

Wild THINGS



Lisa Dawes, of Milwaukee, and her children pick out dessert from Jen's Sweet Treats. Photo by Stacy Kaat

SIGNS OF SUMMERTIME

Nights in June

Sponsored by Milwaukee Montessori School
Event for Zoo Pass Members
June 4-6, 5-8:45 p.m.

LONGER DAYS. DINING OUTDOORS. WARMER WEATHER.

These are just a few signs of summertime. To embrace and celebrate the upcoming summer season, the Zoological Society is hosting an evening event just for Zoo Pass members. Nights in June is an evening filled with music, food, crafts and other activities. Participating food trucks and tents will donate 15% of their proceeds to the Zoological Society's Sponsor an Animal program. When you round up at the Zoo's gift shop and food concessions during Nights in June, proceeds will also go to the Sponsor an Animal program. So feel free to get that extra plate of food, dessert or souvenir to help a good cause.

In addition to checking out the animals at night, you can see entertainment on three stages throughout the Zoo. Kids can help be part of the act with "Kip's Fun Show" near the flamingos. Then, kids and some flexible

adults can take on the Speleo Cave challenge! This maze has kids twisting, turning and crawling through five levels. To really get in the summer mode, the North Shore Bank Safari Train and the Penzeys Spices Carousel will be running at regular prices (weather permitting) until about 8 p.m.

Families will have the opportunity to see the new summer exhibit, Brick Dinos, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets, free of charge. This special exhibit combines a love of dinosaurs with a love of LEGO® bricks.

See page 10 for details.

Special thanks to stage sponsors: AAA, Lifeway Foods and Weather Tight Corporation.



▲ *Grant, 4, of Elm Grove, at a coloring station.*

Photo by Stacy Kaat

◀◀ *Kids take on the Speleo Cave challenge, only available during Nights in June.*

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GROWING KNOWLEDGE

Party for the Planet

Sponsored by American Transmission Co.

May 18 and 19, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Be a part of this circle of life during Party for the Planet. The Zoo needs your help planting pollinator flowers in the butterfly garden inside the farm. Gardening expert Melinda Myers will be there to show kids and their parents the best way to plant a garden and what plants make the best pollinators. Guests can also take home a sapling or seeds to plant in their backyard along with a planting guide. Make sure to take home all your goodies in a reusable bag. The first 200 people to take the pledge to reduce their disposable bag consumption get a free reusable canvas tote bag.

What would a trip to the Zoo be without the animals? Stop by the rhinos to learn about their care and how we all need to act to help save their friends in the wild. You can also make a rhino mask and take a behind-the-scenes tour of the rhino stall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (suggested donation \$2).

Follow animal tracks around the Zoo's forest to discover and identify the animals living in the woods.

See you at the party!

Photo by Paul Ruffolo



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 24: weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; weekends, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. May 25-Sept. 2: weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; weekends, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Zoo hours: Through May 24: daily, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. May 25-Sept. 2: daily, 9 a.m.-5 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. The Zoo's west parking lot will be available on weekends from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

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.

Recycle: When your publications arrive in the plastic bag, please recycle it at your local grocery store or at Guest Services when you visit the Zoo.

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ENRICHING ACTIVITIES

Swimming, playing and foraging for food are just a few enrichment activities you can witness in the new elephant exhibit. Zookeepers use enrichment items to encourage exercise, problem-solving and natural behaviors in animals. When **the new elephant exhibit opens on May 4**, you can see enrichment items like a feeding wall. The wall contains holes for Ruth and Brittany to reach into with their trunks to find food on the other side. Their new 8-foot-deep watering hole is also an enrichment opportunity, allowing them to bathe, swim and play.

Just as zookeepers enrich the lives of the animals, the Zoo and Zoological Society offer enrichment for humans. Around the elephant exhibit, you will see new educational adaptation stations. These stations are meant to educate and engage visitors while they observe the animals. One station will show how an elephant's trunk can aid in its survival, while another will explain the way an elephant's ear does more than help it hear. Then, be on the lookout for Zoo Pride volunteers showing visitors elephant biofacts like teeth or hides. Those items will be displayed and stored in a handmade, moveable cart created by a local Girl Scout.

