

Wild Things

Zoo Adventure

Animal Safari

Saturday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Why should you become an animal sponsor? It helps the Society support the Zoo, and you get to enjoy a very special Safari. Sponsors can venture behind the scenes to learn how the zookeepers care for the animals. Tours may include: Aquatic & Reptile Center, Winter Quarters, giraffes, hippos and more! During the Safari you can receive reduced admission for the special summer exhibit – **BODY WORLDS: ANIMAL INSIDE OUT**, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets. All zoogoers can enjoy activities in the U.S. Bank Gathering Place and Peck Welcome Center. See examples of enrichment items that entertain and challenge the animals. Children will also enjoy animal-themed crafts, temporary tattoos and a sensory safari.

If you're not an animal sponsor, you can sign up that day. The Zoological Society is offering a special rhino animal sponsorship during Animal Safari.

One way your child can become an animal sponsor is to join the **Kids Conservation Club**. For \$20, the child gets:

- A certificate of sponsorship
- His or her name on the Kids Conservation Club donor board in the Peck Welcome Center at the Zoo
- An animal fact sheet on that year's sponsored animal
- Collector cards with pictures of endangered animals and fun animal facts. Some of these animals can be seen at the Milwaukee County Zoo.
- Invitations to fun, educational workshops

To learn other ways to become a sponsor, go to zoosociety.org/SponsorAnimal.

GETTING CREATIVE

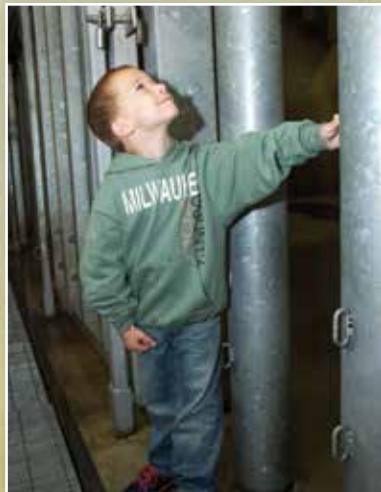
All kids 17 years old and younger can participate in the Kids' Green Art Contest. Create works of art out of discarded materials like cans or bottles to represent this year's theme, South America. Registration deadline is Aug. 11. Judging takes place during Animal Safari on Aug. 26. For rules and registration information, go to zoosociety.org/GreenArt.



Hailey R., 8, of Waukesha, and brother Brayden, 5, learn about animal diets during Animal Safari. Photo by Stacy Kaat



Siblings Sergio and Angelica inspect a tube the polar bear uses as an enrichment item. Photo by Mary Machare



Gavin K., 5, of Kenosha, examines the thick bars in the hippo holding area during a previous Animal Safari. Photo by Stacy Kaat

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Summer Eats and Treats

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel a la Carte

Presented by Meijer

Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 17-20, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

except Sunday, when hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Free admission for Zoo Pass members with photo ID.

Regular Zoo admission prices for non-members.

You can always start the diet in September. Dozens of local restaurants are setting up shop at the Milwaukee County Zoo for the annual Milwaukee Journal Sentinel a la Carte. You can try new foods or fill up on your favorites, as long as you bring your appetite and festive attitude. Enjoy a glass of wine at the Wine Tent, sponsored by Champion Windows & Sunrooms. Dance to the beat of live music around the Zoo including the Lakeview Stage, sponsored by Habush Habush & Rottier S.C.® The Zoo is open late for this fun event, so enjoy seeing the animals at all times of the day.

Angela M., of Sun Prairie, and daughter Kenley, 2, enjoy some mac and cheese.

Photo by Stacy Kaat



The Milwaukee County Zoo is excited to be working with a new vendor, Service Systems Associates (SSA), on food and gift concessions. You might notice some changes to the menus and offerings around the Zoo. Zoo Pass members will continue to receive a 10% discount on gift shop items, except on already discounted merchandise.



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: Weekday office hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Weekend office hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **Zoo hours:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please note that the Zoo's admission gates close 45 minutes before the posted Zoo closing time. The Zoo's walk-in gate closes one hour prior to posted Zoo closing time. The animal buildings close 15 minutes prior to Zoo closing time.

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 misplaced or lost your card, replacement cards may be purchased for \$5.

