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MEMBERS- ONLY EVENT!



Kids Nights

Sponsored by WaterStone Bank

5-8:30 p.m.

Use your Zoo Pass or Platypus Circle card to enjoy an evening at the Zoo. This members-only event is a great way to enjoy the fun of summer while getting the most out of your membership. Kids Nights includes music, dancing, crafts, food trucks and, of course, animals at night! Members are invited to one of three nights.

Participating food vendors will donate 15% of their sales each night to the Zoological Society's Sponsor an Animal program. Food can also be purchased at the Zoo's concession stands and food trucks. Or, pack your own picnic! Entertainment includes Kip's Fun Show sponsored by Great Clips, Main Street Song & Dance Troupe sponsored by eAchieve Academy, Celtic band Reilly and Kohl's Wild Theater.



SPECIAL OFFER

Visit any WaterStone Bank branch before July 5, and show your Zoo Pass card to get one ticket good for a free ride on the Penzeys Carousel (while supplies last). Tickets are only valid during Kids Nights.

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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:
9 a.m.-5 p.m. through Sept. 4.

Zoo hours:
9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. through Sept. 4.

Note: The Zoo's admission gates close 1 hour prior to the posted Zoo closing time. The animal buildings close 15 minutes before posted Zoo closing hours. Many outdoor animals are brought in 45 minutes prior to Zoo closing.

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.

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: We update our list of zoos and aquariums that offer reduced or free admission to our members with the Association of Zoos & Aquariums in spring each year. We only reciprocate with AZA-accredited facilities 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 our offices prior to your travels at 414-258-2333, or visit zoopass.com if you have any questions.

Moving? Please call us when you change your address or name. The call saves us money because when the post office returns your mail with a forwarding address, we pay twice for mailing: to the old address and the new.

Zoo admission: Please remember to have your Society Zoo Pass and identification ready when you arrive at the Zoo's admission gates. If you've misplaced your card, replacement cards may be purchased for \$5. Zoo Pass admission is valid for regular daytime Zoo hours and many events.

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 minor children/grandchildren in your household reflected in your membership records for the Zoo's admission gates. Foster children are covered on your membership. **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.



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KIND OF A PIG DEAL

We think all the animals at the Zoo are a big deal, but Percy and Peabody are a pretty "pig" deal. The brothers live inside the Northwestern Mutual Family Farm and are usually seen together. "It is amazing how much they like to be together," says Lisa Guglielmi, assistant curator.

Percy and Peabody are two-year-old kunekune pigs. Kunekunes are domesticated and are often found on farms or kept as pets in urban areas. The breed is considered social and thrives with human contact. Guglielmi confirms that trait, stating that Percy and Peabody love belly rubs from the zookeepers. "We can do almost anything to them if we give them belly rubs. It puts them into little piggy comas."

For a limited time, you can sponsor the brothers. A \$50 sponsorship includes:

- A plush-toy pig
- Stickers of Percy and Peabody
- A certificate of sponsorship
- An invitation to Animal Safari -- See below for details!
- A fact sheet about Percy and Peabody
- Name recognition at the Zoo for a year



**GREAT GIFT IDEA FOR
ANY SPECIAL OCCASION!**

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BEHIND THE SCENES TREAT

Animal Safari

An event for animal sponsors

Animal sponsors have told us they feel special and have a sense of pride knowing they're making a difference. No matter what the reason is behind sponsoring an animal, we at the Zoological Society want to take time to thank their generosity with a special event just for them.

Animal Safari will include behind-the-scenes tours*, animal talks, examples of animal enrichment, animal-themed crafts and more. It's our way of saying thank you for sponsoring one (or more!) of the many animals at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Look for your invitation in the mail. Not an animal sponsor yet?

You can sponsor an animal the day of the event and still take part in the tours. Or, you can sponsor an animal today at zoosociety.org/SponsorAnimal. Sponsorship packages start as low as \$25.

***Tours are not necessarily in the area of your specific sponsored animal.**



Photo by Paul Ruffolo

CRUISE AROUND

THE ZOO

New this summer! The Zoo has brought in a wild way for you to cruise around the Zoo. ScooterPals are animal-themed four-wheeled scooters for you to ride. ScooterPals are bursting with personality!

