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ROARS, S'MORES & SNOORES



Making s'mores during Snooze.

Photo by Bob Wickland

Snooze at the Zoo

Sponsored by Post Consumer Brands and Sentry Foods
Aug. 8, 9, 10 and 11

Zoo Pass members: \$50 for adults
and \$35 for children 3-12.

See zoosociety.org for rates and special discounts for family of four.

Camping is a popular summer activity for many families. But it's a whole new adventure when you can do it near animals like seals and bears. Snooze at the Zoo is for those with little to no experience, die-hard campers and everyone in between. You just have to bring a tent and sleeping bags. We supply the dinner, s'mores, breakfast and entertainment including an outdoor movie, fun with chalk, giant bubbles, games and face painting. Zoo Pass members not only get a discount, they get the opportunity to register first on **June 4** at 8 a.m. Registration is online only at zoosociety.org/Snooze.

Special thanks to entertainment sponsor Educators Credit Union and s'mores sponsor The Sleep Wellness Institute.



Addison, 8, Isabel, 9, and Johnny, 5,
ready to camp at the Zoo.

Photo by Bob Wickland



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:

Through May 25: weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; weekends, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
May 26-Sept. 3: weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; weekends, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Zoo hours: Through May 25: daily, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. May 26-Sept. 3: daily, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

New West Entrance: May 12-20: weekends only, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.;
Starting May 26: daily, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Please note that the Zoo's Small Mammals Building opens at 10 a.m. Admission gates close 45 minutes before the posted Zoo closing time. Zoo animal buildings close 15 minutes prior to posted Zoo closing time. The Zoo's walk-in gates close one hour prior to posted Zoo closing time.

Payment information at Zoo admission gates: The Milwaukee County Zoo staff does not accept checks for Zoo Pass purchases or renewal payments at the Zoo's admission gates. Please stop at Guest Services or the membership windows in the U.S. Bank Gathering Place to purchase or renew a Zoo Pass.

School field trips and company picnics: Zoo Pass admission benefits do not apply when a child visits the Zoo as part of an organized class field trip or when members attend an employer's company picnic held at the Zoo. Due to the many busloads of school groups visiting the Zoo, gate staff is not able to board each bus to verify Zoo Pass memberships without causing potentially dangerous traffic backups

onto Bluemound Road. The discounted fees paid for educational outings and company picnics include additional Zoo-visit benefits.

Who can use member cards? The person(s) named on the Zoo Pass is the owner of the card. Your Zoo Pass cannot be given to someone else to use. Please have your identification ready to present along with your Zoo Pass as you enter the Zoo. The Society and the Zoo retain the right to invalidate any Zoo Pass being used inappropriately.

New customer relationship system: Please be patient with our frontline and Guest Services staff as we roll out a new database system. Transactions may take a little bit longer as we familiarize ourselves with the new database. If you notice any discrepancies with your information, please let us know so we can correct it in the system.

WILD THINGS

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OTTER EXHIBIT BRINGS THE FUN

The Milwaukee County Zoo serves many purposes – education, conservation, preservation. But there’s no denying it’s also a place of great fun. That sense of fun will be on full display at the North American river otter exhibit set to open in May. Children of all ages will delight in watching the otters run, splash and generally goof around. “Otters are one of the only animals that play for fun and no other reason,” says Rhonda Crenshaw, area supervisor of small mammals. “They exude happiness.”

Zoo officials were looking for a signature exhibit to greet visitors coming through the Zoo’s new west entrance, similar to the penguin exhibit that greets visitors near the main entrance. They wanted an animal that was native to North America and able to stay outside year round. North American river otters fit the bill.

Because the exhibit was built from the ground up, Crenshaw was able to get many elements of her dream otter exhibit in the design. It includes a deep pool, a splash pad and a river area with moving water. The land area includes different substrates such as dirt, grass and rock. “It was important for them to have different materials to dig in,” Crenshaw says. The otters will have a water slide that will look nothing like the tiny kids’ slide that was in the indoor otter exhibit years ago. “This is a massive, 15-foot extravaganza of a slide,” says Trish Khan, curator of primates and small mammals.

Visitors are also in for a treat. The exhibit includes underwater viewing and an artificial tree that children can climb inside to see the otters’ den. Guests can watch keepers train the otters in two areas. “Kids can get right up to the glass, nose to nose,” Khan says. Crenshaw is excited to see the otters play in the snow once winter arrives.

