomi Hotel & Casino

Sponsored by SU Group and Carnevor

Take a "jab" at attending this fundraising event and supporting the Zoological Society of Milwaukee. Puttin' on the Ritz is sure to be a "knockout." This formal event, held at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino, includes a social start with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Then, the main event includes a gourmet dinner and seats for amateur boxing. Athletes from the Wisconsin Local Boxing Committee (Wisconsin LBC) compete in three-round bouts. Don't throw in the towel yet – join us for an after-party in the casino.

Individual tickets are \$300.

Limited ringside and corporate tables are available as well.

**To request an invitation, please email
specialevents@zoosociety.org**

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We value your relationship with the Zoological Society of Milwaukee (ZSM). ZSM does not sell member/donor information to third parties but may share limited information with the Milwaukee County Zoo to confirm membership status.

Zoological Society office hours:
Daily, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Zoo hours:
9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.
Beginning March 1, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily.

Note: The Zoo's admission gates close 45 minutes prior to the posted Zoo closing time. The animal buildings close 15 minutes before posted Zoo closing hours. The Zoo's walk-in gate closes one hour prior to the posted Zoo closing time.

2023 Tax-deductible portions for the Zoo Pass categories are:

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| Individual (Basic: \$95, Plus: \$111) | Family +2 (Basic: \$146, Plus: \$158) |
| Individual +1 or Couple (Basic: \$110, Plus: \$125) | Family +3 (Basic: \$162, Plus: \$176) |
| Individual +2, Family or Single Adult Family (Basic: \$120, Plus: \$140) | Affiliate (Basic: \$194, Plus: \$197) |
| Family +1 (Basic: \$135, Plus: \$149) | Benefactor (Basic: \$258, Plus: \$260) |

A gift Zoo Pass is fully tax-deductible for the donor.

Problems renewing or transacting online:
If you experience any difficulties transacting a Zoo Pass renewal or animal sponsorship online, please contact us at 414-258-2333 so we can assist with your transaction. Our staff is available seven days a week.

Reciprocal zoos and aquariums: Visit zoosociety.org/Reciprocal for a list of zoos and aquariums that offer reduced or free admission to our members. We only reciprocate with facilities accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums and reserve the right to not reciprocate with zoos and aquariums located within close proximity of the Milwaukee County Zoo. Please be sure to contact the zoo you will be visiting before your travels to ensure you have what you need for the discount.

Moving? Please call us when you change your address or name. The call helps us save money because when the post office returns your mail with a forwarding address, we end up paying twice for mailing – to the old and new addresses. If you've changed your address on your identification, replacement cards may be purchased with the new information for \$5.



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VALENTINE FROM Valentino.

Among the 19 flamingos residing in the Milwaukee County Zoo, there is one that turns Valentine's Day into a pretty "pink" deal. Valentino is a 17-year-old Caribbean flamingo and is available for sponsorship. You can buy a sponsorship for yourself or give it to that special someone.



The \$50 package includes:

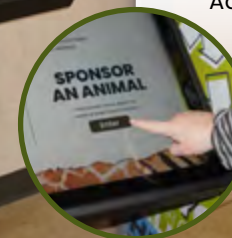
- A plush-toy flamingo
- A certificate of sponsorship
- A Sponsor an Animal decal
- Name recognition in the Zoo for one year
- An invitation to a behind-the-scenes event in August

To order yours, visit zoosociety.org/SponsorAnimal, call 414-258-2333 or stop by Guest Services during your next visit to the Zoo.

NEW RECOGNITION FOR YOU

One benefit of sponsoring an animal or joining the Kids Conservation Club is name recognition inside the Zoo. The Zoological Society is happy to announce that names will now be displayed on an electronic board inside the U.S. Bank Gathering Place. This new, bigger and better system is replacing the printed-out names inside the Peck Welcome Center.

We appreciate your donations and dedication to helping the Zoological Society. Look for your name the next time you visit the Zoo – the new digital kiosk will be on the same wall as Zoo Administration. If you need help finding a name, please go to Guest Services or Membership across the way.



A LIMITED LEAP IN 2024

A day that only happens every four years has us leaping with excitement. Hop on board and sponsor the Zoo's frogs for Leap Day! The Zoo is home to four species of frogs: milk frog, poison dart frog, tomato frog and Chocoan frog. For \$50 you can sponsor the frogs and get an adorable plush-toy frog. This limited-time offer is available starting Feb. 1. In addition to the plush toy, you will get a fact sheet about all the frogs at the Zoo, an activity page, a Sponsor an Animal decal, a certificate of sponsorship, name recognition on a digital board in the Zoo's U.S. Bank Gathering Place and an invitation to a behind-the-scenes event in August.