Here's how it works:

Choose Your Pal – Choose from Sarge the Rhino, Koze the Bear, Nyx the Leopard, Reva the Giraffe and Rex the Lion.

LET'S GO
FUR-WHEELIN'!



Scan the QR Code – Just scan the QR code, complete the quick, secure online form, and you're ready to rock. (You will need a smartphone to rent a ScooterPal.)

Payment – Rental fee includes a \$5 ride activation to start the ride, then \$0.35 per minute until you officially end your ride.



ScooterPals will be available by the rental tent between the U.S. Bank Gathering Place and the Humboldt penguins. Or, because people can end their ride anywhere around the Zoo, you may find them in other locations.

Also new this year, wagons for your child. Wagons are an easy way to take your little one through the Zoo while also holding some of your belongings. The rental cost is \$15.50 for the day.



Other rental options thanks to Wilderness Resort include:

- Double stroller: \$12.50
- Mobility scooter: \$35
- Wheelchair: Free

Strollers, wagons and mobility scooter rentals are cashless. Guests can use a credit card or online payments through a QR code at the Zoo.

You asked and the Zoo listened.

New this summer, you can now get on and off the Zoo Expeditions Zoomobile, sponsored by Meijer. For \$5 you can ride on and off all day. There are four stops available throughout the Zoo including one by the otters and Adventure Africa. Or, for \$3 get a guided tour around the Zoo and learn more about the Zoo and the animals. Tickets and starting spot is near the Humboldt penguins.



UNIVERSAL CHANGING STATION



INCREASING ACCESS AND INCLUSION

The Milwaukee County Zoo is for everyone, and that is more evident now with the announcement of its Universal Changing Station. The Zoo has partnered with Variety – the Children's Charity of Wisconsin to offer people with physical or developmental needs to have 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 renovated area also includes an ADA-compliant bathroom stall, sink, and a small private area.



"The Zoo is such a community and cultural asset, and this partnership reflects the commitment by both organizations to demonstrate that everyone belongs, and everyone can have a positive experience at the Zoo," says Variety's Associate Executive Director, Dua Vang-Ramirez.

"Families and caregivers can now extend their Zoo visit simply because of this new space." The Universal Changing Station requires a key from the Zoo's Administration Office, located in the U.S. Bank Gathering Place.

GET TO KNOW THE **FAMILY**

How well do you know the Japanese macaques at the Zoo?

You may have seen a few of the active primates climbing up the rock, playing in the water or jumping on the ropes. But not many people know the family story.

The Milwaukee County Zoo is currently home to nine Japanese macaques. The family consists of a dominant male, Kota, and a dominant female, Negai (see family tree below). Kota is the oldest male in the family at the Zoo, making it pretty easy for him to be the leader. You will often see him up on the top of the rock in the outdoor habitat. Negai is the dominant female. The benefits of being the dominant pair include first access to food. Someday, Negai's youngest daughter, Tomaru, will inherit the dominant status.

All nine Japanese macaques live together as one family. There are three 1-year-olds in the habitat that are often seen playing or chasing each other. Young macaques spend a lot of time playing, and sometimes the adults will get in on the fun as well.

Kota (M) 9 years old
(dominant male)

Negai (F) 12 years old
(dominant female)

Tomaru (F) 1 year old
(Negai's baby)

Usagi (F) 10 years old

Emi (F) 1 year old
(Usagi's baby)

Rikka (F) 10 years old

Sora (F) 1 year old (Rikka's baby)

Nikko (F) 3 years old (Rikka's kid)

Kumo (M)
2 years old
(Negai's baby)

SEAL-ABRATE MIRA

The newest seal at the Milwaukee County Zoo has made quite a splash with guests. Mira is 1 year old, turning 2 in August, and came from the Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines, Iowa.

You may find Mira interacting with Zoo guests through the underwater windows. She is a little small for her age and is about the same size as Leia who is almost a year younger. The two of them are quickly becoming friends and playmates. When Mira is old enough she is expected to breed with male seal Ringo. Until then, the seal family consists of Mira, Leia, Cossette and Ringo.