Heather



Heather Dalton is 18 years old and working to earn her Gold Award – the highest award for a Girl Scout. Teaming up with the Zoo and Zoological Society came down to perfect timing. “I wrote a paper in high school about why many animals in Africa are becoming endangered. I was shocked to find out that poaching was one of the main causes for Africa’s decreasing animal populations,” says Dalton. When she learned there was a new elephant exhibit opening, Dalton contacted the Society’s volunteer program to ask how she could help educate the public while earning her Gold Award. “We were just discussing our need for a cart when Heather called,” explains Lynn Wilding, volunteer program manager. “We weren’t just looking for something for her to do; we needed this cart. It was meant to be.”

Dalton enjoys woodworking and is using that talent to build the cart. She met with members of the Zoo and Zoological Society to learn more about the purpose of the cart and how it should match the look and feel of Adventure Africa. To earn a Gold Award a Girl Scout has to spend at least 80 hours on her project. Dalton expects to exceed that requirement and is excited to see her project at work. “I am proudest of the fact that my project will help educate Zoo visitors on the problem of poaching and encourage them to help protect wildlife in Africa.”

Heather’s twin sister Heidi is also working on a project through the Zoological Society to earn her Gold Award. Her skills are related to media production, and she will be making a video with the Education Department.

Heidi



Pictures provided by family.

OUTSIDE THE BOX

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Fezzik loves to spend time in a box at the bottom of his exhibit, especially when he sleeps during the day.

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Rhonda Crenshaw, small mammals supervisor, helps Fezzik paint as an enrichment activity.

Photos by Joel Miller

Lisa Neyens, her husband and her two young daughters are peering into the window of the sloth exhibit at the Milwaukee County Zoo, hoping to catch a glimpse of the elusive animal. “We always come in (the Small Mammals Building) and see if he’s out.” She spotted him hanging on a branch for the first time recently, but no such luck today. Fezzik, the 4-year-old Hoffman’s two-toed sloth, is fast asleep in his box, only a pile of wiry brown hair visible from the box’s opening.

Zoo Pride volunteer Steve Mageski explains that your best chance to see Fezzik out of his box is feeding time, around 2:30 p.m. “That’s the only time I’ve ever seen him.” Mageski volunteers in the Small Mammals Building about once a week and finds himself talking about the sloth often. Just about everyone who enters takes a peek to see if Fezzik is out. “It’s such an unusual animal,” he says of Fezzik’s popularity. “I think it’s that he moves so slowly. And a lot of people, especially the kids, think he has a cute face.”

Sloths are best known for moving extremely slowly, although they can swipe their claws quickly when threatened, says Rhonda Crenshaw, Zoo small mammals supervisor. In the wild, they eat leaves that are hard to digest, which slows their metabolism. “They need all their energy to digest their food. That’s why they don’t move around a lot.” Plus, two-toed sloths are nocturnal, so Fezzik prefers to sleep while the Zoo is open. He moves around quite a bit at night, checking things out in his exhibit.

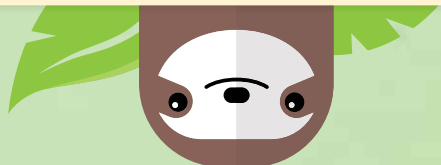
People think sloths are always laid back, but Fezzik is a “spitfire,” she says. “He’s very sassy. He has a really fun personality.” When he arrived in 2016, he was aggressive with keepers because he was not used to people, having previously lived in a large rainforest-themed exhibit. In an effort to bond with Fezzik, Crenshaw started painting with him. He slowly moves a paintbrush across a canvas on an easel, completing about one painting a month. “He loves to paint. Well, he loves the treats that come with it.”

She doesn’t paint with him every day, but when she does, it’s around 2:30 or 3 p.m. If you visit at that time, you might get lucky and catch Fezzik out of his box.



