

# Wild Things

## A PEEK INSIDE

### Animal Safari

Sponsored by Dermatology Associates of Wisconsin, S.C.

Aug. 29, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; behind-the-scenes tours run 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Call 414-258-2333 to become an animal sponsor or visit [zoosociety.org/SponsorAnimal](http://zoosociety.org/SponsorAnimal).

When somebody isn't very hungry they "eat like a bird," as the saying goes. But when birds are hungry, they eat like birds! What do they eat? You can visit the kitchen in the Mahler Family Aviary and find out if you participate in the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's behind-the-scenes event at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Animal sponsors and Kids Conservation Club members can go behind the scenes on this day to see the indoor hippo area and more. Not an animal sponsor? No problem — you can sponsor an animal at the event and join the tours! Even if you're not an animal sponsor, you can see examples of enrichment items at the Peck Welcome Center. All kids 17 and under can participate in the Green Art Contest. Artwork must be made of recycled materials, fit in a 2-foot-square section of a table and be light enough to be carried by one person. Entry deadline is Aug. 15. Drop off your project at the Society's office between Aug. 22 and Aug. 28. For more information, go to [zoosociety.org/SponsorAnimal/GreenArt](http://zoosociety.org/SponsorAnimal/GreenArt).

Anthony M., 7, of Oconomowoc, looks at a pig made from recycled materials at the Kids' Green Art Contest during a previous Animal Safari.

Photo by Richard Brodzeller



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Chad and Victoria Wesielewski, of Milwaukee, share French fries at a previous event.

## A LA EATS

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel a la Carte presented by Meijer

Aug. 20-23. Hours: 9 a.m.-10 p.m. except Sunday, Aug. 23, when hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Free Zoo admission for Zoo Pass members with ID.

For others: adults, \$14.25; ages 3-12, \$11.25;

ages 2 & under, free; ages 60 and older, \$13.25.

Value (multi-day) tickets (\$26 adults; \$18 children)

available for purchase at Tri City National Bank

locations. Milwaukee County parking fee: \$12.

Zoo Pass Plus members receive free parking.

For details, call 414-256-5466 or go to [milwaukeezoo.org](http://milwaukeezoo.org).

Wisconsin and outdoor festivals go together like peas in a pod. Of course, it's not a proper festival without live entertainment and food. If you love going to festivals, you'll definitely want to check out the Milwaukee County Zoo's food and music festival featuring a huge collection of animals to admire as you graze from more than 23 Milwaukee-area restaurant booths.

Enjoy a glass of fine wine at the Wine Tent, sponsored by Guardian Home Improvements. Watch Don Felder, formerly of the Eagles, perform on Saturday, Aug. 22, at 8 p.m. at the Caribou Stage. You can enjoy other musical acts at the Lakeview Stage, sponsored by Habush Habush & Rottier S.C.® The entire park and all animal buildings will be open at night (the Mahler Family Aviary closes one hour before dusk, approximately 7:30 p.m.). Remember to check out the special summer exhibit, Expedition Dinosaur, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets. Exhibit admission is \$2.50 per person. To see a list of participating vendors, go to [zoosociety.org/alacarte](http://zoosociety.org/alacarte).

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# Annual Appeal

## Refurbishments for Red Panda Residence

At a certain point, every home needs some updates. The same is true for exhibits at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Take, for example, the Red Panda Exhibit. The Zoo hopes to have a family of red pandas one day. That's why for the 2014-15 Annual Appeal, we'd like to add additional things to the exhibit such as:

- A taller, more secure structure to protect the red pandas from wild animals, such as raccoons, that can pass on diseases
- A roof to provide shade on hot summer days because red pandas prefer cooler conditions
- More trees and branches for climbing, resting and watching Zoo guests
- Special areas for enrichment activities and food treats to keep the pandas' minds active

When construction is completed, the Zoo hopes to introduce young female red pandas to our dashing male, Dash. Hopefully they'll produce little red pandas and create some "panda-monium" in the renovated exhibit!



## Donate Here

To give to the Zoological Society's 2014-15 Annual Appeal, please see the flyer packaged with this magazine, go online to [helpmcredpandas.com](http://helpmcredpandas.com) or call **414-258-2333**. All donations are tax-deductible.

Donors of \$100-\$249 have their names listed on a sign; donors of \$250-\$499 receive larger recognition on a sign; donors of \$500-\$999 receive individualized recognition; donors of \$1,000 or more receive larger individualized recognition; and donors of \$2,500 receive individualized recognition on a bench to be placed in the Milwaukee County Zoo. To comply with WI Statute Section 440.455, a financial statement of the Zoological Society will be provided upon request.



## Memberanda

We value your relationship with the Zoological Society of Milwaukee. The Society does not sell member/donor information to third parties, but may share limited information with the Milwaukee County Zoo for the purpose of confirming membership status.

**Zoological Society office hours:** Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. **Zoo hours:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **Please note that the Zoo's admission gates close 45 minutes before the posted Zoo closing hours. The Mahler Family Aviary closes one hour before the Zoo closes. The Goat Yard closes 30 minutes before Zoo closing hours, and animal buildings close 15 minutes before Zoo closing hours.**

**Company picnics:** For members visiting the Zoo with a company picnic, Zoo Pass members' free admission or free parking benefits do not apply. The fees paid for company picnics include admission and parking and usually include additional Zoo-visit benefits.

**Zoo admission:** Please remember to have your Zoo Pass and identification ready when you arrive at the Zoo's admission gates. If you've lost your card, replacement cards may be purchased for \$5.