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CAMPING? **ALPACA MY TENT!**

Snooze at the Zoo

Sponsored by Educators Credit Union

People jump at the chance to camp during the summer. It's so much fun we can hardly bear it. Then, when you add in the Zoo, that just seals the deal! Snooze at the Zoo is a unique chance to camp inside the Milwaukee County Zoo near the bears, seals, elk, caribou and, of course, the wild peacocks.

Guests just need to bring their tent and something to sleep on. Dinner, breakfast and entertainment is all included in the price.

Go to zoosociety.org/Snooze for information on pricing and registration.*

**This is a popular event and tickets may be sold out before this publication is delivered.*



Special thanks to food donors Campfire Marshmallows, Racine Danish Kringles, Sentry Foods Essential Everyday Cereal and Prairie Farms Dairy.



CREATION IN CLUTTER

Have your child help with the trash, but by not throwing it out. Let them play with it and make something beautiful. The Kids Green Art Contest is all about making animal art out of items that would otherwise be thrown away or recycled. It's also an opportunity to learn something about animals and their habitats.



This year's theme is honoring the animals that help our plants and crops grow – pollinators and seed dispersers. Pollinators like bees, butterflies and some species of bats transfer pollen grains to enable fertilization. Seed dispersers include tapirs, elephants and birds. These animals move seeds from one location to the next in their poo.

Kids 17 years old and younger are invited to participate. Winners from each age category will win a prize.

Dates to remember:

- Register by Aug. 11
- Deliver art project Aug. 19–25

Projects will be publicly displayed at the Zoo on Aug. 26 (see page 7). Guests can see the amazing creations designed by local children. We will also post all art projects on our website.

Go to zoosociety.org/greenart to register.



The Zoological Society of Milwaukee's



FALL ZOO CLASSES



2023

STROLLER SAFARI

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

Stroll through the Zoo on these guided tours designed specifically for one-on-one learning time for you and your child! Programs include songs, puppets, stories and more. Bring your stroller and enjoy the outdoor tour that will take place rain or shine. All classes begin in the atrium of the Conservation Education building.

HORNS, HOOVES & HUMPS

Let's stroll through the Zoo to find animals with horns, hooves and humps! Practice stomping your bongo hooves, pretend to "ride" the humps of the Bactrian camel and play "peek-a-boo" as you look for the yaks' horns.

8:45–9:45 a.m.

Sept. 14, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 24, 27

10:15–11:15 a.m.

Sept. 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 24, 27

HANDS, FEET & SOMETIMES TAILS

Join us as we swing over to see the gorillas, orangutans and spider monkeys. Let's find out how these primates use their hands, feet, fingers and toes (and sometimes tails) to eat, move and play. Sing a song to practice body part identification with your primate baby.

8:45–9:45 a.m.

Oct. 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 25, 29

10:15–11:15 a.m.

Oct. 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 25, 29

MANOS, PIES Y AVECES COLAS

Únase a nosotros mientras nos balanceamos para ver los gorilas, los orangutanes y los monos araña. Descubramos cómo estos primates usan las manos, los pies, los dedos de las manos y de los pies (¡y aveces la cola) para comer, moverse y jugar. Cante una canción para practicar la identificación de las partes del cuerpo con su bebé primate.

8:45–9:45 a.m.

Oct. 28

10:15–11:15 a.m.

Oct. 28

BUMPY, SLIMY, SCALY

See bumpy alligators, slimy fish and scaly snakes as we venture through the Aquatic & Reptile Center. Explore the topic of textures with your little one as we learn songs, rhymes and sign language for these animals that you can practice at home.

8:45–9:45 a.m.

Nov. 3, 5, 9, 14, 17, 18, 29

Dec. 1

10:15–11:15 a.m.

Nov. 5, 9, 14, 17, 18, 29

Dec. 1



We know you're excited about our classes, and we want to make your child's experience rewarding. Please read the important information on the last page.