COOL FACTS ABOUT SLOTHS

- 🌿 Sloths are related to anteaters and armadillos.
- 🌿 They’re talented swimmers, moving three times faster in the water than on land. Sometimes sloths purposely drop from trees into water when they want to change locations.
- 🌿 Because sloths spend almost all their time hanging upside down, their organs are attached to their ribs so the organs don’t crush their lungs.
- 🌿 Some species can swivel their heads up to 270 degrees around like an owl.





BRIDGING THE CONNECTION

A trumpeting sound from an African elephant can mean it is excited or lost. Asian elephants use a chirping noise when they are alarmed. These giant animals communicate different emotions through sounds. This summer, kids are encouraged to learn the language and join the elephant orchestra inside the Zoo. Leading these musicians are members of Kohl's Wild Theater. It's part of the new roving performance to engage with guests throughout the Zoo.

Kohl's Wild Theater will also have activities and sketches near the new elephant exhibit and the home of the otters. "What's really cool about these performances is they all connect back to the mainstage shows in the farm," explains Zach Woods, manager of artistic direction for Kohl's Wild Theater. "If guests catch us around the Zoo and learn about the elephant sounds, they can then go see the main show and actually apply those noises during the musical."

Kohl's Wild Theater is also connecting the dots between the at-exhibit performances at Otter Passage and the second stage show called "Dr. McGee Learns About the Sea." Kids will learn about ocean acidification and how it impacts sea otters. Playing off that lesson, actors will teach guests at the exhibit more details about otters including how they use their sense of smell to tell the difference between friends and family. "Some activities support and expand upon the lessons kids may have already learned from watching the mainstage show, while others provide completely new learning opportunities," says Woods.

No matter what the message is, it's all about educating people in an engaging and interactive manner.

The Zoological Society continues to grow and look for ways to bridge the connection between the Education Department and Kohl's Wild Theater. Education employee Samantha Martinson has been added to the Kohl's Wild Theater roster to help improve how the educational messages are communicated.

"At-exhibit performances can have a group of children from ages 3 to 14. We're asking ourselves how the actors can connect with guests, no matter the age." The solution is a performance that can be changed on the fly, amped up for older kids or simplified for younger kids. "I'm looking at how we can engage our audience members and make sure it's appropriate for all ages with clear language."

During the summer Martinson will observe and assess the success of the program. "From the perspective of an educator, are we making an impact and what is that impact?" Martinson and Woods will continue to team up to bridge the connection between theater and education, making strong connections between animals at the Zoo, their relatives in the wild, and the conservation action necessary to protect both.



Gage Patterson engages a group of kids during an at-exhibit session.

Photos by Paul Ruffolo



**STAGE
PERFORMANCE
TIMES**

May 25-Sept. 2

10:15 a.m.

1:45 p.m.

12 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

At-exhibit shows are between stage performances.



Mother's Day at the Zoo

Sponsored by Noodles World Kitchen
Sunday, May 12, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Moms get free admission (no coupon necessary). Parking fee still applies.
Zoo Pass members get free Zoo admission with photo ID.

Take mom, turn it upside down and you have wow. That doesn't seem like a coincidence since moms continue to wow us with all they do. To show your thanks, consider treating Mom to a day at the Zoo. All mothers get free Zoo admission – parking and concession fees apply. Make the day all about her and take her to the new elephant exhibit that will debut to the public the week before. Then, check out the motherly love between giraffe mom Marlee and her youngster Maya.

Inside the primate building you will see a different type of mom event. Missing Orangutan Mothers or M.O.M. is about raising awareness of the obstacles facing the ape. "They are still struggling with a variety of different threats in Indonesia and Malaysia," says orangutan zookeeper Kara DeLanty. During a graduate course trip to Sabah, a region in Borneo, DeLanty saw orangutan habitats first hand. "They're facing hunting, deforestation from both illegal lumber and also the palm oil industry, and there's the pet trade. So there's a handful of threats they're facing."