**Visiting other zoos and aquariums:** We participate in the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' listing of accredited reciprocal institutions. Some accredited zoos and aquariums choose not to participate in this program and therefore do not appear on our list. Most facilities honor free or discounted admission for two adults and two minor children. Members should call ahead to the facilities they plan to visit to get current information. In a few cases, we have opted not to reciprocate with some institutions that are in close proximity to our Zoo. Members are encouraged to review the updated list by going online at [zoopass.com](http://zoopass.com).

**Who can use member cards?** The person(s) named on the Zoo Pass is the owner of the card and benefits are not transferable

to anyone else. We need to have the number of members' minor children/grandchildren in the household reflected in the membership records for the Zoo's admission gates. Foster children are covered on your membership. **Day care providers for children: Your Zoo Pass membership does not cover children for whom you provide babysitting or day care services.** The Society and the Zoo retain the right to invalidate any membership being used inappropriately.

**myAccount Feature:** Check out our website, [zoopass.com](http://zoopass.com), for information about setting up your personal Society myAccount. (The myAccount button is on the top of the page.) This is a feature that will give you online access to your Zoo Pass membership information and much more. Just having a Zoo Pass does not automatically mean you have a myAccount. You need to create your myAccount and enter a personal password for the feature. Then you will be able to view the number of attraction coupons you have with your Zoo Pass, track your paperless attraction coupon use, determine the tax-deductible portion of your contributions, update your email or home address and more easily complete transactions like sponsoring an animal or renewing your Zoo Pass.

### WILD THINGS

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# Cruising Past Critters at the Zoo

## Ride on the Wild Side Bike Ride

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**Sunday, Sept. 13, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Register online at [zoosociety.org/Bike](http://zoosociety.org/Bike) by Sept. 9 or call 414-258-2333 for a brochure. Day-of-event registrations accepted, but T-shirt sizes aren't guaranteed. Costs for Zoo Pass members: adults (ages 14 and over), \$35; children (ages 3-13), \$12; family of four, \$85. Non-members: adults, \$40; children, \$15; family of four, \$100. Day of: adults, \$45; children, \$20.



And they're off: Bikers start their ride through the Zoo park and beyond. Photo by Richard Brodzeller



With its hills, winding paths and beautiful setting, the Milwaukee County Zoo is a great place to ride your bike. At the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's annual bike ride fundraiser, you can do just that. Kids can cruise in the Critter Caravan, a special 2.5-mile kids' route through the Zoo. Their favorite plush-toy animal friends can tag along in a bike basket or backpack. Seasoned riders with a passion for pedaling can choose one of the distance rides (10- to 20-mile+ rides\*) that start at the Zoo and continue north along the Menomonee River Parkway and the Oak Leaf Trail.

Kids can enjoy a post-ride snack, make some crafts and get a temporary tattoo in the Kids 'n Critters Corral, sponsored by Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren, S.C. After the ride, all participants can enjoy lunch. Rides start at 8 and 8:15 a.m. The registration fee includes entry to the Zoo and parking, a continental breakfast, lunch and a long-sleeve T-shirt. Remember to bring your bike helmet!

\*Distances may vary due to construction.

Amanda Buchholz., of Waukesha, helps daughter Maura R., 5, put on her helmet at last year's ride. Photo by Richard Brodzeller



# Fun, Hands-on Zoo Classes

All classes and camps are run by the Zoological Society of Milwaukee. Zoo Pass members receive discounts and priority registration before the general public.

## Zoo Classes for Adults

Zoo Classes aren't just for kids anymore — adults can partake in the fun, too. Starting this fall, Zoo photography classes will be offered for adults age 18 and older for all skill levels. Students will learn about photography techniques and equipment while exploring the Milwaukee County Zoo. Former Zoo Pride volunteer and longtime photographer Kevin Hanley will lead the classes. (Zoo Pride is the volunteer auxiliary for the Zoological Society.) Kevin began shooting in 1977, taking a special interest in animal photography. He taught a photography class at the Milwaukee County Zoo while still in high school. Later he honed his skills for 21 years in the United States Air Force in various capacities. Kevin's wildlife photographs have graced the covers of 15 magazines, the World Wildlife Fund and Kodak websites, as well as a number of books. Classes will address how to overcome zoo-specific challenges, such as shooting in a variety of weather and lighting conditions. Advanced classes will offer a classroom mini-studio shoot featuring a live animal. Look for Zoo photography class offerings in the September-December 2015 Zoo Classes brochure, packaged with this Wild Things.



[zoosociety.org/Education](http://zoosociety.org/Education)

*A photograph of a badger from a different zoo by Kevin Hanley.*

## Fall Zoo Classes

Time to sign up for Fall Zoo Classes! From Stroller Safari for infants under age 2 to learning about spelunking for ages 6-10, there is a Zoo Class for every child. Registration for September-December 2015 Zoo Classes begins on Aug. 6.

# A Celebration of Seniority

## Senior Celebration

*Sponsored by Wheaton Franciscan Senior Health*

**Friday, Sept. 4**

Free Zoo admission 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for seniors age 55 and older with ID.

Milwaukee County parking fee: \$12. Zoo Pass Plus members receive free parking.

For details, call the Zoo at 414-256-5466.