Financial Aid is an opportunity for families 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. Visit zoosociety.org/education/financial-aid for more information.

AGE 2

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

ZOO TRAIN!

Join us in our indoor/outdoor classroom to learn about trains. We'll practice our shapes as we build a train costume. We'll practice our train sounds as we read a train book. Then we'll chug on over to ride the train around the Zoo together. All aboard! Choo! Choo!

8:45–9:45 a.m.

Sept. 14, 15, 17, 20, 22, 23, 26, 29

10:15–11:15 a.m.

Sept. 15, 17, 20, 22, 23, 26, 29



Photos by Garrett Hopkins



TURTLES

Crawl into our pond classroom as you explore the world of turtles. Decorate your own turtle costume and practice hiding in your shell. Play a game with pretend turtles in our sand and water table. Afterward, we'll meet one of the Zoo's turtles!

8:45–9:45 a.m.

Nov. 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 14

10:15–11:15 a.m.

Nov. 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 14

AGE 3

with one adult | \$37 Zoo Pass members
\$47 non-members

FIN-TASTIC FISH

Here, fishy, fishy! Come to our underwater classroom to learn about our finned friends. Decorate a fish costume and pretend to swim through "water." We'll dart as a school of fish over to the Zoo's Aquatic & Reptile Center to see some fishy friends up close. It will be a swimmingly good time!

8:45-10:15 a.m.

Sept. 21, 22, 23, 27, 30
Oct. 1, 3, 6, 8

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Sept. 22, 23, 27, 30
Oct. 1, 3, 6, 8

HANGIN' OUT WITH BATS

Swoop into our nighttime classroom to learn about bats. Use a flashlight to explore the bat cave, practice sleeping "upside down" and make a bat costume, complete with wings. Fly to the Small Mammals Building to watch these nocturnal mammals in action.

8:45-10:15 a.m.

Oct. 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31
Nov. 3

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Oct. 14, 15, 18, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31
Nov. 3



Photo by Bob Wickland

APES & MONKEYS

Spy monkeys and apes among the tall trees in our rainforest classroom. Knuckle-walk like an ape or swing like a monkey in search of food. Make your own binoculars and use them to discover the difference between a monkey and an ape as we trek through the Primates of the World Building.

8:45-10:15 a.m.

Nov. 16, 17, 18, 22, 28
Dec. 1, 3, 8, 9, 10

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Nov. 17, 18
Dec. 1, 3, 8, 9, 10

AGES 4&5

child only or with one adult | \$45 Zoo Pass members
\$55 non-members

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

LEAPING LEMURS

Swing onto the island of Madagascar to learn about the different types of lemurs that live there. Practice your lemur skills by digging like an aye-aye, leaping like a sifaka and sniffing like a ring-tailed lemur. Decorate your own lemur costume before we high-tail it to the Small Mammals Building to see our lemurs in action.

Child Only

9:15-11:30 a.m.

Sept. 29, 30
Oct. 1

1-3:15 p.m.

Sept. 29, 30
Oct. 1

Child & Adult

9:15-11:30 a.m.

Sept. 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17
20, 23, 24, 26

1-3:15 p.m.

Sept. 9, 10, 15, 16, 17
20, 23, 24, 26

RAINFOREST MYSTERY

Calling all animal detectives! Who's been causing a ruckus in the rainforest? Help find clues to solve the mystery! Was it the gorilla? The anaconda? Or the peacock? Create your own secret clue notebook and sneak through the Zoo to spy on animals that live in different layers of the rainforest.

Child Only

9:15-11:30 a.m.

Oct. 27, 28, 29

Child & Adult

9:15-11:30 a.m.

Oct. 6, 8, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 26, 31
Nov. 3, 5

1-3:15 p.m.

Oct. 27, 28, 29

1-3:15 p.m.

Oct. 8, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 26, 31
Nov. 3, 5

CARIBOU TREK

How are caribou and reindeer the same and different? Explore our classroom tundra to learn about antlers that shed and hooves that click. Then join the herd as we migrate into the Zoo for an up-close look at these fascinating animals. Parent or Guardian note: *Shhhh... We'll have a special surprise visit from Santa or Mrs. Claus.*

Child Only

9:15-11:30 a.m.

