

Wild Things



Liberty the penguin, page 15.



Dream Meals

Breakfast or Lunch With Santa

Sponsored by Racine Danish Kringles

Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19

\$13 per child or adult; \$5 for children 2 and under; parking is \$11
Guests must pre-register. See milwaukeezoo.org starting Nov. 1
or call (414) 256-5466 for registration form.

A day at the Zoo and a visit with Santa? Sounds like a child's holiday dream come true! Take the kids to a festive breakfast or lunch at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Each meal, held in the Zoo's Peck Welcome Center, includes live holiday entertainment, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, a gift for each child and Zoo admission (the \$11 Milwaukee County parking fee is extra). After the meal, stroll the park and see winter animals such as the polar bear, the Amur tigers and rockhopper and gentoo penguins in the Herb & Nada Mahler Family Aviary. Breakfast is served at 9 a.m. on Saturdays only, and lunch is at noon on Saturdays and Sundays. All guests must pre-register. This popular event is often filled by mid-November; so sign up early. **Photo:** Ana Balge, 5, of Pewaukee, was happy to meet Santa at a previous year's event.

WILD HOLIDAYS

From a hippo ornament to a gift sponsorship of Liberty, the Milwaukee County Zoo's new Humboldt penguin chick, the Zoological Society's holiday gift guide has something for all animal lovers. For the kids, there's a membership in our eco-themed Kids Conservation Club. For families, a Zoo Pass gift membership, which gives free admission to the Milwaukee County Zoo 365 days a year, is a great choice. And for that special someone, consider a commemorative bench or animal sign at the Zoo. To purchase, see zoosociety.org, send in the forms in this issue, stop in the Zoological Society office in the Zoo, or call (414) 258-2333 anytime. Here are gift options:

1 A gift sponsorship of Liberty, the Humboldt penguin chick. This cute chick got her name because she hatched on July 4 (see page 15 for story)! Sponsor Liberty as a gift for \$25. The sponsorship includes a plush-toy penguin; fun facts about Humboldt penguins; a certificate of sponsorship; an invitation to a behind-the-scenes event for animal sponsors; and other benefits. If you sponsor Liberty for \$75, you will also receive a photo of the chick and a coupon for two Zoo attraction coupons. See page 10 for order form and shipping details.



2 A holiday ornament of a hippo mom and baby. Animal lovers will cheer "hip, hippo, hurray" for this charming ornament of a hippo mom and baby, designed by Cedarburg artist Andy Schumann. You can also order past ornaments that range from the Zoo's jaguar Pat the Cat to orangutan youngster Mahal. Purchase individual ornaments for \$14 each or the whole collection of 19 ornaments for \$228 and save \$38. See order form on page 10 for a list of the different past ornaments. **Photo:** Hippo ornament.

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A "Green" Wonderland

Deck the halls with...eco-friendly ornaments? This December, nearly 40 evergreen trees decorated with ornaments made of recycled materials will spruce up the Zoo's entrance atrium as part of the Zoological Society's Fantastic Forest, sponsored by Hawks Nursery. Milwaukee-area youth groups are creating the ornaments from recyclable cardboard, old clothes, soda cans and more. The trees, donated by Hawks Nursery, will be displayed at the Milwaukee County Zoo Dec. 3 through early January 2011. **Photo:** Julie Strey Johnson of Mequon and her daughter, Calista, 2, admired a holiday tree in the Fantastic Forest at the Zoo.

Precious Gifts

Please consider putting the non-profit Zoological Society of Milwaukee (ZSM) on your holiday list. You could make a tax-deductible donation or establish an endowment trust or make a stock transfer as an end-of-the-year gift. Trusts can benefit any of the ZSM's projects, from Zoo improvements to conservation work. Call the Development Department at (414) 258-2333 for information. Our office is open daily (except Nov. 25 and Dec. 25), and will be open 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 24 and 31. You can also make gifts online at zoosociety.org.

Members' Holiday Bonus!

Get a discount on gifts in the Zoo's gift shops (at least one of the shops is open every day in the U.S. Bank Gathering Place). Zoological Society members receive a 20% discount on merchandise from Nov. 25, 2010, through Jan. 1, 2011—just present your Zoo Pass card. (Members receive a 10% discount year-round.) This discount does not apply to food purchases, Zoological Society ornaments, Zoo Pass or Sponsor an Animal purchases.