DeLanty's trip to Borneo helped reinforce the type of messaging that is happening at the

Milwaukee County Zoo and other zoos. Not too long ago the message encouraged people to boycott palm oil. Now, it's more about promoting sustainable palm oil. "The reason behind that is palm oil is a very sustainable crop when you compare it to the other types of vegetable oils," explains DeLanty. "If people start to boycott

palm oil, then companies are going to switch to less sustainable oils that will destroy even more land than palm oil does. It's a really fine balance."

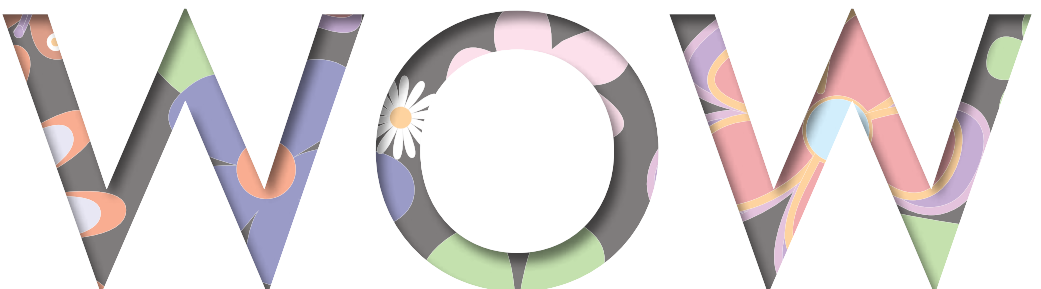
One of the Zoo's messages about sustainable palm oil includes looking for products certified by the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil. Those

companies have to follow certain criteria to become certified. Those rules include not harming orangutans or wildlife that enter the plantation and being efficient by using all loose palm fruits that fall to the ground and quickly replacing plants that die.

Palm oil awareness is just part of the M.O.M. event. There are also items for sale with proceeds going to the Orangutan Outreach Organization, which directly supports orangutan conservation efforts in Borneo and Sumatra.



Mother's day also offers a special M.O.M. event involving orangutans. Photo by Richard Taylor



DAY FOR DADS



Jae Smith, of West Allis, shows his daughter an otter swimming.
Photo by Bob Wickland

Father's Day at the Zoo

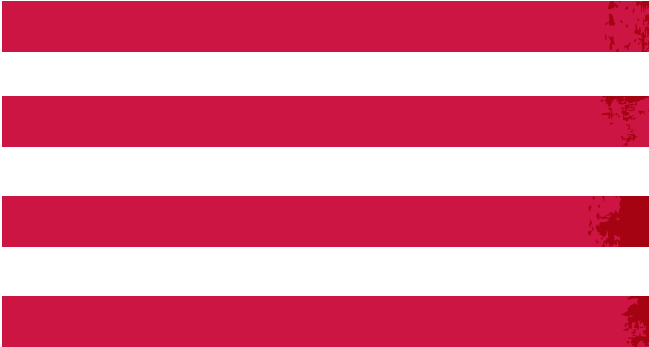
Presented by Prairie Farms Dairy
Sunday, June 16, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Dads get free admission (no coupon necessary). Parking fee still applies. Zoo Pass members get free Zoo admission with photo ID.

Lions are considered great dads. They may sit back while the females go out to hunt, but they protect the pride and will fight to save their family. Golden lion tamarins are also top-notch fathers. They tenderly carry their babies on their backs 24/7, only handing them off to Mom when it's nursing time. Whether your dad is a ferocious protector or a gentle provider, show him a great Father's Day at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Dads get in free of charge – parking and concession fees still apply. Once you're inside, visit Themba the African lion in the big cats building. Then, take a walk to the Small Mammals Building to see male golden lion tamarin, Basil.



Photo by Olga Kornienko



WE SALUTE YOU

Military & Veterans Family Day

Sponsored by Thrivent Member Network of South Wisconsin
Sunday, June 30, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Zoo can't guarantee an animal will actually salute you, but it can offer military service members and veterans free admission. Tickets include admission and parking for military, veterans and their immediate family – limited to 10 tickets per family. Tickets must be picked up ahead of time at your local County Veterans Service Office (CVSO). Contact your local CVSO for details.