Make the most out of this extra day in 2024 with an un-frog-getable gift.

To order yours, visit zoosociety.org/SponsorAnimal, call 414-258-2333 or visit Guest Services during your next visit to the Zoo.

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CARING FOR ANIMALS IS PAWSOME!



Kids Conservation Club Workshop

Choose from two sessions: 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.

If your child is just "lion" around on the weekend, this is a great chance to get them involved with the Society's Kids Conservation Club (KCC)! KCC is a way to introduce your little one to the importance of caring for animals and the planet. For \$25 a year (per child) KCC members sponsor an endangered animal at the Milwaukee County Zoo. With that membership comes invitations to two workshops throughout the year, an animal fact sheet on the sponsored animal, the child's name on a digital board in the Zoo's U.S. Bank Gathering Place and animal collector cards.

The spring workshop will focus on the fierce, protective yet graceful lion. The Zoo is home to three lionesses: Patty Sharptooth and her daughters, Amira and Eloise. The day includes a craft, snack and a visit to the big cats where you will all learn about the Zoo's lionesses.

If your child is a member of the Kids Conservation Club, contact Becky at beckyl@zoosociety.org to register for the workshop.

To sign your child up for the Kids Conservation Club, go to zoosociety.org/sponsoranimal.



BUILDING HAPPY FEET

The Zoo is "diving" into some great additions in 2024. One of them will be pretty obvious when you walk into the Zoo. The Humboldt penguin habitat is expanding, providing the animals a little more flipper room. To get to this better habitat, construction has to happen first. You may start noticing a lot of changes starting in March including:

- The penguins will temporarily live in a different location that guests will not be able to see.
- The wooden bridge/walkway to the Peck Welcome Center and primates building will be closed. If you want to see the gorillas, bonobos and other species, you will need to enter by the spider monkey entrance across from Macaque Island.
- Stroller, wheelchair, wagon or Scooter Pal rentals will be available at the front of the U.S. Bank Gathering Place.
- Zoo Expeditions will relocate to make way for construction equipment.

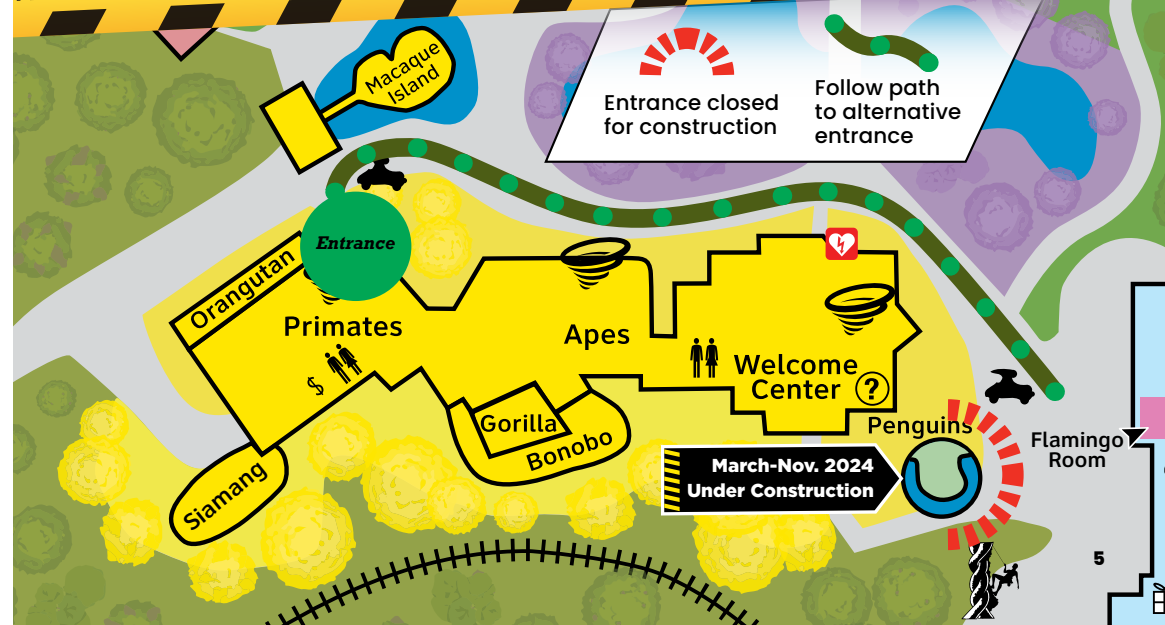
While these few things are changing, this is going to end with a better experience for everyone. Construction is expected to finish in November 2024. (The Zoo is also expecting to begin construction on a new rhino habitat. Stay tuned for updates on that progress as well.)