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Zoological Society office hours: Through April: Weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Note: Society offices will close at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17, for staff training. Phone calls will be answered by our answering service. Zoo hours: Nov. 1, 2010, through Feb. 28, 2011: weekdays, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; weekends, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Holiday Hours: The Zoological Society offices will be closed on Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving Day), Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 2011. The office will remain open until noon on Dec. 24 and 31. When the office is closed, phones are answered by the ZSM answering service. Our answering service staff can take care of any transactions or you can renew, buy a Zoo Pass or take care of any animal sponsorships, etc., online at www.zoopass.com, anytime.

Tax-Time tips: All or part of your Society membership is tax-deductible. The tax-deductible portions for the following categories are: Individual (Basic: \$50, Plus: \$48), Individual + 1 or Couple (Basic: \$55, Plus: \$53), Individual + 2, Family and Single Parent Family (Basic: \$65, Plus: \$67), Family + 1 (Basic: \$74, Plus: \$77), Family + 2 (Basic: \$83, Plus: \$86), Family + 3 (Basic: \$102, Plus: \$105), Affiliate (Basic: \$149, Plus: \$142), Advocate (Basic: \$212, Plus: \$205), and Benefactor (Basic: \$270, Plus: \$263).

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. If you've changed your address on your identification, replacement cards may be purchased with the new information for \$5.

Puttin' on the Ritz

Zoological Society fund-raiser

Jan. 20, 2011, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner

Potawatomi Bingo Casino, 1721 W. Canal St.

Cost: \$185 per person (includes 5.6% WI sales tax); \$80 is tax-deductible

You could put a spark in a winter evening at the Zoological Society's Puttin' on the Ritz fund-raiser. As always, this 16th annual black-tie dining and boxing outing includes a five-course gourmet dinner and seven live amateur boxing bouts, plus premium cigars, drinks and a live voice auction. For the first time ever, the event will be held at the Potawatomi Bingo Casino. The boxing is set up by the Al Moreland Boxing Club. Last year's event raised more than \$63,000 for the Zoological Society and its support of the Milwaukee County Zoo. For an invitation, call Laura at (414) 258-2333 or e-mail laurak@zoosociety.org by Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011. **Photo:** Dr. Craig Jordan and Noreen Jordan of Muskego rang the boxing bell at a past event as boxer Marco Briceno looked on.



ANIMAL-THEMED HOLIDAY GIFTS

FROM THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY (Continued from page 1)

3 A Zoo Pass membership is the perfect family gift. Recipients enjoy free admission to the Milwaukee County Zoo 365 days a year, plus free or discounted admission to more than 130 zoos and aquariums nationwide. Family memberships start at \$65, and the Zoo Pass Plus with free parking is \$99. New this year is a Zoo Pass created just for couples (\$55 basic, \$85 Plus). The holiday gift package includes a gift card; four coupons (two coupons each good for one Zoo-attraction ticket, and two coupons each good for one admission to the Zoo's summer 2011 butterfly exhibit); plus a plush-toy animal (new gift memberships only and while supplies last). This holiday offer and prices are valid through Dec. 31, 2010. Please see zoosociety.org, call (414) 258-2333 or see form on page 6 to order.

4 Pint-sized conservationists will enjoy a membership to the Zoological Society's Kids Conservation Club, sponsored in part by the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin. The membership is \$20 per child and includes endangered-animal collector cards, a kids' workshop (see page 5), sponsorship of an endangered animal and a certificate, the child's name on a recognition board at the Zoo, and an invitation to a behind-the-scenes event at the Zoo. Call (414) 258-2333 or see zoosociety.org.

5 Create a memory and put a loved one's name on an animal-information sign on any "continent" at the Milwaukee County Zoo (photo above). These colorful and educational displays include animal facts and pictures. Or you could purchase a commemorative bench that can be placed in any of various locations in the Zoo. (Animal signs are \$1,000; benches are \$2,500.) To give a gift, call (414) 258-2333 or see zoosociety.org.



Photo: Donald and Rosalie Uebelacker donated a Humboldt penguin sign in memory of their son, Steve Uebelacker, a longtime Zoo Pride volunteer. See item No. 5 for details.