To fill the exhibit, the Zoo is getting three female otters, all born last spring – two sisters from Buttonwood Park Zoo in Massachusetts and one from Miller Park Zoo in Illinois. A male will arrive in summer from Zoo Montana. Crenshaw and Khan made sure to include an off-exhibit maternity den for baby otters someday.

Amongst all the fun, Crenshaw hopes to squeeze in some education. Many people don’t know that river otters are one of 13 species of otter. Their bodies are highly adapted to life in water and on land. Their eyes and ears are on top of their heads for surface swimming, but they also have a third eyelid that allows them to see underwater. Their muscular tails propel them through the water, and they can use their thumbs and forepaws to grasp prey, mostly fish. “Everything about them is specialized,” Crenshaw says. Trust us, learning was never this much fun.

Shamrock (left) and Clover (right), seen here with their brother Lucky, are two of the otters that will live in the Milwaukee County Zoo’s new otter exhibit. They were born on St. Patrick’s Day in 2017.

Photo courtesy of Buttonwood Park Zoo



WELCOME TO JURASSIC

There is something about dinosaurs that fascinates people of all ages. It could be their size, their unique features or the mystery of what happened to them millions of years ago. This summer, step back in time as **Dinosaurs! A Jurassic Journey**, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets, invades the Zoo. The large and lifelike creatures will be displayed starting Memorial Day Weekend.

Billings Productions creates the dinosaurs you will see at the Zoo. The company has more than 300 dinosaurs representing 60 species. All of the dinosaurs are designed and built in their

facility in Texas. Designers, engineers, sculptors and artists create accurate depictions of the extinct beasts. Each dinosaur is equipped with an electronic brain controlling movements and sounds. Every year, Billings Productions adds new dinosaurs and uses new ideas and technology to bring the animals to life.

It will take three or four 53-foot trucks to haul the dinosaurs into the Zoo. While the Tyrannosaurus rex is returning as a fan favorite, prepare for many new species. Here are just a few headed to the Zoo this summer.

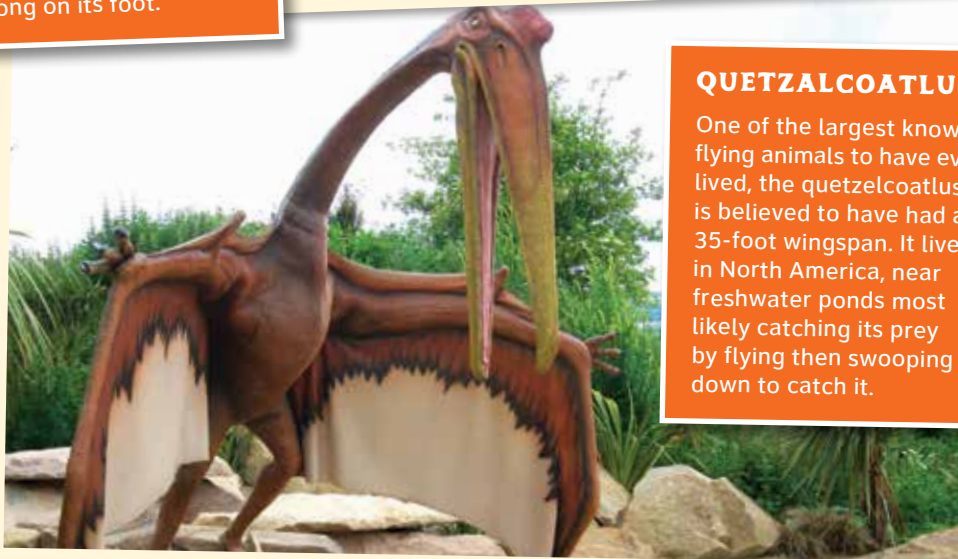
UTAHRAPTOR

It's pronounced how it looks. Think of the state of Utah followed by raptor. Remains have been found in the state of Utah. The Utahraptor is a carnivore and has a large claw estimated to be about 9 inches long on its foot.



QUETZALCOATLUS

One of the largest known flying animals to have ever lived, the quetzalcoatlus is believed to have had a 35-foot wingspan. It lived in North America, near freshwater ponds most likely catching its prey by flying then swooping down to catch it.





JOURNEY

ELAPHROSAURUS

Elaphrosaurus was long and slender, with a long neck. It lived in Africa and possibly North America. While not very tall, it was about 20 feet long. Its build suggests it was a fast runner. The name elaphrosaurus means lightweight lizard.