Dec. 15, 16, 17

Child & Adult

9:15-11:30 a.m.

Nov. 10, 11, 12, 16, 18, 19, 22
Dec. 1, 3, 9, 10

1-3:15 p.m.

Dec. 15, 16, 17

1-3:15 p.m.

Nov. 11, 12, 16, 18, 19, 22
Dec. 1, 3, 5, 9, 10



AGES 6-9

child only

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

ART IN ACTION: SAVANNA ANIMALS

Grab your pencil, paintbrush and creativity as we go on a safari to visit animals from the African savanna! Learn about these animals and their cousins that live in the wild. Then use your artistic skills to create a project that inspires others to protect these magnificent creatures.

Ages 6 & 7

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Sept. 16, 17, 23, 24

Oct. 8

1-3:30 p.m.

Sept. 16, 17

Oct. 8

Ages 8 & 9

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Sept. 30

1-3:30 p.m.

Sept. 23, 24, 30

CATCHING SOME ZZZ'S

Do you think you could sleep 5 months straight? A grizzly bear could! What about sleeping the entire night standing up? A horse can do that! Visit some of the Zoo's sleepyheads as we learn about impressive animal sleepers and the ways they get enough rest and relaxation – just in time for hibernation season!

Ages 6 & 7

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Oct. 15, 27, 28

Nov. 5, 11

1-3:30 p.m.

Oct. 15

Nov. 5, 11

Ages 8 & 9

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Oct. 29

1-3:30 p.m.

Oct. 27, 28, 29

AWESOME AMPHIBIANS

Discover the elusive world of amphibians, the animals who live a “double life.” These cold-blooded creatures may be small, but they play a key role in their habitats. We will create our own “toad-ally” awesome animal, play some games, and hop on over to the Aquatic & Reptile Center to check out the Zoo's amphibian residents!

Ages 6 & 7

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Nov. 19

Dec. 3, 9, 16, 17

1-3:30 p.m.

Nov. 19

Dec. 3, 16

Ages 8 & 9

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Dec. 10

1-3:30 p.m.

Dec. 9, 10, 17



AGES 6-10

child only

\$100 Zoo Pass members
\$120 non-members

NEW!

JOIN OWLS: OBSERVANT WILD LEARNER SQUAD!

Become a wild learner in our once-a-week, for 4-week series. Classes for 6 to 10-year-olds homeschoolers will develop curiosity, create empathy and encourage healthy social skills. With the same students each week, we'll build community as we explore and learn together.

CREATURE FEATURES

Which features help animals survive? Learn about the three types of adaptations animals use to their advantage in their habitats!

10-11:30 a.m.

Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25

GROWING UP WILD!

Different animals have distinct parenting styles. Some are hands-on while some are laid-back. Learn about how animals grow up and leave the “nest.”

10-11:30 a.m.

Nov. 8, 15, 29 and Dec. 6



AGE 10-14

child only

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

ANIMAL TRAINING AND ENRICHMENT

Show me your foot, turn around, stand on one leg, stick out your tongue. Did you know many zoo animals can follow these directions when asked by zookeepers? These are not tricks to entertain; these are techniques to keep animals healthy and enrich their lives. Go behind the scenes to learn the inside story about how we train our animals and what we do to keep them happy!

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Nov. 5, Dec 17

CONSERVATION CONUNDRUM

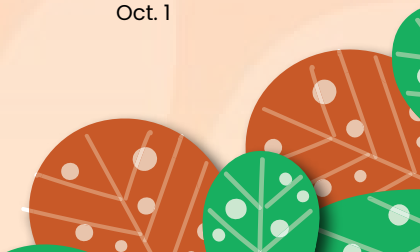
Heads I win, tails you lose! Let's debate about conservation - not by yelling but by learning! We'll examine a conservation topic, tour the Zoo for a fact-finding mission and debate to find a solution. Our conundrum this time is about what a cute cat catches and if it should be caught for its crimes! #IsTheKittyGuilty?

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Oct. 1

1-3:30 p.m.