Visiting other zoos and aquariums: We have agreed to participate in the Association of Zoos & Aquariums' listing of accredited 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.

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 reflected in your membership records for the Zoo's admission gates. Foster children are covered on your membership. **Day-care providers:** Your Zoo Pass membership does not cover children for whom you provide baby-sitting or day-care services. The Society and the Zoo retain the right to invalidate any membership being used inappropriately.

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GROWING UP BIKE

Ride on the Wild Side

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95.7 BIG FM, 97.3 NOW and V100.7

Sunday, Sept. 10, 7 a.m. registration

There's nothing like watching children grow and reach milestones, from the moment they take their first steps to when the training wheels come off their bike. Shelly Conrad has seen her three boys reach milestones every year at the Zoological Society's annual bike fundraiser, Ride on the Wild Side. When the family first signed up for the ride, only her oldest son Matthew, now 13, was there. Eventually, his younger brothers came but were still too young to ride themselves. Eli, now 9, was pulled in a trailer by his uncle, while Matthew pulled his youngest brother Silas. "With the age range of our kids, it can be difficult to find activities all of our boys enjoy. The Zoo ride is one activity that we all love," says Shelly. Each year the boys got bigger and went from needing a ride to ditching the training wheels and eventually conquering the big hill.

There are four different routes from which to choose.

The Conrad family sticks with the 2.5-mile Critter Caravan route because it stays inside the Zoo. The other three options are 10, 17 and 27 miles. Those rides start at the Zoo and then go into the Menomonee River Parkway and the Oak Leaf Trail.

Seeing the animals while riding a bike is a unique opportunity, and all three brothers love it. "I like to take my camera on the ride and take lots of pictures of the animals," says 7-year-old Silas. Eli, 9, agrees that biking and looking at animals at the same time is the best part. Matthew, 13, says there is another bonus to the annual ride: family. His grandparents are bike enthusiasts, and they discovered the ride years ago. "Between a love for biking and the Zoo, it only makes sense to encourage our family to undertake this ride," explains Shelly. It's a true family event with three generations pedaling past the animals.

The money raised – more than \$28,000 in 2016 – helps the Zoological Society in its support of the Milwaukee County Zoo. The registration fee includes entry to the Zoo, parking, a continental breakfast, lunch and a long-sleeve T-shirt. Bike helmets are mandatory for all riders.

Our thanks to Kids 'n Critters Corral sponsor Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren, S.C.; 27-mile route sponsor Mallery & Zimmerman, S.C.; and contributing sponsors Litho-Craft; R&R Insurance; Southport Engineered Systems; Stephanie Murphy, DDS; Super-Lube; Van Westen Orthodontics; and Wheel & Sprocket.

Photos provided by family show oldest brother Matthew at his first ride in 2009 and at his Ride on the Wild Side in 2015.



Registration Fees	ZOO PASS MEMBER	NON-MEMBER	DAY OF RIDE
Adult (14 & over)	\$35	\$40	\$45
Child (13 & under)	\$12	\$15	\$20
Family of 4	\$85	\$100	N/A