DINOSAURS! A JURASSIC JOURNEY, SPONSORED BY SENDIK'S FOOD MARKETS, IS OPEN DAILY, 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. MAY 26 THROUGH SEPT. 3. The exhibit is located in the outdoor habitat behind the Small Mammals Building. Admission is \$3 per person, after regular Zoo admission.

Welcome to the JUNGLE

Zoo Ball 2018

Presented by BMO Harris Bank
June 23



This year's Zoo Ball is taking you into the jungle. The annual black-tie event is celebrating its 35th year. Zoo Ball is the Zoological Society's biggest fundraiser of the year, raising more than \$700,000 in 2017. Chairing this year's event are Nate and Mary Cunniff and Chuck and Connie Roedel. The formal event includes cocktails, gourmet dining and dancing. Hundreds of items are available in the silent auction including travel packages, dining and unique Zoo experiences. Our thanks to contributing sponsors Brewers Community Foundation, MGIC, U.S. Bank and Wipfli.

To register, go to zoosociety.org/ZooBall

HOOKED ON ZOO CLASSES

We often hear from parents that after they bring their child to one Zoo Class, they are hooked. It's a compliment to know that the classes we offer bring people back each season or each year. It's an even bigger honor when we learn about families like the Linemans, who travel 90 minutes to take a class. Jackie Lineman is originally from Milwaukee and grew up going to the Milwaukee County Zoo. In 2008 she moved to Illinois. Three years later when her daughter, Sophia, was 2 years old, they made the hour-and-a-half drive to try out a class about bunnies. "We have been hooked ever since!" says Lineman. Sophia is now 8 years old and has taken dozens of classes. This summer, Sophia and her younger brother Wyland, 6, are signed up for at least three camps each.

Animals are a big draw for the Lineman family. Sophia and Wyland love learning about them in class and then seeing them out in the Zoo. Both of them remember a class they took about zebras. They learned that each zebra

has a different stripe pattern, and they made a zebra costume to go along with the lesson plan. "As a parent, I feel confident that my children will have fun and learn a lot," says Lineman. It's also the personal touches that bring the family back again and again. "The teachers are friendly and care about the kids. Sophia and Wyland love it when a teacher remembers them from year to year."

In addition to fun and education, Lineman is counting on Zoo Classes to make a greater impact in her kids' lives. "I hope they develop a lifelong love of animals, a love of science, and an appreciation for the world around them – an understanding of how it affects them and they affect it." Despite living in another state, the Zoo and Zoo Classes are worth the 90-minute drive. "It really feels like a second home to us."



Wyland gets whiskers during a Zoo Class about tigers.

Photo provided by family

Sophia and Wyland learn about zebras and their stripe patterns.

Photo provided by family



There are still spots available for Summer Zoo Camps, sponsored by Penzeys Spices. Take a look at zoosociety.org/Education.

KOHL'S



HOT TOPICS FOR SUMMER

#PETS!

The Internet can be a great source of information. Within seconds you can get an answer to your question, but can the answer always be trusted? This summer, Kohl's Wild Theater teaches audiences the difference between good and bad information on the Internet when it comes to choosing a pet. "We are excited to premiere '#PETS!,' which stars familiar Internet sensations Grumpy Cat and Doge," says Dave McLellan, Kohl's Wild Theater program coordinator. "This eighth summer of Kohl's Wild Theater is going to be a great mix of new shows and returning favorites." "#PETS!" will be one of the four daily shows performed on the Kohl's Wild Theater stage inside the farm area.

OTHER DAILY SHOWS INCLUDE:

Journey to the Rich Coast:

Fly along with our migrating birds as they make the journey from Wisconsin to the "Rich Coast." This adventure can be tough, but with your help in this 15-minute musical, they can make the journey that every migratory bird needs to take to survive.

Lights, Camera, Arctic!:

Mysterious circumstances put distant neighbors Ursus the polar bear and Cygnus the trumpeter swan right next door! Audience members join a documentary filmmaker, become the film crew "on location," and help resolve this neighborly dispute by learning how actions at home can impact animals in the Arctic.

Transportation to Brachiation:

Help clue-finding Kiddo on an adventure to save orangutans in Borneo. Pay close attention, because some clues in this 15-minute musical aren't always what they seem, and the future of orangutans may depend on what Kiddo learns about Wisconsin.