The Zoological Society will begin mailing gifts after Thanksgiving, unless otherwise requested. To guarantee holiday delivery via the mail, we need to receive your order by Dec. 17, 2010. Express mail delivery is available after Dec. 17 for a fee; call (414) 258-2333 for details.

Education

Fall Classes Still Open

The following classes still had openings when we went to press. For dates, times, prices and to register, please see our Web site: www.zoosociety.org/Education

- **Age 2 (accompanied by an adult):** Milk a pretend cow and create a cow costume at the November class **Cows**. In **Turtles**, held in December, make a turtle costume and meet a real turtle at the Zoo.
- **Age 3 (accompanied by an adult):** Monkey around at the November class **Apes & Monkeys**. You can forage the “forest floor” for a snack and make your own binoculars. If you prefer birds, create penguin costumes and see the Zoo’s rockhopper and gentoo penguins in **Penguin Power!**, held in December.
- **Ages 4 & 5:** How do caribou and reindeer stay warm in winter? Find out at **Reindeer Adventures**, a December class offered for kids only OR for children accompanied by

an adult. Plus, “migrate” to the Zoo’s reindeer barn to meet these cool animals. Classes include a surprise appearance by Santa (shhh-don’t tell the kids).



Left: Kyle Griswold, 5, of Shorewood, “milks” a wooden cow at the Zoo. **Below:** Kids visit the giraffes during a Zoo tour at a summer camp.



Photo by Julie Cheng

SAMSON STOMP & ROMP REGISTRATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2011

Race Times: 9:30 a.m., 5K; 10:15 a.m., 2 mile; 10:45 a.m., 1 mile; 11 a.m., ¼ mile mini-romp
5K and 2-mile races open to adults and children, 1-mile and ¼-mile for ages 12 and under

Name _____ Sex: M or F _____ Age (on race day) _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone (Day) _____ Phone (Eve) _____

E-mail Address _____ Team Name _____

(Teams limited to 12 people. Corporations can have more than one team.)

Circle one:

Pre-registered entry fees: (All entry fees are non-refundable.)

Distance: 5K 2 mile 1 mile ¼ mile \$17 2 Mile/5K \$120 team/5K

T-shirt size: S M L XL XXL \$16 ¼ Mile/ 1 Mile

Children’s size: S(6-8) M(10-12) L(14-16) \$14 per runner for families of 4 or more*

\$14 per runner for teams

Credit Card: Please charge my: Visa MasterCard

Acct. No. _____

Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____ Last 3 digits in signature area on back of credit card

Signature _____ Print Name _____

as it appears on card

Check ... Make payable to: **the Milwaukee County Zoo**. Mail this order form and payments to:

Samson Stomp, the Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 W. Blue Mound Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226

* Each family member registering must submit a registration form. Send all forms in one envelope.

WAIVER (to be signed by athlete or parent/guardian if under 18)

Signed _____

I hereby release the Milwaukee County Zoo, Milwaukee County, Badgerland Striders, all sponsors, officials and volunteers involved in this race from liability incurred by my participation in the Samson Stomp and Romp. I am aware that athletes who participate in this competition will be subject to formal drug testing in accordance with TAC rules and IAAF Rule 144. Athletes found positive for banned substances, or who refuse to be tested, will be disqualified from this event and will lose eligibility for future competitions. Some prescription and over-the-counter medications contain banned substances. Information regarding drugs and drug testing may be obtained by calling the USOC Hot Line at 800-233-0393.

Spring Class & Summer Camp Registration

- The spring Education Adventures brochure was sent with your September–October issue of *Wild Things*. Online registration for February–May 2011 classes begins on Nov. 10. Please see our Web site to register: zoosociety.org/Education/SpringClasses.php
- The Summer Camps brochure mailed along with your January issue of *Alive* will list all Zoological Society summer camp offerings for 2011. To take advantage of the members-only priority, online registration, please see the registration details in the brochure.