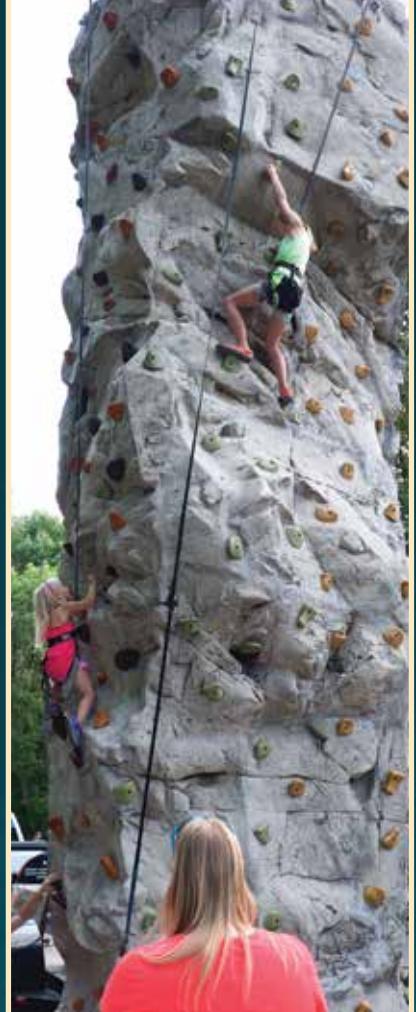
KIDS CALL THE SHOTS

Kids' Nights FOR ZOO PASS MEMBERS

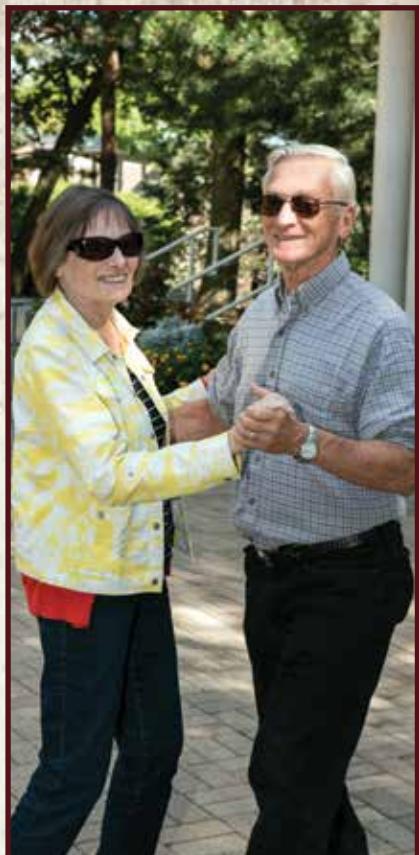
Sponsored by WaterStone Bank

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, July 11, 13 & 14, 5-9 p.m.

Bring your kids, grandkids and the kid inside of you for a special night just for Zoo Pass members. There are three chances to come to the Zoo after hours and enjoy the event. Start the evening out by stopping at one of the many food trucks parked inside the Zoo. Then work off those calories with some dancing. You won't miss a beat with the kid-friendly DJ and bands around the grounds. Kids can see the Zoo in a whole new way when they climb 25 feet up the Adventure Rock climbing wall. Tired yet? Take a break inside the Peck Welcome Center, and check out how much fun science can be with exciting experiments and demonstrations by Mad Science. Since you're a Zoo Pass member, you get 50% off the Milwaukee County Zoo's summer exhibit – **BODY WORLDS: ANIMAL INSIDE OUT**, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets – during Kids' Nights. (Have your Zoo Pass and photo ID handy). Then join your kids in making animal-themed crafts. Or, have your kids go home with a souvenir right on their body, because temporary tattoos are always a hit. Our thanks to entertainment sponsors eAchieve Academy, Great Clips, KinderCare Learning Centers, and Lifeway Foods.



Kids climb to new heights on the rock climbing wall. Photo by Stacy Kaat



Seniority First

Senior Celebration

Sponsored by St. Camillus, A Life Plan Community

Friday, Sept. 1, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Seniors 55 and older get free admission with photo ID.

Parking fee still applies.

The Milwaukee County Zoo is for people of all ages. But on Sept. 1, anyone 55 and older will get a day designed just for them. Start by getting in free between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. To prepare for the full day of activities, there will be a 5- to 10-minute stretch session and brief workout at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., designed specifically to energize seniors. A health and wellness fair will take place in the Peck Welcome Center. Then, head outside and grab a partner to go round and round the dance floor as live music fills the air. Entertainment is sponsored by Network Health. Or grab your lucky charm and daubers and listen for your numbers to be called in one of three bingo sessions.

Ilene and Russell Wahlig, of Brown Deer, show off their dance moves at Senior Celebration. Photo by Richard Taylor

BEATING THE HEAT

Soak My Coat

It's summertime, and the heat is on! How do you beat the heat? While you're at the Milwaukee County Zoo, you can cool off in one of the buildings, grab a popsicle or get a little wet under the misters placed around the grounds. The animals at the Zoo are not much different. The three Amur tiger cubs, Kashtan, Eloise and Bernadette, love the water, according to Katie Kuhn, area supervisor of big cats. "They can usually be found in a pool or under a mister. They're always soaking wet at the end of the day," says Kuhn. Their dad, Strannik, also cools down with water, but he prefers a hose. Strannik will bite and swat at the stream of water. "He eventually lies down in front of it and seems to like it when the keepers hose his thick coat," Kuhn explains.