Oct. 1



FAMILY CLASS

While we welcome family members of all ages, the content of these classes is intended for children ages 3-14. Minimum of two registrants is 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.

all ages | \$20 Zoo Pass members
\$30 non-members

WHO GLOWS THERE?

Have you ever chased a firefly on a summer night? Fireflies aren't the only creatures that glow. There are other creatures that light up the forest and ocean. These lights come from bioluminescent (or glowing) creatures! Be enlightened as you investigate why some animals glow. Discover how these creatures glow and create a radiant creature of your own. Don't miss this illuminating class!

9:15-11:30 a.m.

Sept. 9, 10, 23, 24

1-3:15 p.m.

Sept. 9, 10, 23, 24

FAMILY MATTERS

Who's in your family? A family can take many forms; it can be a whole group of animals all working together, it can be two males raising an adopted chick, it can even be different species bonded together. Come and learn how animal communities form families that support each other! Meet an animal family at the Zoo and learn how these unique family structures support conservation work!

9:15-11:30 a.m.

Nov. 11, 12, 18, 19

1-3:15 p.m.

Nov. 11, 12, 18, 19



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

NEW!

Try out a 1-hour Family Class as part of your Zoo Day!

all ages | \$15 Zoo Pass members
\$25 non-members

A HERD ON THE MOVE

Hop, swim and fly around the classroom mimicking the ways animals move in this new class. Why slither on your stomach? How do bunnies hop? Can you tell how fast an animal is moving based on its tracks? Answer these questions and more while learning all about animal movement with the whole family.

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Dec. 16, 27

10:45-11:45 a.m.

Dec. 16, 27

1-2:00 p.m.

Dec. 16, 27

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Dec. 16, 27

Register Online For Priority

zoosociety.org/fall

Member online registration begins July 12 at 9 a.m.

Non-member registration begins July 19 at 9 a.m.

PLEASE READ!

GENERAL CLASS POLICIES

- Participants must be the appropriate age for a given class and no unregistered children may attend (including siblings). Exceptions on age are only made for children who need accommodations (please call Education at 414-258-5058 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 people with valid identification may pick up children.
- In addition, please do not meet or follow your child's group into the Zoo, as this is a distraction to the educational experience.

MEDICAL, COGNITIVE, BEHAVIORAL AND PHYSICAL INFORMATION

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

SNACK & FOOD ALLERGIES

We do not serve or provide time for snack during our Fall Classes. When registering, please complete the "participant information" form for our awareness with any allergies or call our staff with updates at 414-258-5058.

ANTICIPATE ENTRANCE GATE LINES

The time required to enter the Zoo can vary depending on weather, road construction, school groups and events. Please plan to arrive early. Check your confirmation email or call the Conservation Education Department in advance of your registered program for the most current 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 and we will try to reschedule your child for another available date. 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 or process a reimbursement. For weather-related cancellations, refer to local news stations, our website or call 414-258-5058.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Please do not send your child to Zoo Class if they are feeling unwell or exhibiting any symptoms of any respiratory illness (cough, runny nose, fever.) Please call and reschedule your child's class at 414-258-5058. An instructor may call home if children are exhibiting symptoms in class. Masks are optional, but welcome in Zoo Class. We continue to monitor and follow Milwaukee County COVID procedures.

HAVE AN ICE DAY!

The Zoo's summer exhibit, Dino Don's Journey to the Ice Age, sponsored by Sendik's Food Market, is officially open. As you walk through the outdoor adventure, learn about animals that once roamed the earth. You'll encounter a replica saber-toothed tiger, woolly mammoth, giant sloth and more! Plus, if you come on July 8, or Aug. 19, the Zoo and Zoological Society have teamed up for a special educational experience. Age-appropriate tables, activities and information at the exhibit will help everyone learn more about the Ice Age, the animals, temperatures and the science behind hexagons. Hexagons are found often in nature – honeycombs, snowflakes, the compound eyes of various insects. Find out the reasons and build your own snowflake or sturdy shape.

This special exhibit is open seven days a week until Oct. 7. Tickets are \$4 a person. Zoo Pass members can use their electronic coupons for entry.