Summer Internship Opportunity

College students and recent college graduates: Want to get experience working with children

ages 2–14 this summer? Consider applying for an internship in the 2011 Zoological Society summer camps at the Zoo. After substantial training, college interns help with educational activities, lead Zoo tours, prepare classroom materials, and help supervise and evaluate high school volunteer assistants. (Interns do not handle animals directly.) Cover letter and resume are due by Feb. 14, 2011. Interviews will be done in March. For details, call Patty at (414) 258-5058, ext. 419, or e-mail pattyt@zoosociety.org

Programs for School Classes

In fall and spring, the Zoological Society distributes a brochure listing the many education programs that are offered either at the Zoo or as outreach to schools. The school brochure is also online: zoosociety.org/Education/SchoolPrograms

Kids Conservation Club Workshop

Saturday, Jan. 29, 10 a.m.–noon

Karen Peck Katz Conservation Education Center at the Zoo Register by Jan. 14. Free benefit for Kids Conservation Club members (with one adult). To register or join the club, call (414) 258-2333 or see zoosociety.org/kidsclub.



If your kids love lions and jump for jaguars, head to a free Jan. 29 workshop on big cats for Kids Conservation Club members. Children can meet a big-cat keeper at the Milwaukee County Zoo, get the scoop on animals in the feline building and discover which cats are endangered in the wild. Plus, create cat-themed crafts and enjoy snacks. Children must be accompanied by an adult (age 18 and over). The Zoological Society's Kids Conservation Club, sponsored in part by the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, introduces children to endangered animals and includes an annual workshop and other activities. **Please note:** This workshop is not offered through our Conservation Education department. To register, see above.

Run, Jog or Walk



Samson Stomp & Romp

Sponsored by Gatorade and Pick 'n Save

January 16; first race starts 9:30 a.m.

Call (414) 256-5412 for details or check

www.milwaukeezoo.org in early December

Registration in Otto Borchert Family Special Exhibits Building

Whether you're a competitive runner or someone who enjoys a Sunday stroll, you can have a great time at the Milwaukee County Zoo's winter run/walk. This 31st annual outing honors Samson the gorilla, one of the Zoo's late, great animal stars, and raises money to support all animals in the park. Choose from four races: a 5 km (3.1-mile) competitive run, a 2-mile fun run/walk, a 1-mile romp and a children's one-quarter-mile mini-romp. Registration fee includes a long-sleeve

T-shirt, Zoo admission and parking. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Zoological Society memberships cannot be used for this Zoo fund-raising event. Preregistration is recommended using the form at left. Fees are \$17 for the longer races, \$16 for the two short romps and \$14 per runner if at least four from the same family register together. Corporate teams for the 5 km race are \$120 per team. Race-day registration is \$19 for all races (except for families registering at least four members; they get the \$14-per-runner rate). Rollerblades, inline skates, bikes or scooters are not allowed for safety reasons. **Photo:** Laurie Miller (left), of Oconomowoc, and Kay Crivello, of Hartland, stretch their legs before the run last year. Photo by Rick Heinlein.

Get 20% off anything in the Milwaukee County Zoo's gift shops during the event with a Pick 'n Save register receipt showing the purchase of any Gatorade product at any gift shop register; offer valid January 16, 2011, only.

BOWLING REGISTRATION FORM

Registration for the Beastly Bowl-a-Thon is \$20 per bowler. There's a limit of five bowlers per lane. Fill in team information below (or, if registering as an individual, fill in your name, address and phone below).

Team Captain* _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone (Day) _____ Phone (Eve) _____

E-mail Address _____

Team Members' Names _____

Sign up _____ bowlers at \$20 each. Total \$ _____

Sign up _____ non-bowling guests at \$5 each. Total \$ _____

Sign up _____ teams at \$135 each Total \$ _____

(5 bowlers per team; includes lane sponsorship).

Sponsor _____ lane(s) at \$40 per lane. Total \$ _____

Check one: 11:30 a.m. shift 2:30 p.m. shift

Bumper lanes are needed: Yes No For whom: _____

Online registration: www.zoosociety.org, select Events

Credit Card Please charge my: Visa MasterCard

Acct. No. _____

Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____ (Last 3 digits in signature area on back of credit card)

Signature _____ Print Name _____

as it appears on card

Check Make payable to: **Zoological Society of Milwaukee**. Mail this order form and payments to:
Bowling, Zoological Society, 10005 W. Blue Mound Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226

*Pledge sheets and door-prize forms for the whole team will be sent to the Team Captain. Fees include 5.6% WI sales tax. Of the \$20 entry fee, \$5 is tax-deductible; of the \$135 team fee, \$60 is tax-deductible; the \$40 lane sponsorship is fully tax-deductible; the non-bowling guest fee is not tax-deductible. To comply with WI Statute Section 440.455, a financial statement of the Zoological Society will be provided upon request.