Before, or after, you check out the animals there is a Veterans Benefits Expo inside the U.S. Bank Gathering Place. Experts through the Milwaukee County Department of Veterans Service Office are there to help answer questions about applying for and receiving military benefits.

THE ART OF LEARNING

There's an added bonus inside some of the Zoo Classes and Camps: New, hand-painted murals are going up in the rooms. The incredibly detailed and realistic art pieces help transport kids into the world of the animals they are studying. "When we teach kids about the African savanna or the animals that live there, we want them to really feel immersed in the savanna habitat," says Ana Suson, Zoological Society education coordinator. "Aside from looking beautiful, the murals are scientifically accurate and designed to help reinforce learning objectives from our classes."

Behind these impressive murals is Zoo Pride volunteer Don Ellingsen. He has completed more than 15 murals for the Education Department. Each one takes about 30 hours to paint.

The story starts before the paint hits the canvas. Ellingsen has traveled extensively around the world and enjoys photography as a hobby. He uses his pictures from the wild to paint the murals. "For the hippo mural, I used photos taken in Uganda and Zambia," says Ellingsen. Basing the murals on actual experiences and pictures helps kids see real behaviors such as animals living in groups.



"Art is a really powerful tool for learning," says Suson. "The murals draw the child and adult over, and it's great to hear the participants pointing out the special characteristics they just learned about in class." In the hippo class, kids will learn that hippos are mammals and have hair on their ears and on their tails. They first hear it from the educator. Then, they make a costume complete with a hairy tail. The details on the mural offer a third way to reinforce this piece of information.

Ellingsen has a degree in art education and worked in advertising as a creative director for many years. As a volunteer through the Zoological Society, he loves to see the children excited about learning and hopes to inspire them to travel and see wildlife for themselves. There are more than 50 murals used by educators to create engaging learning environments. They have been used for years and Ellingsen is currently working to fill in any gaps, update and replace many of the murals.



Registration for Summer Camps, sponsored by Penzeys Spices, is open. Go to zoosociety.org/education to book your camp today.

If you would like to share your talents and time through Zoo Pride, check out zoosociety.org/Volunteer/ZooPride.php to learn more and apply.

“BEAR” NECESSITIES

Snooze at the Zoo

*Sponsored by Post Consumer Brands
and Sentry Foods*

Aug. 7, 8, 9 and 10

When you go camping at the Zoo, think like a bear and only bring the bare necessities. Snooze at the Zoo is a perfect getaway for the casual to the die-hard camper. Bring your tent, sleeping bags and a change of clothes – we will handle the rest. We supply dinner; the magic combination of marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker otherwise known as a s'more; then breakfast the next morning. You won't be bored with the activities we have planned for you. We supply the fun including chalk, giant bubbles, games and face painting. Then, relax as we show a family-friendly movie at dusk.

Zoo Pass members get priority registration starting May 13 at 8 a.m. Members also receive a discounted fee: \$50 for adults and \$35 for children 3-12. Registration will open for non-members on May 14. For more information on special family rates and discounts, go to zoosociety.org/Snooze.

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Save money! Send in a Sentry Foods receipt showing the purchase of any two Post cereals and take \$10 off the family rate or \$3 off one individual rate.

SPONSOR THE ELEPHANTS

Our arms and hands do a lot for us on a daily basis. We can pick things up with our fingers, feed ourselves and wash our face with a washcloth in our hand. It takes fewer than 30 muscles in our arm, wrist and fingers to accomplish these daily tasks. An elephant uses its trunk to do almost the same things. Its trunk alone has 100,000 muscles and can pick up items as small as a quarter, bring food up to its mouth and suck up water to spray on its back.

Starting May 4, when the new elephant exhibit opens, guests will once again be able to see the impressive trunks on Ruth and Brittany. To celebrate the elephants being in their new home, the Zoological Society is offering a limited-time opportunity to sponsor Ruth and Brittany.