Picture this: You're at an event where you can dance to polka, snap your fingers to jazz rhythms, relish refreshing ice cream, enjoy the company of friends and admire beautiful animals. You might say, "Bingo — that sounds like a fun time!" Oh, and you can play bingo at this event, too! Come to the annual event that celebrates adults 55 and older at the Milwaukee County Zoo on Sept. 4. Get a free tote bag and then check out more than 30 exhibitors at a senior-themed health and wellness fair in the Peck Welcome Center. Head outdoors and enjoy the beautiful Zoo park and the animals as you join the Wisconsin Senior Olympics for a 1-mile walk through the Zoo. Dance to music sponsored by San Camillo at the Flamingo Patio and the Briggs & Stratton Zoo Terrace Stage. There you'll hear the Jeff Winard Band and Jimmy Madritsch & Friends play favorites from yesteryear. Hungry? Be among the first 2,000 Zoo visitors and get complimentary cookies from Aldi and ice cream. Box lunches will be available for \$6.75.

*"We started with the Summer Camps and now we're excited to register for classes throughout the year. The classes are hands on, engaging and our son learns so much."*

Noelle and Terry W.  
Milwaukee

## Summer Camps, sponsored by Penzeys Spices

It's not too late to sign up for Summer Camps. From "Gentle Giants" for 3-year-olds to learning about the job of a zookeeper for ages 12-14, there is a Zoo Camp for every child. Registration for July and August 2015 remains open. We offer child care services before and after our camps for children ages 6-14 (7:30-9:15 a.m. and 3-5 p.m.).

## "Zoo to You" School programs

Teachers, bring the Zoo to you! Education programs are available at the Zoo or as outreach to schools. Register now for October 2015-May 2016 programs.

## UWM Course at the Zoo for Teachers

"Study of the World's Predators & Carnivores" takes place Oct. 17 and 18, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Learn techniques to develop study units and how to use the Zoo as a teaching resource. Call UW-Milwaukee Outreach at 414-229-5255 for more information and to register.

## Workshop for Early-Childhood Teachers

"Creatures of the Night" takes place Saturday, Oct. 10, 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Learn how to incorporate a unit about nocturnal animals in your own classroom. Workshop includes animal background information, classroom station ideas, project samples and a behind-the-scenes tour of the Small Mammals Building. Workshop content is mainly for educators of ages 2-5. To register, call 414-258-5058 or visit [zoosociety.org/TeacherEdu](http://zoosociety.org/TeacherEdu).



*Talaya R., 4, of Milwaukee, glues parts onto her paper turkey at a Zoo class.*

Photo by Richard Taylor



*Sharon Schmidt (left), of Milwaukee, takes a closer look at a pipevine swallowtail chrysalis held by Master Gardener Laurie Baker, of New Berlin, at a previous event.* Photo by Richard Brodzeller



# Volunteering

## From Volunteer to Veterinary Student

Galya Fedderly has wanted to be a veterinarian for as long as she can remember, but it was her volunteer work with Zoo Pride that helped her define why. "My professor told me that to be a good candidate for veterinary school, I needed to know why I wanted to be a veterinarian; loving animals was not enough," she says.

"Working in Zoo Pride, I saw the amazing habitats that were provided for the animals at the Milwaukee County Zoo, and I saw how interested the Zoo patrons were in the animals and their daily activities. I especially loved teaching the children and other Zoo patrons interesting facts about animals."

For Galya, 22, being a veterinarian also means being an educator, someone who helps animal owners learn about their pets and make the best decisions for them. She has earned plenty of experience as an informal educator in Zoo Pride, the Zoological Society's volunteer auxiliary, since April 2012. The Milwaukee native graduated from Colorado State University in May with a bachelor's degree in zoology, and this fall she will start veterinary school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

As a Zoo Pride volunteer, Galya helped with crowd control during giraffe feedings and Kohl's Wild Theater shows. She also answered questions after zookeeper bat talks and staffed Remains to be Seen carts, where she used animal artifacts to teach about animal adaptations. The jobs suited her outgoing nature. "I've always been a people person," she says. "I especially like seeing the kids smile when they can point out things they've learned."

Zoo Pride was a perfect fit for Galya, according to her parents, Brad and Sharon Fedderly. Lynn Wilding, the Zoo Pride volunteer services coordinator, even arranged for Galya to meet the Zoo's senior staff veterinarian and tour the Animal Health Center. "This was really a dynamite opportunity for her to see the animal world in action," Brad says.

Her Zoo Pride work helped boost her application for veterinary school, as did the five months she spent studying in Australia, where she got to take classes about Tasmanian animals and marine ecology. After veterinary school, Galya would like to become an exotic pet veterinarian, working with snakes, birds and small mammals. She thinks she might someday like to be a zoo veterinarian, but notes that the competition for jobs is fierce.

Sharon and Brad couldn't be prouder of Galya as she continues to follow her dream. "Getting into veterinary school is not an easy thing," Brad says. "She has set her mind to this and done everything she possibly could, and we're positively thrilled that she was admitted."

*By Stacy Vogel Davis*



*Galya Fedderly* Photo by Bob Wickland

## Join Zoo Pride

You can become a Zoo Pride volunteer by attending a two-session introductory training. Additional training is available depending on your areas of interest. For more information, call 414-258-5667 or visit [zoosociety.org/ZooPride](http://zoosociety.org/ZooPride).

## Take a Walk on the Wild Side

If you enjoy leisurely strolls through the Zoo and have always wanted to learn more about the animals you see, consider one of our walking tours. Tours usually last 2½ hours but can be tailored to meet your needs. Specific programs tailored to school groups are available through the Zoological Society's Education Department, and requests from schools will be referred to that department. Cost is \$10 per guide, not including Milwaukee County Zoo admission and parking fees, with up to 10 people per guide. Call the Zoo Pride office at 414-258-5667 for more information.