ZOO PASS ORDER FORM

Recipient

Recipient: Name(s) _____

Please print name(s) as it should appear on the Zoo Pass card. (People listed on card must live at same address. Only one name should be listed for Individual and Single Adult categories. Members must accompany any guests included on their membership.) Zoo Pass Card is not transferable.

Number of Member's Children/Grandchildren age 17 and under _____
 (applies to Family and higher categories)

Home Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone (Day) _____ Phone (Eve) _____

E-mail Address _____

Donor

Donor: Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone (Day) _____ Phone (Eve) _____

E-mail Address _____

Send gift package to: Recipient Donor **Send renewal notice to:** Recipient Donor

Send package to arrive by this date: _____

Gift-card Message _____

ZOO PASS Category (Choose one from right): _____ **Total amount \$** _____

Credit Card Please charge my: Visa MasterCard

Acct. No. _____

Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____ (Last 3 digits in signature area on back of credit card)

Signature _____ Print Name _____

as it appears on credit card

Check Make payable to: **Zoological Society of Milwaukee**. Mail this order form and payments to:
Zoo Pass Gift, Zoological Society, 10005 W. Blue Mound Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226

'ZOOPEER' Bowling

Beastly Bowl-a-Thon

Feb. 26, 2011

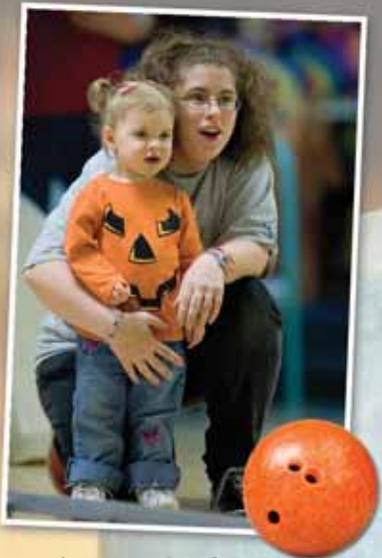
AMF Bowlero, 11737 W. Burleigh St., Wauwatosa

Registration: 10 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

Bowling: 11:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

\$5 entry fee per non-bowler, \$20 entry fee per bowler;

\$135 team fee; Register at www.zoosociety.org, with the form at left or call (414) 258-2333



Our bowling is all about skills, spares, “Zoooper prizes” and support for Zoo animals. This family-friendly bowling fund-raiser benefits the Zoological Society’s Sponsor an Animal program, which helps all animals at the Zoo. The event features bowling, snacks, and pledge prizes such as tech toys and family packages. The \$20 (\$5 is tax-deductible) entry fee for bowlers includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, snacks such as pizza samples donated by Palermo’s® Pizza, entry into a door-prize drawing and a keepsake. The \$5 entry fee for non-bowling guests includes snacks (not tax-deductible). This year again, we’re offering the ZOOrific Team package for \$135 (includes entry for five bowlers plus a lane sponsorship). You can also sponsor a lane for \$40—a great way to promote your business or support the animals. To reserve a lane (maximum of five bowlers per lane), sponsor a lane or donate a prize, please call Becky at (414) 258-2333 by Feb. 11, 2011. **Photo:** Kalin Jeske, 2, of Milwaukee, and her mom, Monica, watched a bowling ball roll down the lane at a previous event.

Participants qualify to win Zoooper Grand prizes with a minimum of \$100 or more in pledges. The Zoooper Dooper prize will be awarded to the individual who raises the most in pledges. Lanes are handicapped-accessible, and bumper bowling is available for children.

ZOO PASS HOLIDAY PACKAGE

Looking for a great gift for a family to enjoy together? Give a year of FREE Zoo admission with a Zoological Society Zoo Pass holiday package. You even can add parking with the Zoo Pass Plus. A new membership category this year is the Zoo Pass for couples (two adults in the same household). Members receive benefits such as invitations to members-only events, discounts on education classes, Zoological Society publications and free or discounted admission to more than 130 zoos and aquariums nationwide.

The Zoo Pass Holiday Package includes: Gift card, information on membership benefits, plus **FOUR coupons** (two good for Zoo attraction coupons and two good for the Zoo’s summer 2011 butterfly exhibit), **AND a plush-toy animal** (for NEW gifts only and while supplies last).