For \$37, your sponsorship includes:

- An 8-inch plush-toy elephant
- A certificate of sponsorship
- A colorful fact sheet about African elephants
- Recognition on our "All in the Family" donor board for one year
- A Sponsor an Animal decal

You can buy an extra plush with your sponsorship for \$8. Upgrade your sponsorship to the \$75 level and receive a picture of Ruth and Brittany and two Zoo attraction tickets.

Price includes shipping and handling. Call 414-258-2333 or visit zoosociety.org to place an order. Tax-deductible portion is \$28 for the \$37 sponsorship and \$61 for the \$75 package.



LITTLE GIANTS

Dinosaurs are some of the largest animals to have ever lived on this planet. This summer, they are coming to the Zoo in miniature form. **Brick Dinos**, sponsored by **Sendik's Food Markets**, showcases dinosaurs from air, sea and land with the use of LEGO® bricks. The artist works closely with a paleontologist to make sure each display is historically accurate. This exhibit comes from Edinburgh, U.K., and has been traveling the world since 2017.

Guests can tour through the mini-dioramas and come face to face with a 13-foot-long masiokasaurus. Kids will be able to build their own LEGO dino to add to the Jurassic landscapes.

Brick Dinos will be open daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., from May 25 to Sept. 2.

Admission is \$3 per person, after regular Zoo admission. Zoo Pass attraction coupons can be redeemed for admission.





THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME



There is a common saying: "If you love something set it free. If it comes back it's yours. If not, it wasn't meant to be." Whether you believe that or not, we love that spider monkey HueHue has come back to Milwaukee after spending the last eight years in Louisiana. He lived at the Milwaukee County Zoo from 2000 to 2010. He and two other spider monkeys from Milwaukee went south to the Audubon Zoo. He came back because that zoo wanted to start breeding spider monkeys, and since HueHue was vasectomized they needed to find him a new home. The Species Survival Plan® (SSP) coordinator thought HueHue would have an advantage coming back to Milwaukee because he was familiar with the surroundings. It was also good timing since female spider monkey Myrtle has been alone for about two years and really needs a companion.



Photos by Mark Scheuber

It's hard to know if HueHue recognized his old home. "We gave him the run of a few areas by himself so he could get re-familiarized with the doors and what the room looks like," says keeper Mark Scheuber. Once HueHue saw the lay of the land it was time to meet Myrtle. They were able to see each other between windows and vocalized back and forth. When it came time to go into the same holding area Scheuber says it couldn't have gone better. "Even if the spider monkeys are showing nonthreatening gestures and vocalizations, there is the possibility a serious injury could happen due to their sharp canines. But thankfully within 10 minutes they were hugging and within 30 minutes they were grooming."

The Zoo now has two groups of spider monkeys that will rotate time in the exhibit. Chimal and MoMo are the second group you may see. The last time HueHue was here, there were problems between him and Chimal. The two are too close in age and were trying to exert dominance over each other. It was a dangerous situation so they were separated. HueHue will be easily recognizable next to Myrtle. She appears very grey, and he has red and orange fur on most of his head and back. Be sure to give him a nice welcome home the next time you visit the Zoo.

CONSERVATION EFFORTS AT YOUR DOOR



Conservation efforts are a key part to the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's mission.

Did you know the bags we use for our mailings are recyclable? This bag, similar to plastic grocery bags, can be recycled in special bins located in many local stores. You can also bring the bag to Guest Services inside the Zoo and we will recycle it for you.

Look for the specially marked bag headed to your mailbox at the end of June.



BY THE NUMBERS

1. Family Free Day

Once a month from October through March, the Zoo offers a Family Free Day, sponsored by North Shore Bank with media partner WITI FOX 6. In those six free days, **42,695 guests** came to the Zoo.

Photo by Peter Zuzga



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2. Behind the Scenes Weekend

Nearly **5,000 guests** came to the Zoo March 9 and 10 to check out what happens behind the scenes. The tours are included with admission. The two-day event presented by Prairie Farms Dairy allows people into the areas usually closed off to the public such as the train shop and the elk barn.

Photo by Bob Wickland

TEMBO! TEMBO! TEMBO!