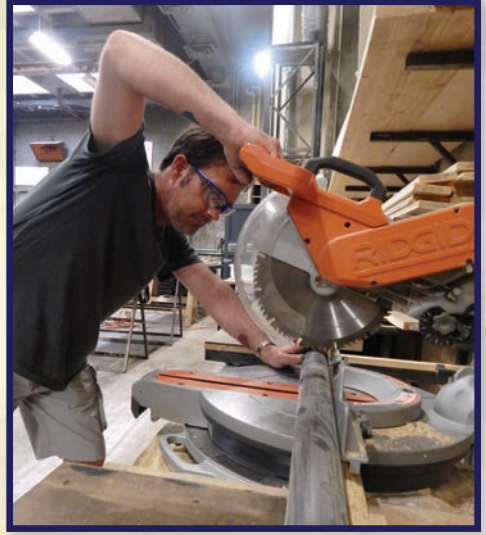
# Instrumental Play Teaches about Trash

## Bring Kohl's Wild Theater to you

*Kohl's Wild Theater continues to reach festivals, schools and community events within a one-hour radius of the Zoo, free of charge. Performances are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Julie B. at the Zoological Society of Milwaukee, 414-258-2333, or [kwt@zoosociety.org](mailto:kwt@zoosociety.org), for available dates. For more information, go to [wildtheater.org](http://wildtheater.org).*

What do used bottles, aluminum cans, old PVC pipe, paper clips and other discarded materials have in common? They're all items that can be repurposed to create musical instruments in the latest Kohl's Wild Theater outreach play, "Trash or Tunes." Sammy O, a musically talented student, learns the power of creativity to make the world a better place — and in the process how to make cool musical instruments from reused materials. "Pollution from discarded materials is a significant issue in conservation," says James Mills, the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's director of education. "Many people throw things 'away' that actually could be reused or recycled. But there is no 'away' — garbage degrades the environment and can pose a direct danger to animals." Kohl's Wild Theater (KWT), the Society's live theater program, is made possible by a partnership with Kohl's Cares. "Trash or Tunes" — written by playwright Alvaro Saar Rios, with music produced by John Tanner — is a 45-minute outreach play designed for grades 4 to 8 (but also appropriate for younger grades) that will be available October 2015 to February 2016.

A big challenge in creating the play was finding somebody who could build musical instruments from discarded materials. Dave McLellan, the Society's theater program coordinator, tapped Chris Guse, an assistant professor in scenic and audio production at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. "Chris creatively used technology in a previous KWT play," says McLellan. "He's also a musician. I knew his mix of creativity and musicality would be perfect." For "Trash or Tunes," Guse didn't want to replicate traditional instruments, but rather make musical instruments "with unique sounds," he says. For example, Guse is creating a tuba-phone, a xylophone-like instrument that will use different sizes and lengths of PVC pipe — instead of metal bars — to create unique-sounding tones. "I also wanted to use materials that are specifically discussed in the play, such as bottles and aluminum cans."



*Chris Guse uses a miter saw to cut a length of PVC pipe to fashion into a percussion instrument. Photo by Zak Mazur*

McLellan hopes the play will do more than teach children about the negative impact of trash in the environment. "I hope the play inspires kids to use their creativity and craft their own musical instruments — or create whatever their imaginations come up with!"

*By Zak Mazur*

## See Kohl's Wild Theater at the Zoo

You can see four free performances a day, seven days a week, at the Kohl's Wild Theater stage at the Milwaukee County Zoo until Labor Day. Go to [wildtheater.org](http://wildtheater.org) to see descriptions of the four available plays.

*Chris Guse tests the sound of an instrument that's a cross between a cello and a koto, a Japanese stringed instrument. Photo by Zak Mazur*





# Songs at Sunset

## Sunset Zoofaris

Sponsored by Tri City National Bank

July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 6-9 p.m.,  
Milwaukee County Zoo.

Free Zoo admission for Zoo Pass members with photo ID.

Non-members: Adults, \$6.50; ages 3-12, \$5.50;  
FREE for children 2 and under; or \$20 per  
carload (with a maximum of 10 people).  
No parking fee. For details, call 414-256-5466.

If you like music, animals and tranquil summer evenings, then this event is for you. You can kick it with kangaroos, relax near rhinos, chill with cheetahs, amble over to alpacas, hang with hippos, buddy up with bonobos, gather near gorillas, meet moose — okay, enough! — during music-filled Wednesday evenings at the Milwaukee County Zoo. A different band will play each night at the Flamingo Patio Gazebo stage from 6:15 to 8:45 p.m. at this annual summer concert series. Animal buildings will be open until 8:45 p.m. (the Mahler Family Aviary closes one hour before dusk, approximately 7:30 p.m.). Check out the Zoo's special summer exhibit, Expedition Dinosaur, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets (exhibit admission is \$2.50 per person). After you've seen and listened to it all, grab a bite to eat from the Zoo's Flamingo Café or Lakeview Place restaurants as you enjoy a relaxing evening at the Zoo with friends and family. Here's a lineup of this year's bands: July 1, The Orphans (classic rock favorites); July 8, Downtown Harrison (impersonates famous singers such as Frank Sinatra, Elvis, Johnny Cash, Neil Diamond, James Brown, Tina Turner and more); July 15, Riding Shotgun (rock, pop and country covers); July 22, Dirty Boogie (pop, rock); and July 29, Blue Light Scene (covers and originals).