As you walk around the Zoo you'll also see Kohl's Wild Theater interacting with guests. New locations this summer include the new otter exhibit. "Actors will teach guests what they can do to help this unique species," says McLellan. Throughout the day you'll also find at-exhibit performances inside the big cat building and near the Humboldt penguins. To coincide with the summer exhibit, Dinosaurs! A Jurassic Journey, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets, Kohl's Wild Theater will have dinosaur interactions by Lake Evinrude, near the bears.

Be sure to pick up a playbill at the Kohl's Wild Theater stage in the farm and get a stamp after each performance and at-exhibit interaction you see. Once you fill up your playbill you can redeem it for a prize.



Orrie the orangutan and Kiddo make a great team in "Transportation to Brachiation."

Photo by Richard Brodzeller



Tomas the toucan stars in "Journey to the Rich Coast." Photo by Richard Brodzeller

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Photo by Olga Kornienko

Live Music: June 27, July 5, 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1

Sunset Zoofari, sponsored by Tri City National Bank, is a weekly summer concert series from 6 to 9 p.m. Zoo Pass members get in free and it's a reduced price for non-members. You can bring a picnic dinner or buy a meal from one of the Zoo's restaurants. Tri City National Bank customers can go to any Tri City branch starting June 1, and get a ticket for a free ride on the Penzeys Spices Carousel while supplies last. Valid only during Sunset Zoofari. One ticket per person per bank visit. Visit tcnb.com for bank locations.



Photo by Richard Taylor

JULY

EVENTS

Golf: July 30

Birdies & Eagles Golf Tournament, sponsored by GRAEF, is a hole in one. The Zoological Society fundraiser includes lunch, a round of golf with a cart, course events and refreshments, plus post-golf cocktails, dinner, a special animal encounter and auctions. The 18 holes are a scramble format with a shotgun start. Register at zoosociety.org/golf or call 414-258-2333.



Photo by Stacy Keast

Family Event: July 10, 12 & 13 Kids' Nights, sponsored by WaterStone Bank, is a family fun evening inside the Zoo just for Zoo Pass members. Families can eat at one of many food trucks and pop-up restaurants and enjoy entertainment on three stages, kids crafts, and temporary animal and dinosaur tattoos. Visit any WaterStone Bank branch between June 1 and July 3, 2018, show your Zoo Pass card, and get one ticket good for a free ride on the Penzeys Spices Carousel during Kids' Nights. Visit wsbonline.com/Locations.aspx for branch locations.

NIGHTS IN JUNE: AN EVENT JUST FOR MEMBERS

Introduce yourself to the start of the summer season.

Get a free look at the summer exhibit, Dinosaurs! A Jurassic Journey, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets.

Hungry? Enjoy food trucks, pop-up restaurants, a dessert tent, and candy and nut stand.

Thanks to the food trucks for donating 15% of their proceeds to the Sponsor an Animal program.

Sing along, dance or listen to three amazing bands around the Zoo*.

Inform yourself with a fun theatrical performance by Kohl's Wild Theater.

Navigate through the five winding levels of the Speleo Cave.

JUNE 5, 6 & 7, 5-8:45 P.M.

Uncover your creative side with a dinosaur craft activity and temporary tattoos.

Never forget these fun times.

Enjoy the animals outside at night.



Amy S., of Franklin, watches son Matthew, 4, color a bonobo bookmark during Nights in June.

Photo by Bob Wickland



Food trucks are a big hit during Nights in June.

Photo by Bob Wickland

***Live music includes Our House on the Lifeway Foods Stage at Briggs & Stratton Zoo Terrace. Athas performs on the AAA Wisconsin stage at Flamingo Patio, and Ali & Doug Duo will be on the Guthrie & Frey Water Conditioning Stage at Lakeview.**

Vicki, of Watertown, and son Andrew, 5, select a sapling to plant at home.

Photo by Olga Kornienko

LEARN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Party for the Planet

Sponsored by American Transmission Co.

May 19 and 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The choices we make and the actions we take impact the world. Party for the Planet includes eco-friendly activities to learn how we can all contribute to creating a healthier environment for all living things. The two-day event offers everyone a chance to enjoy nature and learn more about natural resources. Learn about the effect that plastic waste has on our ocean and the animals who live there. Take the "Better Bag Challenge" and pledge to reduce your disposable plastic bag consumption by using recyclable bags. The first 200 people to take the pledge each day will receive a free reusable canvas tote bag with the Zoo logo. Children, alongside horticulturist Melinda Myers, can help plant native species in the butterfly garden to attract pollinators. Of course, don't forget the animals. Learn about endangered animals, like the rhino, and find out how we can all help protect them in the wild.