Zoo Ball

Presented by North Shore Bank and Northwestern Mutual Foundation

June 22

It's such an exciting time at the Zoo, we're saying it three times. Tembo means elephant in Swahili. With the new elephant exhibit opening in May, this year's Zoo Ball is all about the African giants. The black-tie gala is the Zoological Society's largest fundraiser of the year and it takes months of planning.

This year, Zoo Ball has three couples co-chairing. Bringing in an elephant theme has everyone excited. "The new elephant space is amazing and reminds us of how lucky we are to have a world-class Zoo and the community support to maintain it at this level," say co-chairs Rich and Jean Tennesen. The event will be spread throughout the Zoo so guests can check out auction items near the elephants

and then go inside the Peck Welcome Center for a gourmet dinner followed by the after party. "We really want to promote the fantastic new living space for the elephants, show it off to guests who have not seen it and hopefully raise enough money to complete the campaign," say co-chairs Jay and Lisa McKenna.

Along with the Zoological Society's Creative Department, the chairs have come up with a pop art look for Zoo Ball. From the invitations to the art around the Zoo, people will notice the bright fresh look. As co-chairs Mike and Nancy Carter explain, there is plenty more where that came from. "We are 'doubling down' on making Zoo Ball a fun event, and I think guests will really see and appreciate that."

Individual tickets start at \$300. To register, go to zoosociety.org/ZooBall or call Special Events at 414-258-2333.

Thanks to contributing sponsors: U.S. Bank, Brewers Community Foundation, MGIC, Kriete Group and MillerCoors.



WHY JOIN THE PLATYPUS CIRCLE?

There is no right or wrong reason for wanting to join the Platypus Circle. It's a premier membership program through the Zoological Society. Individuals, families, corporations and foundations are all welcome to become a Platy. With a membership, you get many benefits including transferable membership cards for entry to the Zoo, behind-the-scenes tours and invitations to VIP events.

We talked to Sabrina Bryant and Arlene Hansen about why they love the Platypus Circle.



Arlene can be found at almost every Platypus Circle event. Pictured at last summer's VIP dinosaur exhibit premiere, Arlene stands between her niece Eileen and Eileen's husband, Jeffrey. The three spend a lot of time together, and that time usually includes the Zoo. "One of my favorite (perks) is the behind-the-scenes tours. At my level, I get three each year and I use them. The dinners are lovely too, and the openings. It's just such a lovely place, and the people are so nice."

Sabrina's love for animals has always been part of her, and she avidly supports the Society's mission. "For me, I love what the Society does for preserving species as well as teaching people about the importance of animals and their place in the world. It takes a lot of money to run a world-class facility. I really respect what the Society is doing and they need sources of income." Sabrina, pictured right, is with her parents Andrea and Tony Bryant during a VIP event. While Sabrina has her own Platypus Circle membership, Tony and Andrea, owners of Century Fence, have had a corporate membership since the '90s.



We want to thank the following people and businesses that decided to support the Zoological Society by joining the Platypus Circle. These members joined between April 1, 2018, and March 1, 2019.

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Membership starts at \$500 for individuals and \$1,000 for companies. If you would like to join the Platypus Circle, contact Dani Seavert at 414-918-6153 or danis@zoosociety.org.

ARE YOU HIP TO HIPPOS?

Looks can be deceiving when you see a hippo. Did you know, despite their size, they can outrun most humans with short bursts of speed of about 19 miles per hour? Test your hippo knowledge below.

How much time do hippos spend in water each day?

- a) 6 hours
- b) 10 hours
- c) 14 hours
- d) 16 hours

The deadliest land animal is the ...

- a) Tiger
- b) Jaguar
- c) Wolf
- d) Hippo

A group of hippos is called a ..

- a) Herd
- b) Posse
- c) Gaggle
- d) Pod

If you donate to the Annual Appeal today ...

- a) MillerCoors will double your donation (offer ends July 31)
- b) You will help create a new hippo exhibit three times larger
- c) Your name will be put on an electronic screen in Adventure Africa (donations over \$100)
- d) All of the above

If you answered 'd' for each question, you are right! To help Milwaukee become the eighth zoo in the U.S. with an underwater hippo exhibit, donate today. Your support will also help with a new filtration system that will save up to 20 million gallons of water a year.