Tri City National Bank customers: Get a free ride on the Penzeys Spices Carousel. Stop in at any branch and get a free ride ticket while supplies last. (Valid June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2015, only during evening Sunset Zoofaris. Does not include Zoo admission or parking. One ticket per person per bank visit.) Visit [tcnb.com](http://tcnb.com) for bank locations.



A band rocks out at a previous event. Photo by Richard Brodzeller

# Did You See the Dinosaurs Yet?

## Expedition Dinosaur

Sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets

May 23-Labor Day

Exhibit located behind Small Mammals Building.  
\$2.50 per person admission.

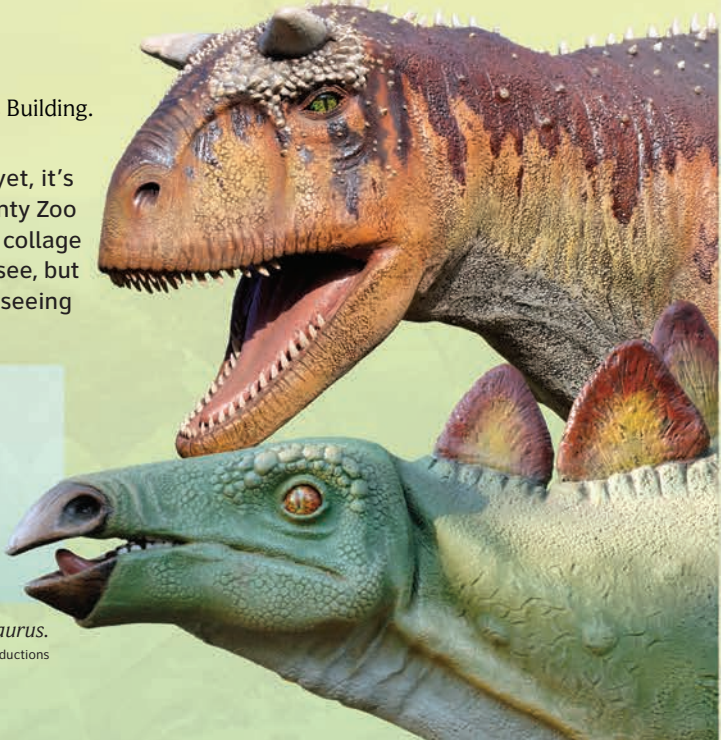
If you haven't seen the dinosaurs yet, it's time to come to the Milwaukee County Zoo and check them out. Enjoy this mini collage of two of the 17 dinosaurs you can see, but remember — nothing compares to seeing them up close in person.

## Be a Paleontologist

Kids can dig for replica dinosaur fossils at the "dino dig."

## Say "Roar"

Get your picture taken in front of (or on) a T. rex!



A Carnotaurus and Stegosaurus.

Photos courtesy of Billings Productions



# Trip to Field of Dreams

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015; 6 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$75 per person.

Register online at [zoosociety.org](http://zoosociety.org), with form below or by calling 414-258-2333.

***“Is this heaven? No, it’s the Zoological Society’s trip to Iowa.”***

If you enjoyed the 1989 movie “Field of Dreams” — with the unforgettable line, “If you build it, he will come” — then join the Zoological Society of Milwaukee on our members-only fall field trip to the Lansing family farm in Dyersville, Iowa, where the film was shot. You can even pitch some balls to the “ghost” of Shoeless Joe. Dyersville is a quaint little farming community with plenty to see and do. In addition to visiting the iconic baseball diamond cut out from a field of corn, we’ll visit the National Farm Toy Museum, which features brands from Ertl and Tomy. These miniature farm vehicles are great collector’s items. The Plaza Antique Mall is also in the area, offering additional shopping opportunities. For lunch we’ll dine at the County Junction Restaurant and then we’ll visit the Becker Woodcarving Museum, featuring one of the largest hand-carved grandfather clocks in the world. We’ll also stop at Boji Sweet Tooth where you can get frozen yogurt, cupcakes and a vast assortment of gourmet chocolates and candy — yum!



Stock photo

Registration starts at 6 a.m. at the Milwaukee County Zoo with a continental boxed breakfast featuring pastries, bagels, fresh fruit, coffee, milk and juice. Buses depart at 6:30 a.m., so we ask that you eat breakfast on the bus due to the tight schedule. Buses return to the Zoo at 8:30 p.m. Tour includes transportation on restroom-equipped motor coaches and a snack bag and beverage on the return trip. This fee also includes a guide for the day, museum tour admissions and lunch at Country Junction (lunch, tax and gratuity is included in the price of the trip). Soda for the return trip is donated by PepsiAmericas®. (Note to those with allergies: Snacks may include dairy and peanut byproducts.) An itinerary will be mailed prior to the trip. You can register at [zoosociety.org](http://zoosociety.org), call 414-258-2333 or use the registration form below.

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## FIELD OF DREAMS/DYERSVILLE, IOWA, Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015

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If you wish to travel on the same motor coach with a person who is sending in a separate reservation, please indicate the name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total amount enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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**Check** Make payable to **Zoological Society** and send with form to:

**Field of Dreams/Dyersville, IA trip**, Zoological Society, 10005 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226-4383

**Register now:** Space is limited. Cancellations through Sept. 4, 2015, are refundable, less a \$10 per person cancellation fee. Cancellations after Sept. 4, 2015, are not refundable. Call 414-258-2333 for more information. Trip cost is not tax-deductible. To comply with WI Statute Section 440.455, a financial statement of the Zoological Society will be provided upon request.