OBITUARY: PRESIDENT EMERITUS GILBERT BOESE



"I started my own zoo when I was about 7, in our Chicago basement. I would have these animal shows and charge kids pennies to see them. I had snakes swim through snail tanks. I had fish. I raised crows and hawks. I had an opossum, but my mother made me take it back to the woods." From this early love for animals described in a 2005 interview, **Dr. Gilbert K. Boese** went on to have a major influence on the Milwaukee County Zoo for more than a quarter century. A charismatic and passionate scientist known for getting projects done, Boese was hired as Milwaukee's zoo director in 1979, when he was deputy director of the Chicago Zoological Park. Ten years later, he became president and CEO of the nonprofit Zoological Society of Milwaukee. He died March 22 at age 80.

Dr. Boese was proud of the successful public-private partnership that he and Milwaukee County Zoo Director Chuck Wikenhauser fostered. The Zoological Society runs education programs for the Zoo, supports Zoo conservation research, and recruits sponsors for events and attractions. "Gil Boese and I worked together from 1990 through 2008 on projects that renovated numerous animal exhibits and brought the Zoo into a modern era," said Wikenhauser. "Working on two capital campaigns that raised more than \$56 million was exciting and rewarding for both of us." Dr. Boese recruited donors from prestigious Milwaukee families, such as the Uihleins, Pecks, Stearns, Kuehns, Krauses, Fifiels, Holzs, Mahlers, McKeithans, Wong, Borchert-Larson and many more whose names appear on Zoo buildings and exhibits. He and his wife, Lillian, also started Zoo Ball, the Society's largest fundraiser.

Dr. Boese's vision saw beyond buildings to animals and habitats that needed protection. "A zoo is a place to sensitize the public about the living creatures of the world, but it has to extend the conservation of those creatures beyond that," he said. So he created or supported conservation projects to save animals in the wild,

helped develop 13 Zoological Society education programs to teach children to value nature, and used the Zoo to protect endangered species such as bonobos and jaguars.

Dr. Boese understood that getting the message across – education – was intrinsic to conservation. "Gil has been an inspiration with his love and passion for conservation education. He worked endlessly making the Zoo world-class, and he succeeded," said Karen Peck Katz, who, like her late father, Bernard Peck, chaired the Zoological Society board and considered Boese a friend. "He will be immensely missed by all who knew him."

A global conservationist with a Ph.D in ecology from Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Boese was a leader of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International in Rwanda, a director of the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy in Kenya, and president of the Foundation for Wildlife Conservation, which ran a nature preserve in Belize. He studied baboons in Africa, explored Maya caves in Belize, co-authored two books on migratory birds, designed animal exhibits and led 47 safaris worldwide. In 1986, he brought bonobos, then a little-known great ape, to Milwaukee. Later he created the Zoological Society's Bonobo & Congo Biodiversity Initiative (BCBI) to help protect bonobos in their native habitat in Africa's Democratic Republic of Congo. Dr. Boese recruited Dr. Gay Reinartz to head BCBI and do field research on bonobos, and she continues to lead the initiative today. His legacy will live on through BCBI and the many other projects he championed as well as at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Donations in Dr. Gilbert Boese's memory can be made to the Zoological Society of Milwaukee.

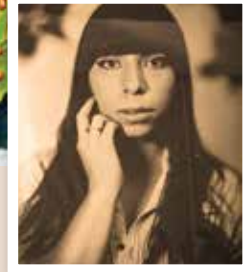
- Paula Brookmire

For a longer version of this obituary, see zoosociety.org/Boese



<< Drawing:
 Artist Sonja Oldenburg created this drawing of Milwaukee County Zoo animals with colored pencils and mineral spirits.

Oldenburg:
 This tintype photo of artist Sonja Oldenburg, created by Margaret Muza, hangs in the Giving Gallery with photos of all of the contributing artists.



GIVING GALLERY BRINGS THE ZOO DOWNTOWN

Frequent visitors to the Milwaukee County Zoo will recognize the animals in a drawing hanging in the new Northwestern Mutual Tower and Commons in downtown Milwaukee. There are the big eyes of Francisco the jaguar and the serene expression of Naku the gorilla. Lions Themba and Sanura bask in the sunshine, while Brittany the elephant tosses dirt on her back with her trunk. "I wanted to create a vibrant, energetic piece that showcased the beauty, variety and personality of the different animals at the Milwaukee County Zoo," artist Sonja Oldenburg says. It's safe to say she achieved her goal.