**MORE FLIPPER ROOM
IN 2024**

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ELEPHANT BUBBLERS:

KEEPING ZOO GIANTS HYDRATED

At the Elephant Care Center, African elephants, Ruth, Brittany and Belle, stay hydrated with a unique contraption that could be mistaken as a small metal trash can. These are water sources for the elephants. Zookeepers call them “drinkers,” but you can call them “bubblers” since we are in Wisconsin after all. In the past, the former elephant barn relied on constantly running hoses — far from ideal. Elephant care specialist Erin Dowgwillo notes that the elephants are quite clever and have learned to use the drinkers. “Initially, we encouraged them by placing some produce inside,” she mentions. However, their favorite way to quench their thirst is when a keeper sprays a hose directly into their mouths!

These drinkers supply constant fresh, clean water. They are designed with durable stainless-steel construction, featuring removable drinking bowls. Animal areas throughout the Zoo, including the African hoofstock barn, use them.

Here's how they work:

1. A thirsty elephant can approach any of the 10 drinkers inside the Elephant Care Center.



2. Using the pressure of her trunk, a small bowl inside the drinker is tipped.

3. This pressure activates a small water faucet for an automatic refill!

Special Design

The exterior of the drinkers had to be adapted for elephant strength and size. But, the mechanisms inside aren't designed for something as massive as an elephant. Occasionally, the girls accidentally overflow or damage them. Oops!

Drink Up!

The elephants can consume around 50 gallons of water daily.

- Their exceptional sense of smell can detect water from miles away.
- An elephant's trunk can hold up to 2.5 gallons of water.
- An elephant's trunk is not a straw. They use them as vessels, holding water and then pouring it into their mouths.



PAT'S PAWS FOR A CAUSE



Zoos play a crucial role in defending wild animals and protecting natural habitats. One clear example is the Milwaukee County Zoo and Zoological Society's conservation initiative, Pat Gives Back. Pat the cat was a wild jaguar in Belize and faced adversity after being suspected of killing cattle on farms. His future was in danger until the Belize Zoo stepped in and took him in as part of their Human Jaguar Conflict Program. The Milwaukee County Zoo made a home for him and he thrived more than anyone could have expected. Pat enjoyed the company of his mate, Stella. They were often seen grooming and coexisting peacefully in their shared habitat—a rarity for jaguars, known for their solitary nature. He was sweet and very special to a lot of humans. Thanks to Pat's second chance, Pat Gives Back was created to help more wild jaguars, animals and the humans that care for them.

In Belize, zookeeping was not a well-known industry with only one zoo in the entire country. Pat Gives Back directly supports conservation and research efforts, leading to fewer jaguar attacks, improved veterinary care and a better understanding of animal well-being and behavior.

During his time in Milwaukee, Pat fathered two litters of cubs, contributing to the genetic diversity of a fragile population. One of Pat's cubs, Frankie, still calls

Milwaukee home. The Milwaukee County Zoo hopes to bring a female in so Frankie will one day have his own litter, thus furthering a valuable genetic line.

We need your help to keep this important program going to protect animals that can't always protect themselves.

DONATE TODAY AND MILLER BREWING COMPANY WILL MATCH A PORTION OF YOUR DONATION!

In the image above, you can see Pat the Cat. Below, you can see Frankie, one of Pat's offspring.



At the annual Pat Gives Back Keeper Workshop, keepers at the Belize Zoo participated in a tapir training session to help build trust with the animals.

JAN 6
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FEATHERS, FINS, AND FREE ADMISSION

Family Free Days

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If you have a Zoo Pass, general admission is always free. But, Family Free Day is a fantastic opportunity for those without a pass to experience what everyone is talking about. On Family Free Days, admission is free for everyone (parking and concession fees still apply).

Guests can visit the new male giraffe, Kendi, or marvel at the birds flying overhead in the free-flight area of the bird building. Many of the Zoo's animals are visible in the winter, especially inside the buildings. Help spread the word and encourage your friends and family to explore what makes the Milwaukee County Zoo a local treasure.