You can donate by calling 414-258-2333 or going to zoosociety.org/hippos.

The Milwaukee County Zoo is creating a new hippo exhibit with an underwater viewing area. When complete, Milwaukee will be the ____ zoo in the U.S. to have an underwater view of hippos.

- a) 25th
- b) 1st
- c) last
- d) 8th

The new exhibit comes with a state-of-the-art filtration system that will save how many gallons of water a year?

- a) 1,000
- b) 20,000
- c) 1,000,000
- d) 20,000,000



LOOKING AHEAD

The summer is jam-packed with activities. Mark your calendar for these upcoming events.



Live music and outdoor movies

June 26 and July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

Sunset Zoofari, sponsored by Tri City National Bank, is a weekly Wednesday summer concert series and movie event inside the Zoo. The after-hours fun runs from 6-9 p.m. Zoo Pass members get free admission with their cards and non-members get a reduced rate. A list of bands and movies will be released soon. 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.

Photo by Paul Ruffolo

Kids Nights

July 9, 11 and 12

This three-night event featuring food trucks, pop-up restaurants and entertainment is sponsored by WaterStone Bank. Kids Nights is an after-hours event just for Zoo Pass members. Visit any WaterStone Bank branch between June 1 and July 3, 2019, show your Zoo Pass card and get one ticket for a free ride on the Penzeys Spices Carousel during Kids Nights.

Photo by Bob Wickland



Golf

July 29

Birdies & Eagles Golf Tournament, sponsored by GRAEF, a Zoological Society fundraiser that includes lunch, 18 holes of golf, course events and refreshments followed by cocktails and dinner.

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

Photo by Peter Zuzga



Goat Feedings

Sponsored by Thrivent Member Network of South Wisconsin

Feeding the goats is a thrill for most kids. The animals are not shy when they know you have food. Goat feedings are weather pending from May to September. Food pellets are 50 cents a handful. New this year, Thrivent Financial members wearing a Live Generously T-shirt will receive one free feeding. Go to the Zoo Administration office inside the U.S. Bank Gathering Place and show your shirt for a **free goat feeding voucher**.

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Mother's Day,
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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May 4

New elephant home ribbon cutting*

May 10

Zootastic, sponsored by
Grow Hope @ SaintA (pre-register)

May 12

Mother's Day at the Zoo, sponsored by
Noodles World Kitchen*

May 13

Zoo Pass member online registration
for Snooze at the Zoo, sponsored by
Post Consumer Brands and Sentry
Foods, starts at 8 a.m.

May 14

Snooze at the Zoo online registration
for non-members starts at 8 a.m.

May 18 & 19

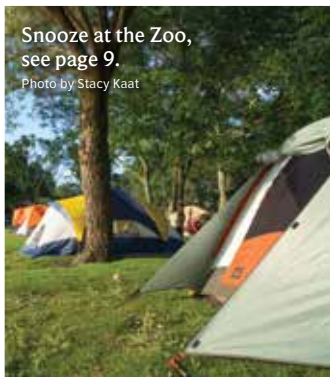
Party for the Planet, sponsored by
American Transmission Co.*

May 25-Sept. 2

Special summer exhibit, Brick Dinosaurs,
sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets

May 25-Sept. 2

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



Snooze at the Zoo,
see page 9.

Photo by Stacy Kaat

June 1

Zoo Summer Camps, sponsored by
Penzeys Spices, begin

June 4-6

Nights in June, sponsored by
Milwaukee Montessori School,
for Zoo Pass members*

June 16

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

June 22

Zoo Ball, presented by North Shore
Bank and Northwestern Mutual
Foundation (pre-register)

June 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Sunset Zoofari, sponsored by
Tri City National Bank*

June 30

Military/Veterans Family Day, spon-
sored by Thrivent Member Network of
South Wisconsin*

July 9, 11 & 12

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

July 29

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

Aug. 7-10

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

Aug. 15-18

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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