## Insider Tips



*Flame angelfish* Photo by Bob Wickland

Flame angelfish are found in reefs surrounding tropical islands in the Pacific Ocean. They grow to about 4 inches in length and are popular among aquarium enthusiasts due to their brilliant color and relative ease of care. In the wild they feed on algae and small crustaceans. When they feel threatened they hide in the coral for protection. Canarytops — also known as sand-reef wrasses, lemon meringue wrasses and white-bellied wrasses — are widespread in reefs in the Indian Ocean. They also feed on algae and small crustaceans. Canarytops grow to 5 inches in length and are often seen by divers because they cruise just above the surface of the coral as they search for food.

Dawn Fleuchaus, Zoo area supervisor for the Australia Building and North America, says the two new fish are “very submissive” and are “beautiful and fun to watch.”

Although neither fish species is endangered, their habitats — coral reefs — are seriously stressed due to global climate change. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, ocean temperatures have risen 1.3 degrees Fahrenheit since the late

19th century. The higher temperatures cause coral bleaching, which weakens corals substantially. Additionally, increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere from the burning of fossil fuels is being absorbed into the oceans, resulting in ocean acidification, which is killing coral reefs.

Be sure to check out these striking fish the next time you’re at the Zoo. The aquarium in the Australia Building is made up of three sections; the flame angelfish and canarytop live in the tank on the left.

### Brilliant Colors, Peaceful Natures

Just off the northeast coast of Australia lies the Great Barrier Reef, the largest structure composed of living organisms in the world. In fact, it’s so huge it’s visible from outer space. At the Milwaukee County Zoo, an aquarium mimics a tiny segment of a basic reef. It’s located in the Australia Building and is now home to two brilliantly colored coral-dwelling fish: a flame angelfish and a canarytop. “Both are small, beautiful and peaceful fish,” says Craig Berg, curator of reptiles and aquarium.



*Canarytop* Photo by Bob Wickland

By Zak Mazur



## New Zoo Monkey Family

If there were such a thing as an Animal Cuteness Index, Goeldi's monkeys would rank at the top. These Ewok-looking, pint-size monkeys always elicit "awws" and "oohs" from zoogoers. Perhaps the only thing cuter than a Goeldi's monkey is ... a baby Goeldi's monkey! And now, thanks to Goeldi's monkeys Nieve and JJ, the Milwaukee County Zoo has an uber-cute Goeldi's monkey named Finn (sex to be determined).

Tiny Finn was born May 6.

"We knew Nieve was pregnant, so we were waiting for a baby," says Rhonda Crenshaw, area supervisor for small mammals. "I was checking Nieve at 8 a.m. and there were these tiny jewel-like eyes looking at me — it was the baby!" It's surprising that Crenshaw was able to see Finn. "The baby blends in unusually well because both have pitch-black fur." Nieve's behavior didn't hint that she'd just given birth; that day she was already bounding around the exhibit at lightning speed, little Finn clutching her back. "Nieve has been a great mother," says Crenshaw.

Goeldi's monkeys live in the upper Amazonian rainforest in South America. They communicate with a range of calls to keep in touch when feeding or to warn of approaching danger. Unfortunately, their many vocalizations are unable to protect them from the danger that humans pose. Goeldi's monkeys are endangered due to habitat loss and hunting.

Goeldi's monkeys are monogamous and form lifetime partnerships. Nieve and JJ seem to be off to a good start. When you visit the Small Mammals Building, it should be easier to see little Finn. He'll probably be hanging out with JJ, too, and maybe even venturing off on his own.

By Zak Mazur

*Finn takes a peek at the outside world from atop Nieve's back.*

Photo by Richard Brodzeller





*Apollo literally hangs out in the kitchen of the Small Mammals Building, where he resides.*

Photo by Richard Brodzeller

## **Insider Tips** (continued)

### **The Truth About Bats**

Imagine an animal that can eat 1,200 mosquitos in an hour. You'd probably appreciate this animal. What if I told you it's a little brown bat, one of the most prevalent bat species in Wisconsin? Would you feel uneasy? If so, you're not alone; many people fear bats and there are many myths about bats. For example, of the 1,200 species of bats, only three species drink blood, and those vampire bats rarely feed on humans. If a bat swoops at you, it's not trying to get tangled in your hair; it's likely after a nearby mosquito. Moreover, less than one-half of 1 percent carry diseases that could be contracted by humans.

One very special bat at the Milwaukee County Zoo has been helping to dispel bat myths since 1996 — Apollo, a straw-colored fruit bat. Apollo was hand raised, so he's comfortable around people. "Apollo is a great bat ambassador," says Rhonda Crenshaw, area supervisor for small mammals. "When kids from Zoo classes encounter him behind the scenes in the Small Mammals Building, they're a little nervous at first; but once we talk about Apollo and they see us handle him, they get very interested." Crenshaw says the kids soon learn that bats can be really cute, too. "Apollo has a face like a miniature fox." Crenshaw adds that the Apollo poses no risk to kids. "Our bat colony is rabies-free."

Bats are highly intelligent. Take Apollo for example. "He can make his own hammock," says Crenshaw. "We drape a towel over a 'vine' and he maneuvers the towel in a way to create a cup, which he lays in." Studies have shown that bats are highly social animals that cultivate long-term, stable personal relationships with other bats. They're also altruistic. Crenshaw witnessed an orphaned vampire bat being fed by other female bats. In another instance, Crenshaw watched in amazement as two bats carefully hauled a weak bat to the ceiling where they hang.

In recent years hibernating bat populations across the eastern United States and Midwest have been decimated by a disease called white-nose syndrome. Thankfully, it appears scientists may have found a cure, although more research is needed. Bats can use all the help they can get. You can help by building a bat house. Go to [milwaukeezoo.org/Conservation](http://milwaukeezoo.org/Conservation) and click on "Bat" to learn how.