Photo by Garrett Hopkins

MAR 30 A HOPPIER ZOO DAY

Egg Day

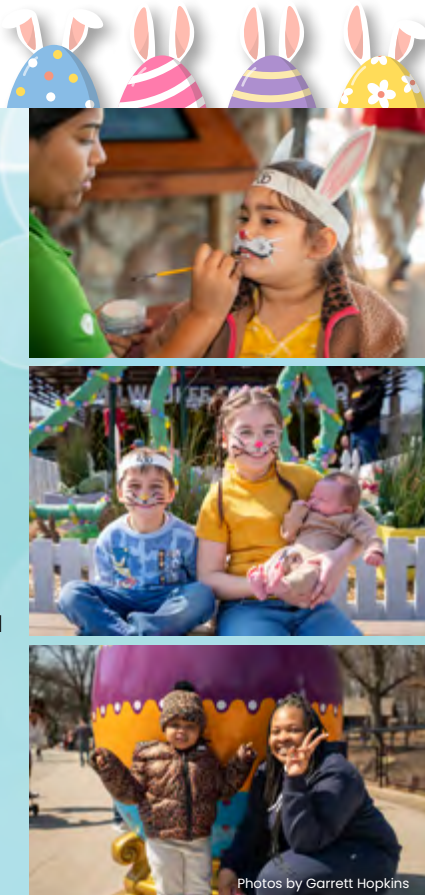
Sponsored by Racine Danish Kringles

Let your "hare" down and enjoy a day so "egg-citing" you could "dye." Egg Day is a special event at the Zoo for the entire family. You and your "peeps" can put on a pair of bunny ears at the entrance. Then, use your senses during 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 craft papier-mâché eggs filled with surprises for the animals to enjoy. Enrichment activities stimulate the animals' thinking, encourage their natural instincts and showcase their abilities. Plus, it's also fun to watch the animals rip open the eggs.

While you marvel at the real animals, be on the lookout for the Easter Bunny as he travels through the Zoo.

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



Photos by Garrett Hopkins

IMPROVING ACCESS

The Milwaukee County Zoo is announcing another addition to help the public have better access to basic needs. The Zoo has a Universal Changing Station Family Bathroom providing people with physical or developmental needs a safe, private space for toileting or managing personal hygiene. Inside is a height-adjustable adult changing table, addressing the needs of guests who use wheelchairs. This area also includes an ADA-compliant bathroom stall, sink and a small private area. Until recently guests needed to stop by the Zoo Administration

offices to get a key. Now, guests can go right to the bathroom and push a button for access. The button alerts Zoo staff that someone is requesting access and staff can buzz the guest in.

The bathroom can be found outside between the gift shop and the carousel.

For a look at other ways the Zoo and Zoological Society are making the Zoo accessible to all people, visit zoosociety.org/access.



THE FUTURE IS NOW



As a nonprofit organization, the Zoological Society of Milwaukee looks for support for today but also for tomorrow. The most popular ways people support the Society are through Zoo Pass and Platypus Circle memberships, Animal Sponsorships and donations to the Annual Appeal. Another option not as widely known is the opportunity to name the Zoological Society as a beneficiary in your estate plans.

Anne Wandler is passionate about the Zoo and you may see her talking to guests as a Zoo Pride volunteer or you might catch her at most of the Zoo and Society events including Zoo Ball. In addition to the support we can see, several years ago Wandler

also joined the Simba Circle – the group honored for including the Society in their will or estate plans. Growing up in Milwaukee she has many memories of visiting the Zoo as a child and now has countless memories as an adult. "I want to make sure future generations are able to enjoy it (the Zoo). It's just another way I can give back to an organization I love," says Wandler.

Visit zoosociety.org/Simba for information and answers on how to start.



Photo by Richard Taylor

PARTY ANIMALS

Ever wondered how Zoo animals celebrate their birthdays? The Zoological Society of Milwaukee's dedicated Zoo Pride volunteers know how to turn these special occasions into paw-some parties for critters of all sizes. Dawn

Fleuchaus, the Zoo's Area Supervisor for North America, oversees the Volunteer Enrichment Committee and provides a list of upcoming birthdays to volunteers; from small penguins to large lions. Volunteers create birthday boxes and bags that serve as enrichment tools that zookeepers will fill with treats. Birthday enrichment offers a tasty puzzle to

solve, encouraging cognitive and tactile development. Volunteers make boxes 3 to 4 times a year. The main event is during Christmas, wrapping around 85-100 boxes for Zoo animals.

Birthday banners, adorned with crepe paper and doilies, celebrate outstanding moments or welcome new Zoo additions. One volunteer, Susan, is an artist and enjoys adding portraits to the banners!

Each box is meticulously prepared — no tape or stickers allowed, just animal-friendly flour and water mixture for wrapping. The boxes and bags used are collected and donated by Zoo Pride volunteers.