Amur tigers cool off in their outdoor pool. Photo by Mike Nepper



Some of the Zoo's big cats and hyenas like to go fishing, but they don't use a fishing pole. Keepers will put live fish in their pools, and both the hyenas and jaguars will dive in to fish for them. The water cools them off while they get a snack. Speaking of snacks, some of the big cats cool off with a "bloodsicle." It's exactly what it sounds like. Zookeepers freeze blood in different molds for the animals. While blood isn't on the menu for humans, you can find ice cream or popsicles for sale around the Zoo.

A cheetah enjoys a bloodsicle. Photo by Joel Miller

Changing Coats

Take an extra look next time you walk by the Humboldt penguins; they look a little different in summer. Around this time of year, the Humboldt penguins are molting, growing in new feathers. Penguins don't swim during their nine- to 12-day molt, and in the wild that means they can't catch fish for food. To prepare for that lack of food, they gain weight. "Without the extra weight, they would not have enough energy to grow new feathers," says zookeeper Heather Neldner. The extra weight also makes them hot in the summer. Humboldt penguins, unlike other penguins, are from South America where it is warmer. While they don't need to be surrounded by ice, they still need to stay cool. One way is to get in the shade. The penguins have access to burrow rooms where a fan is constantly blowing cool air.

Once the molt is over they can get back in the water. Zookeepers will offer toys or "fishsicles" in the water. A "fishsicle" or "fish pop" is a small fish, like a smelt, frozen inside a block of ice. "The penguins play with the block of ice and work the fish out of it," says Neldner.

You may also notice piles of ice on the rocks at the exhibit. They don't care for the ice, but they like to lie in the cool puddles where the ice melts. So the next time you go to the Zoo, see if you can spot how animals are choosing to cool off.



(Above) Humboldt penguins wait for a treat.



(Below) Humboldt penguins come out of their burrow.

Photos by Richard BrodZeller

CELLPHONE SUPERHERO

Cellphones have the power to call, text, search the web and now save the rainforest! "Captain Super Fantastic and the Coltan Conundrum" is a new Kohl's Wild Theater musical teaching everyone how to save the rainforest and colobus monkeys with their phones. Coltan is a metallic ore that helps electronic devices hold their charge. It's found in parts of the Democratic Republic of Congo in central Africa, and mining for it has destroyed the forests where many animals, including colobus monkeys, live.

The destruction that comes with coltan mining was picked as a topic last year by representatives from the Milwaukee County Zoo and Zoological Society. From there, it took several people and several months to develop the idea into a family-friendly musical. Local actor and writer Doug Jarecki was brought in as the playwright. He helped come up with the idea to tell the story with a superhero. "It's a fun, colorful way to deliver a very important message," says Jarecki. While he's written a variety of children's programming, this is his first Kohl's Wild Theater experience. "Balancing the facts with the fun was a great experience for me." Jarecki says he had to find a way to write a script without it sounding like a lecture. "It has to be engaging or the education part gets lost."



Doug Jarecki

Actors Sherrick Robinson and Kara Penrose get to the bottom of the Coltan Conundrum. Photo by Richard Taylor





2017 Kohl's Wild Theater cast and crew. Photo by Richard Taylor

Once a rough draft was written, Jarecki worked with composer Brian Myers. It was up to Myers to find the perfect spot for a song, then write the lyrics and music. "The first task is to determine what each song needs to accomplish dramatically. What is the song, or the character in the song, trying to say?" explains Myers. "There is a built-in challenge to write songs that are catchy, fun and also deliver very specific messages about wildlife and conservation." Once everything was written, Myers and Jarecki tweaked, revised and rewrote until the show was ready for an audience like you. The duo has worked together before, which helps during the writing process. "There's a lot of word sharing. We both love wordplay. We keep the best and ditch the rest," says Myers.



Brian Myers

When you see "Captain Super Fantastic and the Coltan Conundrum," you'll not only learn about the damage being done while mining for coltan, you'll learn how you can help stop it. The easiest way is to recycle your old cellphone. You can do that the next time you come to the Milwaukee County Zoo. There is a drop box in the U.S. Bank Gathering Place.