*By Zak Mazur*



# Helping Hands

Want to give a helping hand? Whether you're excited about our events, education programs or conservation efforts, you can help! Details on the Web: [zoosociety.org/Support](http://zoosociety.org/Support).



David F., 6, of Milwaukee, enjoys kringle at Breakfast and Lunch with the Bunny. Photo by Richard Brodzeller

## Egg-cellent Bunnies

It was bunny and egg fever at the Milwaukee County Zoo during two events celebrating spring and Easter. On March 28 and 29, 750 guests had Breakfast or Lunch with the Bunny, sponsored by Racine Danish Kringles. Breakfast was only available on Saturday, but lunch was available on both days. Families munched on soft, sweet kringle before enjoying a full breakfast or lunch. Two Easter bunnies hopped around to say hello as kids danced and sang to the music of Fred Turk. On April 4, bunny fever returned to the Zoo for Egg Day, sponsored by Welch's & Pick 'n Save. A total of 8,147 people came to the Zoo to enjoy activities like coloring paper Easter eggs and baskets and watching Zoo animals receive their own egg-shaped treats. The Hop-to-it Bunny Scavenger Hunt was a hit, with kids age 8 and under collecting tokens to turn in for treats. A 2 p.m. parade led by Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny had people shaking their bunny tails to Dixieland music.

## Coming out of Hibernation

It was a night to remember for 501 guests at Zootastic, sponsored by Grow Hope @ SaintA, on April 24. There was yummy food like cheesy pizza, mac and cheese, and ice cream. A dance party had the kids jumping and hopping to the beat. But perhaps most exciting of all, the majestic animals at the Milwaukee County Zoo had guests oohing and aahing. The theme of this year's event was hibernation. Guests learned all about the amazing ability of animals to snooze through winter. The evening event featured crafts, an auction and family photos, sponsored by Town Bank, as well as zookeeper talks near live animals. The fundraiser brought in more than \$17,450. Special thanks to: Breadsmith of Wauwatosa; Cedar Crest Ice Cream; Dairy State Foods; Express Promotions; JTS Direct, LLC; Masterson Company; McDonalds; Noodles & Company; Palermo's® Pizza; PepsiAmericas®; DJ Tim Sledge; Tri City National Bank; and Wristband Resources.

Brenden H., 2, of Oak Creek, enjoys an ice cream sundae at last year's event.

Photo by Richard Taylor



Sonya G., of Waukesha, poses with children Aniha (left), 6, and Harikesh, 11, in the Aquatic & Reptile Center on Mother's Day. Photo by Bob Wickland

## A Day Made for Mothers

Human mothers and animal moms were honored during Mother's Day at the Milwaukee County Zoo, sponsored by Lifeway Foods, on May 10. Despite the cold rain, a total of 3,242 guests visited the Zoo's many animal mothers, like new kudu moms Rachel and Noeli, and jaguar mom Stella. Booths in the primates building informed visitors about project M.O.M. (Missing Orangutan Moms) and why the palm oil industry is decimating orangutan populations, which are now listed as threatened. Zoogoers could purchase silk scarves painted by the Zoo's two orangutans, M.J. and Tommy.

# Helping Hands

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## Eco-Fun

Being green with envy isn't good, but being green for the planet is great! A total of 11,848 guests visited the Milwaukee County Zoo on May 16 and 17 for Party for the Planet, sponsored by American Transmission Co. This eco-friendly event, which commemorates Earth Day and Migratory Bird Day, gave guests a chance to get banded like a bird and "fly" along a simulated bird migration path. Tree saplings were handed out to guests and self-guided tours through the Zoo's urban forest were available, as well as rides on a Nature Zoomobile that highlighted conservation efforts on Zoo grounds.



*Nevada Myers Wesley helps Robert, 6, and August P., 4, of Wauwatosa, plant butterfly-friendly plants in the butterfly garden at the event. Photo by Bob Wickland*



*Representing Sendik's Food Markets, (from left) Nicole Harris, Lexi Balistreri, Margaret Harris, Fia Balistreri and Erin Balistreri helped open the Expedition Dinosaur exhibit. Sendik's is the exhibit sponsor. Photo by Olga Kornienko*



## Dinosaur Debut

The dinosaurs roared, spat and towered over on-lookers, but that didn't scare any of the guests gathered for the VIP premiere of the Milwaukee County Zoo's special summer exhibit, Expedition Dinosaur. Representatives of sponsor **Sendik's Food Markets** cut the ribbon May 21 at the exhibit behind the Small Mammals Building. An invited crowd of more than 480 members of the Platypus and Simba Circles, the Society's special donor groups, got a sneak peak at the dinos, including crowd favorite Tyrannosaurus rex and new dinosaurs such as diabloceratops. The exhibit runs through Labor Day.

## Primeval Preview

It was an event with enough food to sate a hungry T. rex, but the food was for the humans who came to get an early viewing of the special summer exhibit, Expedition Dinosaur, sponsored by **Sendik's Food Markets**. Prehistoric Preview, an event just for Zoo Pass members, attracted 14,654 people June 2, 3 and 4, and raised \$8,144.60 for the Sponsor an Animal program. In addition to gazing at life-size animatronic dinosaurs, guests could get food from 11 food trucks, two dessert tents and Milwaukee County Zoo concessions. The food trucks and tents donated 15 percent of their receipts each night to the Sponsor an Animal program. There were also kid-friendly crafts, and perhaps best of all, many buildings at the Zoo were open for animal viewing.