These birthday surprises ensure that every animal can enjoy their special day. **Thank you, Zoo Pride volunteers!**



Assorted enrichment gifts ready for keepers to fill with birthday treats!

TOWERING ADDITION

In the fall of 2023, the Milwaukee County Zoo welcomed a new addition in a rather unique way. Unlike previous years where giraffes joined the Zoo through natural births, Kendi, a 3-year-old adult male, made his journey all the way from Dallas, Texas. A large truck and trailer discreetly transported him, with the closed trailer keeping the surprise hidden from onlookers on the roads. The vetted and professional drivers take turns behind the wheel and only stop for gas and quick breaks to not add any more stress to the animal.

Upon Kendi's arrival, the Zoo's dedicated team was prepared. The head veterinarian conducted an initial check through the trailer windows. Then, the trailer was hooked up to a chute that goes into the giraffe building. Kendi needed to walk from the trailer to inside the giraffe building. The chute is a temporary structure set up the

night before and helps safely guide Kendi inside. "They're prey animals and no prey animal wants to walk into an unfamiliar situation because there could be predators," says giraffe and hippo supervisor, Joan Stasica. "He was very comfortable in the trailer so he didn't want to come off." It took about 15 minutes for Kendi to walk out of the trailer. The team gave him a little bit of time and used food like fresh browse to encourage him to enter the building. In the end, Stasica says it is much easier and less stressful to unload a giraffe than to load one.

Described as a tall, dark and handsome addition to the herd, Kendi is at the Zoo as a breeding recommendation for all the female giraffes. "All the girls seem really interested," says Stasica. "Marlee seems to be the most interested. He and Marlee have been very flirtatious. There's been lots of head rubbing and neck rubbing." But don't get too excited about a slew of giraffe babies, Stasica says. Her team will be trying to space out the calves to only one a year, plus, giraffes have a 15-month gestation period.

Kendi is recognizable by his darker pattern.



The
Zoological
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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 and policies on the last page.

STROLLER SAFARI

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

Stroll through the Zoo on these guided tours tailored for one-on-one learning time with you and your child! Programs feature songs, puppets, stories and more. We recommend wearing close-toed shoes 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. or 10:15–11:15 a.m.

June 5, 7, 12, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27

NEIGH, OINK, CLUCK, MOO

Explore the sights and sounds of our fantastic Northwestern Mutual Family Farm. Listen to the noisy cows, hear the grunting pigs, cluck along with the chickens and see if Nelson, the horse, will "neigh" for us. Get ready to practice animal sounds with your little one!

8:45–9:45 a.m. or 10:15–11:15 a.m.

July 11, 13, 16, 19, 21, 25, 27

August 2, 4, 7

AGE 2

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

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 grown-up for your very own Color Zoo book and meet a colorful Zoo animal.

8:45–9:45 a.m. or 10:15–11:15 a.m.

June 6, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 21, 22, 25

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. or 10:15–11:15 a.m.

July 25, 26, 29, 31

August 3, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14

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" after 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. or 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

June 5, 6, 10, 13, 16, 18, 21, 22

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. or 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

June 15

GENTLE GIANT GIRAFFES

Even grown-ups 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 even 'gallop' through the Zoo to see these long-legged creatures.

8:45–10:15 a.m. or 11–12:30 p.m.

June 27

July 2, 8, 10, 12, 13, 18, 21, 23

BEARS, OH MY!

Catch fish, sniff out a 'snack' and crawl into our cozy classroom 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. or 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

August 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14



Photo by Carolyn Lewis

AGES 4 & 5

child only or with one adult

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

Sign up your child for a **Child-Only** class or
or attend with your child in a **with Adult** class.

THE DINOS AND ME

Take a trip to the past and explore the fascinating world of dinosaurs! Dig for dino bones, practice your stegosaurus stomp and make your own prehistoric costume. Then, take a trek to visit the Zoo's special dinosaur exhibit, where you'll come face to face and see how you size up to some of these mysterious creatures.

Child Only

9:15-11:30 a.m. or 1:00-3:15 p.m.

June 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20

With Adult

9:15-11:30 a.m. or 1:00-3:15 p.m.

June 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29

TIGERS

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. or 1:00-3:15 p.m.

July 1, 3, 19, 20, 21

With Adult

9:15-11:30 a.m. or 1:00-3:15 p.m.

July 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18



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. or 1:00-3:15 p.m.