Oldenburg created the piece as part of Giving Gallery: Community in Process. The gallery, which is open to the public, celebrates the Northwestern Mutual Foundation's 25th anniversary with artworks representing 25 of its top nonprofit partners, says Lynn Heimbruch, assistant director of strategic philanthropy at Northwestern Mutual. Those partners include Schools That Can Milwaukee, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Sojourner Family Peace Center and the Milwaukee County Zoo/ Zoological Society of Milwaukee.

The Northwestern Mutual Foundation has committed more than \$2 million to the Zoological Society. It helped fund the renovations of the Northwestern Mutual Family Farm and the outdoor gorilla yard. "The Zoo and Zoological Society keep an essential community asset relevant, engaging and fresh," Heimbruch says. "Having a hometown that is

attractive culturally makes it a great place for our employees to live, work and raise their families."

The project's creative director, Logan Bazar, chose artists with Wisconsin ties who work in a variety of media, from sculpture to painting to photography. Oldenburg is from Oshkosh and has been visiting the Zoo her whole life. She started her research with a guided tour of the Zoo with Director Chuck Wikenhauser to take photos and learn about the significance of certain animals. "I then chose the best photos, sketched a composition and worked on the drawing over a period of two months," she says. "I went through quite a few colored pencils!" She used mineral spirits to blend the colored pencil work, giving the piece a watercolor-like quality, and then went over some of those areas again with more pencil to create the fine details.

"The artist really captured the beauty and variety of our animal collection," Wikenhauser says. "I know it is going to be a favorite of gallery visitors." Jodi Gibson, Zoological Society president and CEO, says the piece and the entire gallery reflect well on Northwestern Mutual's values. "We are thrilled with our piece and honored to be among the 25 organizations featured in the exhibit," she says. "By highlighting 25 of the charitable organizations and cultural institutions it supports through the art exhibit, Northwestern Mutual reminds all of us what it truly means to be a community and serve each other and our common good."

If you go:

The Northwestern Mutual Giving Gallery is open to the public at no cost from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at the Northwestern Mutual Tower and Commons, 805 E. Mason St., Milwaukee. The gallery will remain open until February 2019.

WHY JOIN THE PLATYPUS CIRCLE?

The Platypus Circle is the premier membership program in the Zoological Society's network of support. It consists of individuals, families, corporations and foundations who share the Society's passion to conserve wildlife and endangered species, educate people about the importance of wildlife and the environment, and support the Milwaukee County Zoo. We asked these Platypus Circle members why they joined and why you should too.



"We want to show our son the importance of being a part of something bigger for generations ahead of us. Our membership not only helps endangered animals, but goes towards ensuring they will be here for Jack's children and their children as well."
– Jamie and Nick Mallinger pictured with their son Jack.

"Joining filled us with great satisfaction and the feeling of doing something good and important. We know our contributions are going toward learning about animals and how to preserve the presence of every living creature in our changing world." – Douglas and Barbara Braun.
Pictured: Barbara Braun, (top right) with her children and grandchildren during the VIP premiere of *Body Worlds: Animal Inside Out*, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets.



"Kapco regularly looks for opportunities that enhance the lives of our employees and their families. Dozens of our team members have thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Milwaukee County Zoo as part of our membership in the Platypus Circle. This is a small but meaningful way we can thank our staff for their dedication to Kapco's mission."
– Neil Willenson, vice president of community relations for Kapco

We welcome new members to the Platypus Circle who joined Dec. 1 through March 30.

Karen Amundson
Katie Bannister
Libby Barrow
Kurt & Lori Bechtold
Daniel Bucklan
Mary Jo Crawford
Christine Culver
Karl Freund

James Gleason & Lisa Groskopf
Carla Goetsch-Arnold
Maria Gonzalez Knavel
Mary Kay & Jonathan Gundlach
LaVonne Horgan
Mead Public Library
Mukwonago Community Library
Roundy's Supermarkets

Linda Saubers
David Schrupp
Schunk Carbon Technology LLC
SP Plus Corporation
Brooke Stangel
Kelley Thounlasenh



Platypus Circle members enjoy many benefits, including transferable membership cards, behind-the-scenes tours and invitations to VIP events. Memberships start at \$500 for individuals and \$1,000 for companies. For more information, contact Dani Seavert at 414-918-6153 or danis@zoosociety.org.