"Captain Super Fantastic and the Coltan Conundrum" is one of four 15-minute, professionally staged plays and musicals performed daily at the Kohl's Wild Theater stage in the farm area. *Others include:*

- **The Time Traveler's Chicken:** Clucky the chicken travels back in time to learn about extinction. Audiences learn from the past and about the need to care for endangered animals now and in the future.
- **The Legend of Hibernacula:** In this musical Jonathan Batfield, a little brown bat from Wisconsin, teaches the audience why bats are important to humans.
- **The Strange Case of the Alien Invasion:** Detective Jo Appletree investigates an alien invasion and needs the audience to help identify the invaders and save the planet.

Kohl's Wild Theater is made possible by a partnership between Kohl's Cares, the Milwaukee County Zoo and the Zoological Society of Milwaukee. KWT also performs year-round at schools, community events and festivals, free of charge, within a one-hour radius of the Zoo. Visit wildtheater.org for more information. To book a show, call 414-258-2333 or email KWT@zoosociety.org.

A VIP LOOK INSIDE

On May 3, the Zoological Society invited members of the Platypus Circle, Simba Circle and Serengeti Circle along with other special guests to a special event previewing **BODY WORLDS: ANIMAL INSIDE OUT**, the summer exhibit sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets. These VIPs were the first to see this unique exhibit only at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Photos by Stacy Kaat



Cutting the ribbon on the summer exhibit. Gathered from left are Patrick Balistreri and Margaret Harris from Sendik's Food Markets, Zoo Director Chuck Wikenhauser, County Supervisor Steve Taylor, Milwaukee County Executive Communications Director Melissa Baldauff and Zoological Society President and CEO Jodi Gibson.



Patrick Balistreri and Margaret Harris from Sendik's Food Markets observe blood vessels in animals.



(Above) Zoo Director Chuck Wikenhauser discusses the bull with Zoological Society President and CEO Jodi Gibson.

(Right) Kendra Words, of Meadowmere West Allis, and family look at the exhibit about lungs.



Visit **BODY WORLDS: ANIMAL INSIDE OUT**, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets, now through Sept. 4. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$8 for children 3-12. Zoo Pass and Platypus Circle members will receive 50% off during Kids' Nights, July 11, 13 and 14.



The Platypus Circle is the premier membership program in the Zoological Society's network of support. It consists of individuals, families, corporations and foundations. We welcome these new members who joined October 1, 2016 through May 15, 2017.

Michael J. Buffington
Kevin Burns
Tom & Lynn Cincotta
The Croal Family
Susan E. Cutsforth
The Gemmel Family
Kimber Gerber
The Goodfriend Family
Dr. Michelle Graham
Halfwassen Family
Ron & Diana Hankes
Herbert Family
The Home Depot - Delafield
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Dennis & Carolyn Kois
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Lake Valley Camp
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Theresa Meyer
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Gayle Rzany
Nora & Marc Sale
Peggy & Bob Schuemann

Chris & Holly Seekamp
Skyline Catering, Inc.
John & Kathleen Spindler
Stark Investments
Emily & Joe Steiner
Cary Stenberg
Derek Tyus & Dwanye Thomas
Kim R. Wall
Tonia & Steve Wallner
Pat & Roland Wolfe Family
Mary Zelenka
Anonymous (3)

For more information about the Platypus Circle and how to get involved, visit zoosociety.org/Platy or contact Candy Walton at **414-918-6151** or candyw@zoosociety.org.

Insider Tips

A Zoo First

Just like highlighted words in a book, you can't miss the "highlight" on the Zoo's newest member. The Milwaukee County Zoo is the new home to an appropriately named yellow-backed duiker. Duikers have, you guessed it, a large yellow stripe on their backs. The rest of their body is usually a dark brown or black. You've probably never seen one in person because this species is rare for zoos, and this is the first time Milwaukee has had one on exhibit. Her name is Aria and she arrived several months ago. Because duikers can't handle the cold weather, she stayed inside until the summer heat started to come in.

Bringing a new animal to the Zoo doesn't happen overnight. It can take years of work, and sometimes it's all about timing. Linda Bachers, the Zoo's registrar, played a big role in bringing Aria to Milwaukee. As registrar, she tracks everything about the more than 3,000 animals at the Zoo, including birth dates, family history, behavior and development. But Bachers also has a very specific passion and second role at the Zoo: She is the Species Survival Plan Coordinator and international studbook keeper for the yellow-backed duiker. "When calves are born every year, their zoo contacts me and requests that I find a home for the calf and/or recommend a mate for breeding," Bachers explains. She keeps track of the nearly 100 yellow-backed duikers in zoos around the world.