A VIP LOOK INSIDE

On May 17, The Zoological Society invited members of the Platypus Circle, Simba Circle and Serengeti Circle, along with other special guests, to an event previewing Dino Don's Journey to the Ice Age, sponsored by Sendik's Food Market. These VIPs were among the first to see the exhibit at the Milwaukee County Zoo before it opened to the general public.

Margaret Harris of Sendik's cuts the ribbon to officially open the special exhibit alongside Vice President of Development, Penny Gutekunst, and Zoo Director, Amos Morris.

To get invited to events like this, join the Platypus Circle. More information is available at BeAPlaty.org. We would like to thank the following people and businesses that became new Platy members between June 1, 2022, and May 23, 2023.

The animals like this saber-toothed tiger move and make noise.

Guests were in awe at the realistic size of the woolly mammoth that lived 800,000 to 4,000 years ago.



VIPs were served dinner; plus, they had a chance to see and get a picture near an Ice Age animal.

KOHL'S WILD THEATER CAN'T-MISS THEATER

Between visiting the animals inside the Zoo, stop by the Kohl's Wild Theater inside the farm area for some wild entertainment for everyone. Kohl's Wild Theater offers family-friendly, 15-minute performances every Tuesday through Sunday between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day. This educational and fun-filled program offers conservation-themed theater performances using drama, songs and puppetry to engage and delight audiences young and old.

Kohl's Wild Theater is made possible by a partnership between Kohl's, the Milwaukee County Zoo, and the Zoological Society of Milwaukee.



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STAYING **HEALTHY**

In the last 12 months, the Milwaukee County Zoo has welcomed several new animals, including two DeBrazza monkeys, a female harbor seal and pygmy slow lorises. But not everyone knows that before these animals can delight and educate guests, they have to quarantine in the Animal Health Center. "It's a disease screening process so we don't introduce something we don't want," explains senior staff veterinarian, Dr. Christy Rettenmund. When an animal leaves a zoo it goes through a disease screening process, and even when they clear all the testing, the animal needs to quarantine because moving is stressful. "You're alone, you're in a weird place, new keepers, everything is different. That's the time you're going to start shedding parasites or break out with something infectious."

Bringing in new animals is like working on a jigsaw puzzle says Dr. Rettenmund. "All the curators have a collection plan of some kind, including what animals they want to come to the Zoo for the year." Dr. Rettenmund and Animal Health Center supervisor Ryan Strack piece together what they have room for and when they have room all while keeping weather in mind since most animals can't travel in the dead of winter.

The quarantine process typically happens inside the Animal Health Center. The building can either be seen from the parking lot next to the U.S. Bank Gathering Place or behind the flamingo pond. Because the building is fairly hidden you may not realize just how big it is. It can house larger animals like bongos, cows, gorillas or seals. Then, there are holding areas for birds, penguins and reptiles. Strack takes care of all the new animals that come in. He makes sure they are fed the right diet, gives them enrichment items and even works on training. Life in quarantine isn't too different from what the animals' more permanent home will be like. The biggest difference is the items inside their habitat. "They don't get any natural substrate in quarantine because we can't disinfect that. All of our quarantine areas are concrete or have mats," says Dr. Rettenmund. "For enrichment, we use either plastic so we can clean it or disposable items."

Sometimes there is an animal too large for the Animal Health Center. For example, when Belle the elephant came to the Zoo in 2019, she had to quarantine in the Elephant Care Center. However, quarantine protocols are still in effect even outside the Health Center. The zookeepers needed to make sure Belle or anything she touched didn't come in contact with the other elephants. "The keepers wore different boots, gloves and coveralls when they worked with Belle," says Dr. Rettenmund. The protocol also means that the wheels on the wheelbarrow they used in Belle's stall had to be disinfected before it was used elsewhere.

Whether the animals are in quarantine in the Animal Health Center or in their habitat, the process is intense and thorough. All in a day's work to make sure all the animals at the Milwaukee County Zoo stay healthy.