June 10, 12, 14

July 1, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

August 12, 13, 14

9:15-11:30 a.m. ONLY

July 2

JR. WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST

Craft your own binoculars and nature journal to use as you journey around the Zoo like a wildlife biologist "in the field." Which animals did you see on your adventure and what captured your interest the most? Trek back to the classroom to design a model of your favorite animal in the wild or in their zoo habitat.

With Adult

9:15-11:30 a.m. or 1:00-3:15 p.m.

July 27, 28

August 3, 4, 10, 12, 13



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 as our backyard follow your curiosities as you explore scientific concepts in a new way. Together, we'll build a strong sense of community as we embark on this scientific journey.

8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-3:30 p.m.

July 15-19

July 22-26

July 29-August 2

August 5-9

8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. ONLY

July 8-12



AGES 6 & 7 SINGLE DAY

child only

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

UNCOVERING DINOS

Travel back in time to when the dinosaurs roamed the Earth! Become a dinosaur expert as you explore the Zoo's special dinosaur exhibit. We will learn about dinosaur adaptations, how fossils are formed and visit their living relatives. Toss on your paleontologist gear as you practice digging for and identifying fossils!

9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

June 11
July 1, 3, 15, 16, 25, 26, 29, 30
August 12, 13, 14

ZOO AWAKENS

Come aboard our starship to explore the planets and ecosystems of galaxies, far, far away! Hone your skills, build your crew and become a master in order to save the animals and restore freedom to the galactic empire! May the Zoo be with you!

9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

June 10, 11, 12
July 1, 3, 10, 11, 12, 29, 30
August 8

CALLING ALL ZOO ARTISTS!

Love art? Love animals? Why not bring the two together as you explore the Zoo, searching for and creating art inspired by animals! Get creative and learn about how to use shapes, textures and colors to create some animal masterpieces!

9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

June 12, 13, 14
July 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 31
August 1, 2

BIG CATS

Crazy about cats? Make some new feline friends as you visit the Zoo's big cats. Take a tour around the world as you learn about the cats' habitats and adaptations that help them survive in some extreme climates. Plus, discover what makes these big cats some of the toughest predators in the world. Cat AND dog lovers welcome!

9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

June 10, 11, 12, 24, 25, 28
July 1, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19
August 12, 13, 14

Photo by
Garrett Hopkins

AGE 6 & 7 WEEKLONG CAMPS

child only

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

NEW!

ZOOKEEPERS IN TRAINING

Get the inside scoop on how keepers care for the tiniest, largest, furriest, slimiest, most dangerous and cutest animals at the Zoo! Join us for a thrilling weeklong adventure as we immerse ourselves in the world of zookeeping. Practice your zookeeper skills by learning the art of animal training, creating animal puzzles and even going behind-the-scenes!

9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

June 17-21, 24-28
July 15-19, 22-26, 29-August 2
August 5-9

ZOOOPER HEROES

Look up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a Zooper Hero! Lightning speed, strength and invisibility – superheroes have awesome powers to help save the world. In this weeklong camp, become a Zooper Hero as you complete challenges and discover "super-powered" animals around the Zoo!

9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

June 17-21
July 8-12, 22-26, 29-August 2
August 5-9



Photo by Brian Luttamus

AGES 8 & 9 SINGLE DAY

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

WHAT'S UP, DOC?

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

9:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

June 17, 18, 19
July 24, 25, 26
August 1, 2

NATURE CAN BE GROSS

Explore the weird and wild side of nature! From scat, to mucus, to special animal relationships, nature sure can make us say "ewww." Discover how animals are connected and depend on one another – including their poop!

9:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

June 13, 14, 26, 27
July 3, 15

AGES 8 & 9 3-DAY CAMPS

child only | \$200 Zoo Pass members
\$230 non-members

ANIMALS AFTER DARK

Picture yourself on the night shift in this 3-day camp! Dive into the mysterious world of nocturnal creatures and unlock their secrets. Explore the Zoo to witness exotic night-dwellers and rise to the challenge to create the ultimate nocturnal animal. Get ready for an unforgettable journey into the darkness!

9:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

June 26–28
July 22–24
August 12–14



A DAY IN THE PAWS

An ant might see us as towering giants; an elephant might see us as an ant on the ground! Every day zookeepers must put themselves in the "paws" of animals in order to care for them and learn how they may be thinking or feeling. Put your perspective goggles on as we investigate how different critters experience the world!

9:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

June 13, 14, 24, 25
August 5, 6, 7



Photo by Garrett Hopkins

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? Immerse yourself in the captivating world of theater! Hone your acting skills, delve into creative roles like playwrighting and design, master puppetry and seek inspiration from the wonders of the Zoo to fuel your artistry. Join us for an week of fun and become a Junior Member of the Kohl's Wild Theater company!

9:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

June 17–21
July 15–19

NEW!

MAKERS FOR A MISSION

Grab your pencil, paintbrush and creativity as we go on a mission to save habitats all over the world! Learn about different Zoo animals and their cousins that live in the wild. In this weeklong adventure, you will use your artistic skills to create projects that inspire others to protect these magnificent creatures and their homes!

9:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

June 17–21, 24–28
July 8–12
August 5–9



AGES 10 – 13 SINGLE DAY

child only

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

VET CAMP

An elephant with an earache? A tiger with tendonitis? A fish that needs a physical? Zoo veterinarians meet challenges like these every day in order to keep animals happy and healthy. Through hands-on activities, learn skills to help prevent, diagnose and treat injuries and illnesses in animals. Discover how the Zoo's healthcare specialists treat the largest and smallest of the animal patients that live here!

9:15 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

June 24, 25
July 1, 11, 12, 31

ZOO CAREERS: EXHIBIT DESIGN

Desert, rainforest, tundra or ocean. How do we make our animals at the Zoo feel at home in Wisconsin? Explore the intersection of engineering and animal science by learning about the specialized work involved in designing animal exhibits! Examine habitats, peek behind the scenes and design your own exhibit to meet the needs of an animal!

9:15 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

June 20, 28
July 9, 10, 29, 30

AGES 10 – 13 2-DAY CAMP

child only

\$140 Zoo Pass members
\$160 non-members

VERSUS

NEW!

Lion vs. tiger; American badger vs. honey badger. If some of the fiercest animals were to challenge each other, who may be victorious? We'll take a closer look at what adaptations it would take to be the victor in such a match. Be prepared... the answers may surprise you! Then create your "ultimate" animal capable of besting the rest of the animal kingdom.

9:15 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

June 10–11
July 15–16
August 5–6

ANIMAL SYMBOLISM

NEW!

To many cultures, animals hold special meanings. They can reflect our wisdom, power, humor and even things like evil! Explore the world of animal symbolism – how human cultures give special meaning to animal traits and skills. Learn about animals that live right here at the Zoo and the cultures where they are important symbols. Make an animal mask, learn about your Chinese zodiac animal and find out what animal symbolizes you!

9:15 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

July 8–9
August 1–2

AGES 10 – 13 3-DAY CAMP

child only

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

NATURE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

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's Lake Evinrude. On the final day design a stewardship poster of how you take care of your favorite green space in nature.

9:15 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

July 17–19
August 12–14

AGES 10 – 13 WEEKLONG CAMPS

child only

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

NEW!

LET'S GET WILD-ER! KOHL'S WILD THEATER CAMP PART II

Want to dive deeper into being a Junior Kohl's Wild Theater member? Level up your performance skills and learn more about how storytelling creates empathy for animals and inspires audiences to take conservation action. By the end of the week, you will have the skills and the experience to inspire change through theater, just like Kohl's Wild Theater! *No previous experience necessary.*

9:15 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

July 22–26
August 5–9



Photo by Brian Luttamus

AGES 13 – 15 3-DAY CAMP

child only

\$250 Zoo Pass members
\$280 non-members

NEW!

ZOO CAREERS: IF I RAN THE ZOO

Conquer the ropes course, feed the Zoo's gentle giants and be immersed in the world of Virtual Reality as we dive deep into the world of zoo operations. Every day will be filled with excitement and new discoveries as campers learn about our conservation programs and collaborate to envision a brand-new experience for future Zoo guests. Join us as we explore, create and innovate together.

Camp price includes all attraction tickets.

9:15 a.m.–3 p.m.

July 30–August 1
August 12–14



Photo by Bob Wickland

FAMILY CLASS

all ages

\$17 Zoo Pass members
\$27 non-members

While we welcome family members of all ages, the content of these classes are 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.

NOT ALL FAMILIES WHO WANDER ARE LOST

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 our animals what it takes to survive in the forest in Wisconsin.

9:15–11:30 a.m. or 1:00–3:15 p.m.

June 23, 29

TALES OF TAILS

What stuns and swats? What explains and entertains? Tails and tales! Discover fascinating tales about animals and test out different tails to see if you can use one as well as an animal can. We'll grab hold of some gripping tales about tails out in the Zoo before you create your very own tale and tails!

9:15–11:30 a.m. or 1:00–3:15 p.m.

July 20
August 3, 4



AGES 14–18

Unlock an exciting summer adventure!