CURIOUS RAYMA

It's a good thing first impressions aren't as important for animals because Rayma, a Bornean orangutan, didn't make a great one. This May marks the two-year anniversary of Rayma's arrival at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Zookeeper Kara DeLanty traveled to the Topeka Zoo to meet Rayma and bring her here. The Topeka zookeepers told DeLanty that Rayma can be leery, shy and nervous with new people. Rayma showed that to be true when she filled her mouth with water and spit it right on DeLanty's clothes. While that wasn't the best first impression, Rayma and DeLanty have a great relationship now.

DeLanty has learned that Rayma loves water – not to spit at people, but to play with. If a zookeeper is using the hose there are times when Rayma will run her face right into the stream of water. "She loves getting hosed with water or will stomp her feet in puddles," says DeLanty. Her playful and curious behavior doesn't end there. Recently, she handed the zookeepers a few nuts and bolts through the mesh. She removed them from a piece of propping in her exhibit. DeLanty describes propping as the furniture in the exhibit such as climbing logs, platforms or swings. Because Rayma is active and uses a lot of the propping she notices quickly when something isn't right. "If she finds something is loose she will fixate on that until she gets it undone," says DeLanty. If Rayma does take something apart she takes it upon herself to hand it over to the keepers.

Not too long after that, a piece of flooring in the orangutan exhibit was coming up and had to be fixed. During the repairs, Rayma and her companion Tommy were kept in a different area. When the job was done and they were allowed back in, Tommy seemed to avoid the newly fixed floor. Rayma, on the other hand, laid down on top of it and ran her hands across the fixed area as if she was investigating what happened while she was gone.

Rayma is often seen using a hollow, black rubber hose. She will stick it through the holes of the mesh when zookeepers are on the other side. DeLanty says she may be trying to knock something over or invoke a game of tug-o-war with a keeper. "She can make a game out of anything. It's something new all the time, every day a new game." Rayma also likes to use the black hose to go fishing. "It's a hollow tube and she knows I'll put food in it. If I have lettuce I'll put it in and she'll pull the tube back in, eat the lettuce and stick the hose back through the mesh for more."

Part of her active and curious behavior can be linked to her age. Rayma turned 13 years old in April and is still considered young for an orangutan. "From my experience with adult orangutans, like humans, as they age they play less, inspect less and they aren't as into things," says DeLanty. Rayma's male orangutan friend, Tommy, is 36 years old and doesn't like to play as much, especially with zookeepers. However, Rayma does bring that playful side out of him, and they make a fun pair to watch.

Orangutans have access to an outdoor exhibit.

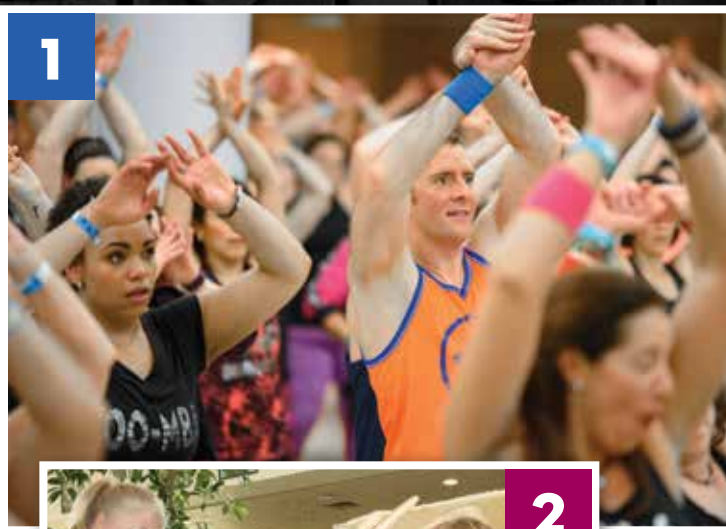


Rayma loves to play with sheets and blankets, often putting them on her head.



Rayma, 13, brings the playful side out of Tommy, 36.

BY THE NUMBERS



1. Zumba®

A sold-out crowd came to dance, exercise and sweat for the Zoological Society's annual Zumba® Fitness Party at the Zoo. This popular fundraiser brought in 340 guests and raised \$7,064 for the Sponsor an Animal program.

Photo by Bob Wickland



2. Behind the Scenes Weekend

More than 8,000 people were able to see what is usually unseen by guests. Behind the Scenes Weekend, presented by Prairie Farms Dairy, took people into kitchens where zookeepers make meals for the animals, the winter home for some of the hoofstock and to the off-exhibit salt baths for the seals.