Photo by Garrett Hopkins



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You can see the Animal Health Center from the parking lot to the right of the U.S. Bank Gathering Place. In the summer, a public entrance to the building is inside the Zoo next to the flamingos.

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WHEEL OF A DEAL



Ride on the Wild Side

Sponsored by Annex Wealth Management

Check-in or same-day registration starts at 7 a.m.

Our annual Ride on the Wild Side Bike Ride is a few months away, but we want to make sure you get in on the best deal. This year we are offering tiered pricing. Zoo Pass members can save up to \$20 a person if they register before July 31. (See prices below)

Zoo Pass members:

Adult (age 13+):

Now until July 31 - \$40

Aug. 1 until Sept. 4 - \$50

Event day - \$60

Child (age 3-12)

Now until July 31 - \$20

Aug. 1 until Sept. 4 - \$25

Event day - \$30

Additional savings for members: Save \$10 when you register 4 or more riders in a single order by entering **SAVE10** at checkout.

Ride on the Wild Side is the one time of year you can ride your bike inside the Zoo. Take part in the family friendly 2.5-mile ride or challenge yourself to the 10-, 17- or 27-mile route. All riders get a long-sleeved T-shirt, breakfast, lunch and a day at the Zoo.

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EATS AND TREATS



A La Carte at the Zoo

Presented by Meijer

If you're indecisive and can't decide what to eat, don't miss out on A La Carte at the Zoo. This four-day event, featuring restaurants from around Southeastern Wisconsin, is the perfect time to get your favorite meals or try something new. The Zoo will have a variety of cuisines like loaded tater tots, wood-fired pizza, Mexican and Puerto Rican options, bubble waffle sundaes and more. Take a break between your sweet or savory samplings and treat your ears to one of the numerous bands around the Zoo grounds.



HEADLINERS

Aug. 17: Vertical Horizon

Aug. 18: Eli Young Band

Aug. 19: The Record Company

Restaurants and vendors will only accept credit and debit cards. If you don't have one, a kiosk will be available to turn your cash into a card to use at the event.

Special thanks to our stage sponsors:

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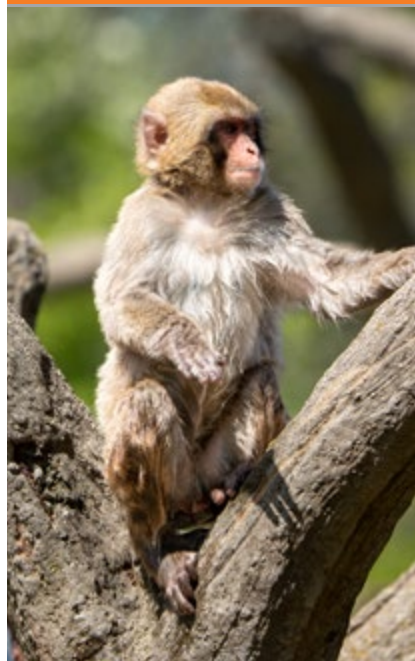
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QUICK FACT:

Japanese macaques are known for bathing in hot springs in Japan.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Cool off in the Ice Age. Special summer exhibit open now. Page 18.

Now-Sept. 4

Kohl's Wild Theater's summer season at the Zoo with free shows every day except Mondays*

July 24

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

Now-Oct. 7

Special summer exhibit, Dino Don's Journey to the Ice Age, sponsored by Sendik's Food Market

July 2

Military & Veterans Family Day at the Zoo*

July 4

\$4 on the Fourth*

July 11, 13 & 14

Members-only Kids Nights, sponsored by WaterStone Bank*

Aug. 10-12

Snooze at the Zoo, sponsored by Educators Credit Union (pre-register)

Aug. 11

Registration deadline for Kids Green Art Contest

Aug. 17-20

Milwaukee A La Carte, presented by Meijer*

Aug. 26

Animal Safari, behind-the-scenes tours for animal sponsors & Kids Green Art Contest display

Sept. 10

Ride on the Wild Side Bike Ride, sponsored by Annex Wealth Management (pre-register)

*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. Platypus Circle members receive free admission and parking with their card.

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