ZOO PASS Category (choose one)	Basic Zoo Pass	Zoo Pass Plus (includes parking#)
Individual	\$50*	\$80
Couple	\$55*	\$85
Individual +1 Guest	\$55*	\$85
Individual +2 Guests	\$65*	\$99
Family.....	\$65*	\$99
Single-Adult Family.....	\$65*	\$99
Family +1 Guest.....	\$80	\$115
Family +2 Guests	\$95	\$130
Family +3 Guests	\$120	\$155
Affiliate	\$200	\$225
Advocate	\$300	\$325
Benefactor.....	\$400	\$425
Patron		\$500**

*Fully tax-deductible. Please contact our office for the tax-deductible portion of any other level of membership.

**Contact ZSM’s Development Department for more information on patron benefits, (414) 258-2333.

#All Zoo Pass Plus categories include parking for one vehicle per membership per day.

To comply with Wisconsin Statute Section 440.455, a financial statement of the Zoological Society will be provided upon request.

OFFER AND PRICES VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010

To give a Zoo Pass gift package, go online at www.zoopass.com or just fill out the form at left and send it to arrive by **Dec. 17, 2010**, to guarantee holiday delivery. Or you can call our office anytime at (414) 258-2333. Express mail is available for an extra fee after Dec. 17.

Saving Animals, Saving Art



The Zoological Society conserves animals, habitats and... history? It's true—especially when it's a slice of Milwaukee zoo history such as a painting by Ernest Untermann, onetime director of the city's former Washington Park Zoo. Ten years ago, this oil-on-canvas African savanna scene (see above) was found hanging above a meat saw in the Milwaukee County Zoo's commissary (warehouse where food for the animals is stored). The painting, created in 1938, is "a rare relic of the Washington Park Zoo" says Mary Kazmierczak, Zoo librarian and archivist for the Zoological Society. (The Zoo moved to its current Blue Mound Road location in the late 1950s.)

It's also a great introduction to Untermann, a trained artist and a real Renaissance man. Born in Germany in 1864, he worked, at one point or another, as a seaman, geologist, journalist, fossil hunter, translator, political scientist, writer and painter. During his tenure as zoo director from 1935 to 1939, he hosted a zoology conference, studied animal anatomy and drew animal sketches for the zoo's newsletters. Today, his painting is stored in our Zoo's climate-controlled library while the Zoological Society is raising \$3,000 to restore it. Years of wear-and-tear resulted in holes, a dirty surface and other defects. If you would like to contribute, please call the Development Department at (414) 258-2333. Eventually, the piece will be framed and displayed in the library with other animal-themed art. Photo by Paula Brookmire.

Did You Know?



The Zoo's library is located in the marketing building on the Northwestern Mutual Family Farm and is open by appointment—call (414) 771-3040, ext. 226, or e-mail maryk@zoosociety.org.

A Very Good Centennial Year

It's been a year filled with history, memories and even a birthday party! The Zoological Society of Milwaukee (ZSM) kicked off its centennial last January with a birthday bash and a cake-decorating contest. See the party photos—plus vintage photos and stories about our 100 years of success in conservation, education and Zoo support—at zoosociety.org/100years. You can still create a centennial memory by sponsoring Happy the Hippo, our 2010 "mascot" who arrived in Milwaukee from Washington, D.C., in fall 2009 (see page 14 for story). The sponsorship package costs \$100 and includes a plush-toy hippo and photo of Happy.



On the Web:

Explore art at the Zoo, including sculptures, paintings, topiaries and a poetry exhibit: zoosociety.org/zooart

Renaissance man: For more on Untermann, including his work as a dinosaur fossil hunter, see the link on facebook.com/ZooPass.

Wild for Wines & Beers



Wines and Beers of the World

March 24, 2011, 7 to 10 p.m.

Tickets: \$40 for Zoological Society members and guests (registering at same time as member) through March 11; \$50 for non-members. After March 11, phone registration for \$50 only, members & non-members. Pre-register at www.zoosociety.org or call (414) 258-2333.