Photo by Stacy Kaat



YOUR ONLINE ACCOUNT IS CHANGING

The Zoological Society is upgrading its computer system to better serve you in the future. Here is what you should know.

When is this happening? The middle of May.

Who does this impact? Anyone who buys a Zoo Pass or animal sponsorship, donates to the Society or signs up for Zoo Classes/Camps online.

How does this impact me? You will notice you can't log in to your account. To start, your login will be the email address associated with your account. You will then need to set a new password.

How do I create a new password? Look for the "forgot password" page on our website. Type in your email and click forgot password. Instructions will be emailed to you.

Why is this happening? Our goal is to make your future online purchases easier and have cleaner data in our system. You will be able to renew your Zoo Pass and animal sponsorships faster. This is in addition to managing your account, tracking tax-deductible contributions, and tracking your attraction and ride coupons.

While our staff becomes more familiar with the system, transactions may take us a little longer. Please be patient with our staff as we become more familiar with the database.

We hope the upgrades will make any transactions with us easier for you. With any changes, we are bound to see a few hiccups. Please let us know if you notice anything unusual with your information.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at 414-258-2333.

UDDERLY ADORABLE

MOOOVE OVER, HERE COMES DARCY THE BLACK AND WHITE HOLSTEIN.

There is no *udder* cow like this one. If you are *a-Moosed* by cows like we are, then don't miss out on our limited-time offer to sponsor Darcy. June is National Dairy Month and a perfect time to be a sponsor. Darcy was born right here at the Milwaukee County Zoo four years ago. She is milked at the Zoo twice a day. Her milk, along with the milk from the other cows at the Zoo, is sold to Cedar Grove Cheese and is processed at Clock Shadow Creamery. Darcy is generally a mellow animal, but zookeepers say she can get in trouble sometimes by messing with the hose or supply cabinet. You can see Darcy daily in the Northwestern Mutual Family Farm, or see her every day when you take home a plush toy. With this \$30 sponsorship, you get the plush toy, a certificate of sponsorship, a coupon for one free single scoop cone or cup of ice cream at the Dairy Store or Coffee Shop, name recognition on our "All in the Family" donor board for a year and an invitation to Animal Safari – our behind-the-scenes event for sponsors in August sponsored by Lifeway Foods. The price includes shipping and handling.

Visit zoosociety.org/SponsorAnimal/Limited.php for more information and to purchase a sponsorship.



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Darcy



FUN FOR FATHERS

Father's Day

presented by *Prairie Farms Dairy*

June 17

Make Dad feel like king of the jungle this Father's Day when he gets free admission into the Zoo. Show him we're not kidding around when it comes to fun when you feed the goats. Then, take Dad for a walk around the Zoo to see the male animals that have this father thing down pat. Bahatika the reticulated giraffe welcomed his third child last September. Whether you are a new dad or pro like our animals, don't miss out on a free day at the Zoo. No coupon necessary. Parking fees still apply.

◀◀ *Brad C., of Elm Grove, and son Charlie feed a goat during Father's Day at the Zoo.*

Photo by Olga Kornienko

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**NIGHTS
IN JUNE**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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May 13

Mother's Day at the Zoo,
sponsored by Roots Salon*

May 18

Endangered Species Day*

May 19-20

Party for the Planet, sponsored by
American Transmission Co.*

May 26-Sept. 3

Special summer exhibit, Dinosaurs!
A Jurassic Journey, sponsored by
Sendik's Food Markets

May 26-Sept. 3

Kohl's Wild Theater summer season
at the Zoo offers free shows daily

June 1

Education Summer Camps,
sponsored by Penzeys Spices, begin

June 4

Online registration for Snooze at the Zoo,
sponsored by Post Consumer Brands &
Sentry Foods, begins for members

June 5-7

Nights in June for Zoo Pass members*



June 17

Father's Day at the Zoo, presented by
Prairie Farms Dairy*

June 23

Zoo Ball, presented by BMO Harris
Bank (pre-register)

June 27; July 5, 11, 18, 25;

Aug. 1

Sunset Zoofari, sponsored by
Tri City National Bank*

July 10, 12 & 13

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

July 30

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

Aug. 2

Online registration for Fall Zoo
Classes, sponsored by Meijer, begins

Aug. 8-11

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

Aug. 16-19

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel a la Carte, presented by Meijer*

* 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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Milwaukee Zoo Pass App



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highest rating of four stars.



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for our transparency with
GuideStar's Gold Seal.