*Gemma J., 3, of New Berlin, digs for pretend dinosaur fossils in the Dino Dig. Photo by Richard Taylor*



# Incremental Support

Since 1998, Michael Pazdan has supported the Zoological Society of Milwaukee in one of the most important ways possible — with his time. He’s a member of Zoo Pride, the Society’s volunteer auxiliary. “I’ve always been an animal lover and concerned about conservation issues,” he says. As a psychotherapist, Pazdan listens to peoples’ hardships all day. “I wanted to do something totally different from what I do at work,” he says. “So that’s one reason why I started volunteering with Zoo Pride.” Pazdan — whose favorite animals are primates and elephants — loves volunteering, however he has little time to spare because he works full time. But he wanted to increase his support, so in 1999 he made a planned gift to the Society via the Simba Circle. The Society also runs another donor group — the Platypus Circle. “I always figured I couldn’t afford a Platy membership,” he says. Then one day in 2010 he learned otherwise. “I was chatting with another volunteer and she said I could become a Platypus member by paying in monthly installments. That being the case, I realized it was something I could afford, and so I became a member.” Anybody — not just Zoo Pride members — can pay for their Platypus Circle membership with monthly credit card or electronic fund transfer (EFT) payments. Platypus Circle giving begins at the \$500/Bronze level.

Pazdan has enjoyed being a Platypus Circle member and the special benefits that go with it. He’s also been spreading the word among his Zoo Pride colleagues. Pazdan says people are much more amenable to becoming members when they realize they don’t have to make a one-time annual donation. “Many Zoo Pride volunteers are retired and live on fixed incomes,” he says. “So being able to spread out the payments makes being a Platy member much more feasible.”



Michael Pazdan Photo by Bob Wickland

By Zak Mazur

## ► Become a Platypus Circle Member

The Platypus Circle includes individuals, corporations and foundations who share the Zoological Society’s passion for conserving wildlife and endangered species, educating people about the importance of wildlife and the environment, and supporting the Milwaukee County Zoo. Members receive special benefits that include access to behind-the-scenes tours and invitations to exhibit premieres and VIP events. For more information about the Platypus Circle, call the Development Department at 414-918-6152, email [averias@zoosociety.org](mailto:averias@zoosociety.org) or go to [zoosociety.org/Platy](http://zoosociety.org/Platy).



## ► Make a Planned Gift – Simba Circle!

The Simba Circle recognizes the extraordinary people who have named the Zoological Society of Milwaukee in their will or other estate plans via a planned gift. By making this thoughtful commitment, you create a legacy ensuring that the Society continues to carry out its mission for future generations. Members enjoy a wide variety of benefits. For more information about the Simba Circle, call 414-918-6152, email [averias@zoosociety.org](mailto:averias@zoosociety.org) or go to [zoosociety.org/Simba](http://zoosociety.org/Simba).







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**July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**

Sunset Zoofari (evening concerts), sponsored by Tri City National Bank.\*

**July 7, 9 & 10**

Kids' Nights, sponsored by WaterStone Bank (Zoo Pass members only).\*

**July 27**

Birdies & Eagles Golf Tournament, sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

**Aug. 6**

Registration begins for Fall Zoo Classes.+

**Aug. 12, 13, 14 & 15**

Snooze at the Zoo, sponsored by Kellogg's & Sentry Foods. **Note:** Aug. 13, 14 & 15 filled. Spaces fill up fast – register now!

**Aug. 20-23**

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel a la Carte presented by Meijer.\*

**Aug. 29**

Animal Safari, sponsored by Dermatology Associates of Wisconsin, S.C.\*+

**Sept. 1**

Fall Zoo Classes begin (through Dec. 22).+

**Sept. 4**

Senior Celebration, sponsored by Wheaton Franciscan Senior Health.\*

**Sept. 12 & 13**

Family Farm Weekend, sponsored by Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board.\*+

**Sept. 13**

Ride on the Wild Side, sponsored by Wheaton Franciscan – Midwest Spine & Orthopedic Hospital/Wisconsin Heart Hospital.+

**Sept. 19**

Elephant Appreciation Day at the Zoo.\*+

**Sept. 26**

Zoo Pass members-only field trip to Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa.+

**Oct. 10**

Family Free Day, sponsored by North Shore Bank; media sponsor: FOX 6.

**Oct. 16 & 17**

Boo at the Zoo, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets.\*+

**Oct. 17**

Wolf Awareness Day at the Zoo.\*+

**Oct. 22**

Zoo Brew (pre-register).+

**Oct. 23 & 24**

Halloween Spooktacular, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets.\*+

**Nov. 5**

Registration begins for Spring Zoo Classes.

**Nov. 7**

Family Free Day, sponsored by North Shore Bank; media sponsor: FOX 6.

**Nov. 14**

Zoo Pass members-only holiday field trip to Woodfield Mall and Ikea in Schaumburg, Ill.+

**Dec. 5**

Family Free Day, sponsored by North Shore Bank; media sponsor: FOX 6.

**Dec. 5**

Fantastic Forest at the Zoo, sponsored by Hawks Landscape (through Dec. 31).+

**Dec. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20**

Breakfast & Lunch with Santa, sponsored by Racine Danish Kringles (pre-register).+

\*Zoo Pass members get free Zoo admission with their Zoo Pass card and photo ID. The dinosaur exhibit admission is extra. Those with Zoo Pass Plus cards get free parking.

+More information on these events will appear in future issues of Wild Things.

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Senior Celebration



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