Are you 14–18 years old, passionate about science, animals and community involvement? Join us as a High School Assistant and support our amazing Zoo Camps. It's a chance to grow, make like-minded friends and contribute to wildlife education. Visit zoosociety.org/HSA for more details! Don't miss out on the opportunity to learn, inspire and have a blast volunteering at the Zoo.



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Photo by Garrett Hopkins



Photo by Bob Wickland

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 6-15!

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 6-15.

- A.M. Care: 8 a.m. until the start of the camp day (\$15 per session).
- P.M. Care: 3 p.m. 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 2nd and 3rd.
- **Space is limited.**

Financial Aid

The Conservation Education department is committed to providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for all our guests, ensuring that everyone can 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.



Photo by Paul Ruffolo



Get your Zoo Camp T-shirt for Summer 2024!

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 Rhinoceros Hornbill's Victor and Vianna. You can purchase T-shirts via our registration site until **April 12, 2024.**

Youth sizes | \$13

Adult sizes | \$15

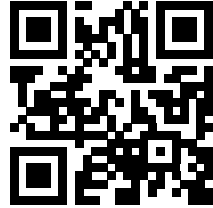
All T-shirt sales are final.

Join us for an exclusive open house on June 4 (1-5 p.m.) or June 8 (10-2 p.m.)! Pick up your pre-ordered shirts, explore our education building on a guided tour and conveniently complete any necessary medical paperwork. We hope to see you there!

Register Online for Priority at Zoosociety.org/summer

Member online registration begins February 21 at 9 a.m.
Non-member registration begins February 28 at 9 a.m.

Check our FAQ by
scanning the QR Code!



Call our staff with questions or concerns at 414-258-5058.

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.
- Please do not meet or follow your child's group into the Zoo, as this is a distraction to the educational experience.

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**.



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14

A RUN-DERFUL DAY

Samson Stomp & Romp

Presented by Prairie Farms Dairy

Runners of all ages and skills are encouraged to lace up and come to the annual Samson Stomp & Romp. Three distance routes – 5K; 2-mile and 1-mile – are available and stay within the Zoo grounds. 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 diverse collection.

To register, visit milwaukeezoo.org.

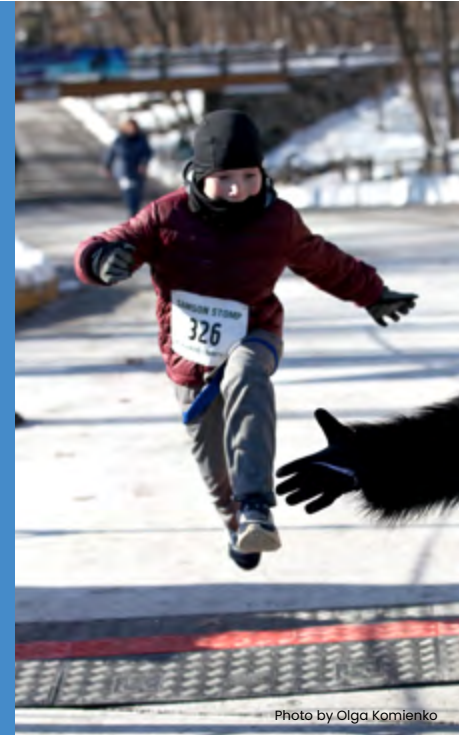


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FEB
24

SHAKE YOUR TAIL FEATHERS

Zumba® Fitness Party at the Zoo

5-7 p.m. (check-in starts at 4 p.m.)

Cost: \$25

Celebrate 10 years of dancing, shaking and fundraising with our annual Zumba® fundraiser. Local instructors led by Rachel Beimel volunteer their time to give you a great workout and the opportunity to help a nonprofit organization. During the past 10 years, we have been delighted to see people from all walks of life and different skill levels dance their hearts out.

Money raised from this event goes to the Zoological Society's Sponsor an Animal program. Anyone 14 and up is welcome to sign up. Pre-register at: zoosociety.org/Zumba.



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A group of flamingos is called a flamboyance.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Jan. 1

New Year's Day, the Zoo will be closed

Jan. 6

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

Jan. 14

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

Jan. 25

Puttin' on the Ritz, sponsored by SU Group and Carnevor (pre-register)

Feb. 2

Groundhog Day

Feb. 3

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

Feb. 21

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

Feb. 24

Zumba® Fitness Party (pre-register or buy tickets at the door)

March 2

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

March 16

Kids Conservation Club lion workshop (pre-register)

March 30

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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