It'll be another wine-beer-and-gourmet-food extravaganza at this Zoological Society of Milwaukee (ZSM)

fund-raiser. This year's event will again feature dozens of wines and beers for sampling. The evening also includes samples of delicious snacks such as cheese, pizza, dips, desserts and other treats. Look for a list of vendors in the February-March *Wild Things*. Proceeds from the event will benefit all the animals at the Zoo. You must be at least 21 years old to attend. Your fee, less \$25, is tax-deductible and includes a complimentary, etched wine glass (5.6% WI sales tax included). You must preregister; fees are not refundable. **Photo:** Donna Johnson of Menomonee Falls gets a wine sample from Michael Morris of Downer Wines & Spirits.

Volunteering at the Zoo

World Travelers

They've seen gorillas in Africa, walked among the seals in Antarctica and spotted tigers in India. They're Zoo Pride volunteers whose travels are about one thing: wildlife. Whether they're tracking bears in Alaska or eyeing lions in South Africa, seeing animals in the wild helps volunteers to explain animal behavior at the Zoo.

For example, when Zoo Prider Kim Houk saw gorillas in Rwanda, Africa, last summer, there were no barriers between her tour group and the animals. The humans were quiet and kept their distance, she says, and the great apes ignored the sightseers. As a member of Zoo Pride's primate committee, Houk tells zoogoers that gorillas are not aggressive unless they feel threatened. She saw this firsthand on a hike into gorilla territory. A female gorilla with her infant charged the group for getting too close, stopping within 5 feet. It's important to be respectful of the animals and their habitats, whether in the wild or in zoos, Houk adds.

Another benefit to travel is the chance to meet animal experts, says volunteer Terese Dick. On her safari to Kenya in August 2010, a naturalist in the Masai Mara (Kenya's biggest national park) taught her fun ways to identify the many species of antelope. Plus, she learned that male impalas

have S-shaped horns while female impalas sport black marks that look like the letter "M" on their backsides. As chair of the summer guides committee, whose members talk with zoogoers in front of animal exhibits, Dick can share these facts with other volunteers and Zoo guests.

Volunteers also make friends with fellow animal lovers on such trips. Zoo Priders Lois Siebrecht and Jessie Franz have traveled everywhere from Iceland to Egypt together. Dr. Kay Elsen, a veteran of 14 African safaris, says that making friends with Kenyans was the highlight of her trips. Her group also saw animals, sang songs and learned a bit of Swahili, a language spoken in East Africa. In fact, they called themselves "kundi bora," which means "the best group." **Photos:** Terese Dick looks at elephant bones in the Masai Mara. The elephant died of natural causes. Kim Houk provided a photo that shows her bottle-feeding an elephant at a sanctuary in Kenya.

You don't have to be a frequent traveler to join Zoo Pride, the Zoological Society's volunteer auxiliary. Learn all about animals and the Zoo at the next basic, two-session volunteer training on Jan. 12 AND 15. This training allows you to join six of Zoo Pride's numerous committees. A more extensive four-day training, held April 6, 9, 13 and 16, lets you do more in Zoo Pride. Call (414) 258-5667 for details and to sign up.

by Julia Kolker

On the Web:

Take a virtual trip to Alaska, Antarctica, Rwanda and other far-off places with a slide show of Zoo Priders' travel photos, zoosociety.org/zoopridetravels.

Tell Us About It:

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Love Story

Miss Piggy is a diva, a beauty queen and a frequent traveler who's happily married with children. Okay, she's not the real Miss Piggy from TV's "The Muppet Show," but rather a plush-toy pig owned by Zoo Pride volunteer Kaye Lynne Carpenter. For years, Carpenter would bring the toy to an annual conference for zoo and aquarium docents. Christened "Miss Piggy," the plush pig quickly became a conversation starter at the events and even acquired a handmade Zoo Pride uniform. One year, Miss Piggy "met" a plush-toy frog brought by a fellow volunteer. Soon Miss Piggy and Mr. Frog were posing for wedding photos staged by Carpenter and Zoo Pride friends. These days, the couple is living happily ever after with a brood of plush-toy piglets, all spray-painted green. Although they no longer travel—just try carting a handful of plush toys around all day, says Carpenter—their owner still makes the annual conference trip. In September 2010, the conference was held in Chicago and included a field trip to the Milwaukee County Zoo. For more on the Association of Zoo and Aquarium Docents, see azadocents.org.

Log on!

- Check out Kaye Lynn Carpenter's photos of Miss Piggy and Mr. Frog, facebook.com/ZooPass

Sponsor a Penguin Order Form (see cover story)

I'd like to sponsor Liberty the Humboldt penguin chick. I'd like to sponsor Liberty as a gift.