Bachers and Tim Wild, the curator of large mammals at the Zoo, talked about introducing a yellow-backed duiker to Milwaukee a couple of years ago. They decided to wait until the Zoo created plans for a new home for the elephants so they had a better idea of where the duiker could live. Then, last year, Aria was born at the Memphis Zoo. It was up to Bachers to find a new zoo for her. "I thought she was the perfect animal to launch yellow-backed duikers in our collection," says Bachers. Sometime next year, when Aria is around 2 years old, Bachers will look for a male duiker to bring to Milwaukee so the two can breed.

Bachers says she fell in love with the yellow-backed duiker in 1978 when she worked as a zookeeper in Massachusetts. "I love their big brown eyes and black patent leather nose. But they also have a very, very long tongue that is just amazing. They are such beautiful animals." She hopes people coming to the Milwaukee County Zoo will be just as intrigued with the unique animal. Aria is now on exhibit with the bongos.

Quick Facts:

- Aria turned 1 year old on May 24.
- Duiker rhymes with biker.
- Duikers are a very old, primitive antelope species.
- Yellow-backed duikers live in the equatorial African forests.
- They mostly eat leaves, grass and fruits.



Photo by Bob Wickland

Roll Out the Welcome Mat

Oscar the badger is the first badger at the Zoo in about two years. He comes from a small zoo in Minnesota and is getting used to his new home. It may take you a couple of trips to find him in his exhibit. Oscar might be hiding in his box or burrow, or he may walk in and out of his inside home. He's still a little shy, but that shouldn't stop you from swinging by to say "hi."



Oscar checks out his new home. Photo provided by Dawn Fleuchaus

That's not a deer, and it's not an April Fools' Day joke. Noola is a kudu born on April 1 to parents Noeli and Barudi. Her name fittingly means jester. She is a greater kudu, which is a type of antelope. Noola was 25 pounds when she was born and could grow to be anywhere between 265-475 pounds.



Noola stays close to mom Noeli. Photo by Bob Wickland



A new animal at the Zoo may slither into your heart. The latest Gaboon viper is on display in the Aquatic & Reptile Center. Her name is Betty, and she came from another zoo that had too many offspring. Wild Gaboon vipers live in Africa. They have the longest fangs of any venomous snake in the world – 2 inches – and can store more venom in their venom glands than any other snake. If you see Betty, also take a look at her triangle-shaped head.

Gaboon viper Photo by Richard Brodzeller

Zoogoers saw the birth of a baby camel on May 22. This is mother A.J.'s first baby and father Stan's second. His name is George. This is the second baby camel born at the Zoo this year. George's half-brother Patrick was born March 5.

Help the Herd

World Elephant Day

Friday, Aug. 11, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Free Zoo admission for Zoo Pass members with ID.

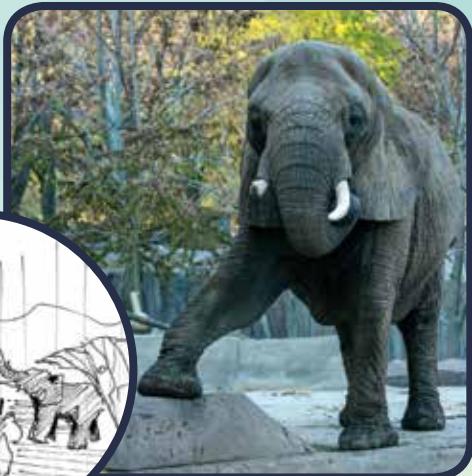
On average, 96 elephants are killed every day in Africa for their ivory. Even though you live in America, there are things you can do to help put an end to poaching. Friday, Aug. 11, is World Elephant Day. The Milwaukee County Zoo is collecting signatures to support a law prohibiting the sale of items containing ivory or rhinoceros horn in the state of Wisconsin. The United States is the second largest market for ivory. Also on Aug. 11, Zoo Pride volunteers will have an artifact table and answer questions you may have about elephants.

Make sure to stop by and watch our own African elephants, Ruth and Brittany. The duo are getting ready for their new and much larger space at the Zoo. You can help us fill that space with enrichment items that allow the elephants to engage in natural behaviors and keep their minds and bodies healthy. One of those items is a feeding wall with puzzles and compartments so Ruth and Brittany can forage for treats. Also on the wish list are pulleys and cables where keepers can hang food and toys like wind chimes and puzzle feeders.

If you would like to donate money for those enrichment items, go to zoosociety.org/ElephantAppeal.



Ruth and Brittany Photo by Bob Wickland



Ruth has a leg up on the situation.
Photo by Richard Taylor

Swing "Fore" The Zoo



Birdies & Eagles Golf Tournament

Sponsored by GRAEF

**Monday, July 31, at the Ozaukee Country Club
in Mequon.**

\$350 per person.

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

Taking part in this event is a stroke of genius! This popular charity golf tournament raises money for the Zoological Society of Milwaukee. The 18 holes are a scramble format with a shotgun start. Registration fee includes lunch, a round of golf with a cart, course events, refreshments on the course and a buffet dinner. A raffle, silent auction and voice auction are also part of the day's activities.

*Amanda Braun, of Milwaukee, tees off at last year's event.
Photo by Richard Taylor*

Learning Doesn't Take a Break

Zoo Classes and Camps are presented by the Zoological Society of Milwaukee.

Fall Zoo Classes

Sponsored by Meijer

Right now, you're probably just getting used to summer and the kids being home from school. So why would you want to think about it ending? Here's why in three words: Fall Zoo Classes. Registration starts Aug. 3 for classes September through December.

Zoo Classes aren't your traditional classes.

- There's no big commitment because most classes are a half day or less. They'll fit in with your child's school schedule because classes are offered on weekends for school-aged children. Weekend classes are also offered for younger children with working parents.

- Your child is never too young. Parents can push their infants through a guided Stroller Safari.
- You're also never too old. Not only are there photography classes for adults, parents and grandparents can attend family classes and accompany their children or grandchildren to classes for infants through age 5. Linda from Wauwatosa took her grandson to Zoo Classes and learned just as much as he did. "The teachers, imaginative classrooms and learning sessions are fantastic. It's a great way for grandparents to interact with their grandkids and the Zoo animals," Linda explains.

There are dozens of classes to choose from with different topics each month. Visit zoosociety.org/education to learn about the classes available.



A student paints a lantern during a family explorer class on China.

Photo by Bob Wickland

Summer Camps

Sponsored by Penzeys Spices

Here are just some of the Summer Camps you can still sign up for:

For 8- to 9-year-olds: Explore the world of Zoo veterinarians in "What's up, Doc?"

For 9- to 11-year-olds: Stay overnight at the Zoo in "Nightcrawlers."

For 12- to 14-year-olds: Explore the many jobs at the Zoo in "Working at a Zoo."



Ideas for Teachers

"Animal Athletes" is a three-hour workshop on Saturday, July 22, for early-childhood educators. Learn how to incorporate a unit about animal athletes in your own classroom. Workshop includes animal background information, classroom station ideas, project samples and a guided Zoo tour. Workshop content is mainly for educators of ages 2-5. To register, call 414-258-5058 or visit zoosociety.org/TeacherEdu.

Students get a "hands-on" experience during this family class. Photo by Bob Wickland

Happy Birthday to You

Dear Milwaukee County Zoo,

Wow! Another year older and what a milestone to reach. You're 125 years old and you look so young. What is your secret? Just like many newborns, you started so small. In 1892, you were born at West Park, which is now named Washington Park. You started out with just eight deer. Now you have more than 3,300 animals. No wonder you had to move to your current location in 1958.

I can't wait to celebrate your big day with you. I marked July 15 on my calendar to come to your party at the Zoo. I have my Zoo Pass so I can get in for free. The first thing I have to do when I get there is take a picture with your 11-foot-tall commemorative cake, complete with animal-print frosting. Hopefully, everyone gets a chance to take a photo next to it.

No offense, but I wasn't around 125 years ago so I'm glad you will have pictures during your July 15 party. I can browse through special photo displays in the Front Entrance Mall, the U.S. Bank Gathering Place and Peck Welcome Center where I can see the most iconic animals that once called the Zoo home. I could probably learn more if I took a ride on your Zoomobile tram, sponsored by Meijer. That's where I will learn new facts and highlights from your life.

If for some reason I miss your official celebration on July 15, I know you're celebrating throughout the year. You're just a few years older than me, and I'm so proud to be your supporter.

Sincerely,
Zoological Society of Milwaukee

Four polar bears were a huge hit at Washington Park. Courtesy of the Milwaukee Public Library



In 1905, the Zoo's first monkey exhibit was built to house a group of capuchin monkeys. Courtesy of Milwaukee County Parks



In 1988, the Zoological Society purchased a hot air balloon to help market the Zoo.
Courtesy of Michael Nepper, Milwaukee County Zoo

By the Numbers



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1. Egg Day

Lily F., 18 months, of Franklin, collects eggs during the scavenger hunt. Egg Day, sponsored by **metroPCS**, was on April 15, attracting 12,229 people.

Photo by Stacy Kaat

2. Zootastic

Victoria W., 8, and sister Gabreilla, 10, of Glendale, meet the Kohl's Wild Theater Humboldt penguin puppet. Zootastic, held April 28, sold out at 700 tickets. The fundraiser raised \$20,857, thanks to presenting sponsor **Grow Hope @ SaintA** and media support from **News/Talk 1130 WISN, FM106.1, 95.7 BIG FM, 97.3 NOW and V100.7**.

Photo by Bob Wickland



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3. Mother's Day

Siblings Jamya, 3, Jamarion, 7, and Janyla, 2, from Milwaukee, celebrate Mother's Day at the Zoo with their mother, Jerlonda, and grandmother, Valonda. Mothers received free admission thanks to event sponsor **Lifeway Foods**. The event brought in 10,106 people. Photo by Richard Taylor



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4. Party for the Planet

Calvin D., 5, of Milwaukee, plants flowers with gardening expert Melinda Myers during Party for the Planet, sponsored by **American Transmission Co.** The weekend event, held on May 20 and 21, brought in 9,321 people. Photo by Olga Kornienko



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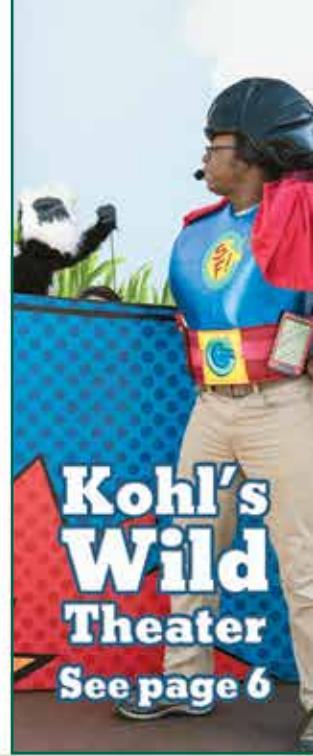


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What's Happening

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July 5, 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2

Sunset Zoafari, sponsored by Tri City National Bank*

July 11, 13 & 14

Kids' Nights for Zoo Pass members, sponsored by WaterStone Bank*

July 31

Birdies & Eagles Golf Tournament, sponsored by GRAEF (pre-register)

Aug. 3

Online registration begins for Fall Zoo Classes, sponsored by Meijer

Aug. 9-12

Snooze at the Zoo, sponsored by Post Consumer Brands & Sentry Foods (pre-register)

Aug. 11

World Elephant Day*

Aug. 17-20

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel a la Carte, presented by Meijer*

Aug. 26

Animal Safari, with behind-the-scenes tours for animal sponsors*

Sept. 1

Senior Celebration, sponsored by St. Camillus, A Life Plan Community*

Sept. 9 & 10

Family Farm Weekend, sponsored by Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board*

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Sept. 10

Ride on the Wild Side, sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (pre-register)

Sept. 30

Kids Conservation Club workshop, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. (pre-register)

Oct. 5

Zoo Brew, sponsored by Sazama Design Build Remodel (pre-register)

Oct. 7

Family Free Day, sponsored by North Shore Bank; media sponsor: WITI FOX 6 (Parking fees still apply)*

Oct. 13 & 14

Boo at the Zoo, sponsored by Prairie Farms Dairy*

Oct. 20 & 21

Halloween Spooktacular, sponsored by Prairie Farms Dairy*

*Zoo Pass members get free Zoo admission with their Zoo Pass. Those with Zoo Pass Plus also get free parking for one vehicle per membership per day.

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Ride on the Wild Side

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