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(to Appear on Recognition Board and Certificate. No punctuation. Please print)

Memorial Designation _____ Date to appear on certificate _____

Gift Recipient*
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I would like _____ package(s) at \$25* each. **Add \$5 per package for shipping & handling:** _____

I would like _____ additional plush-toy(s) \$5 each. I would like _____ additional decals for \$1.00 each.

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Send gift package to: Recipient Donor **Send renewal notice to:** Recipient Donor

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Please send me _____ hippo ornament(s) at \$14 each.* **Total: \$** _____

Please send me the following ornaments at \$14 each* (check how many of each you want):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Zebras _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Giraffes _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Otter _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Wolf & Pup _____ |
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Five Nights of Camping

For the first time ever, campers could choose from five nights to pitch tents at the Milwaukee County Zoo. It was all part of the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's (ZSM's) Snooze at the Zoo, sponsored by **Old Orchard Brands** and **Sentry Foods**, on Aug. 10-14. The event drew more than 1,589 people altogether for group campfires, s'mores and other camping fun, raising \$63,122 to benefit the ZSM. Guests enjoyed a picnic dinner and breakfast thanks to donations from **Campfire Marshmallows**, **East Shore Specialty Foods**, **GG Golden Guernsey Dairy®**, **PepsiAmericas®** and **Quaker Cereals & Snacks**. **Wristband Resources** provided wristbands for the event, and **Laacke & Joys** provided free help setting up tents. **Photo:** Missy Miller (left) and Gabriella Schneider, both 14 and from Sheboygan, relax by their tent on the shore of Lake Evinrude at the event.



Dino Summer

What was it like when dinosaurs roamed the Earth? Zoogoers could get a peek at the prehistoric past as part of the Milwaukee County Zoo's special summer exhibit, **Adventure Dinosaur!**, sponsored by **Lowe's**. The exhibit, which ran May 30 through Sept. 6, featured life-size, robotic dinosaur replicas and attracted more than 246,270 people. The larger-than-life *T. rex* with its nest of offspring was a hit, as were new-to-the-Zoo dinos such as the *Edmontosaurus*. **Photo:** Stacy Jones, Lowe's district manager, touches the sharp teeth of a life-size dinosaur replica at the exhibit's premiere. Photo by Rick Heinlein.



Senior Soiree

With a live swing band, polka ensemble and plenty of dancing, the Milwaukee County Zoo was in full swing during its annual Senior Celebration on Sept 3. Sponsored by **Wheaton Franciscan Senior Health**, the event attracted 4,413 visitors and offered people 55 and older a free day to roam the Zoo. In addition to musical entertainment sponsored by **Humana MarketPOINT**, seniors could enjoy complimentary ice cream courtesy of **San Camillo** and partake in free aerobic classes. Other highlights included bingo, health and wellness booths, and a Wisconsin Senior Olympics challenge. The media sponsor was **50 Plus**. **Photo:** Shirley Theis, of Hartford, launches a horseshoe at the Senior Olympics, run by Wisconsin Senior Olympics representative Randy Kohl.



Great Day for Golf

It was another sold-out summer day on the golf course at the Zoological Society's **MillerCoors Birdies & Eagles Golf Tournament**. The July 26 event, held at the Ozaukee Country Club, brought out 144 guests and raised more than \$107,240 for the Zoological Society. **American Airlines** was a major event supporter and **PepsiAmericas®** provided water and soft drinks on the course. The hole-in-one contests were sponsored by **Acura of Brookfield**, **Lexus of Brookfield**, **Russ Darrow Group** and **Uptown Lincoln Mercury**. **Photo:** Todd Clauer of Mukwonago takes a swing at the event.



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Musical Zoo Evenings

Dance to live music or see the animals? Visitors could do both at the Milwaukee County Zoo's six Sunset Zoofari concerts this summer. The events, sponsored by **Tri City National Bank**, brought 14,118 people to the Zoo. The evenings featured a different band each week, plus after-hours animal sightings. **Photo:** Singing enthusiastically, Destiny Hennes, 1, of Hubertus, enjoys music with Dad Michael at the event. Photo by Katie Derksen.

Want Some Music With That?

Imagine a meal of deep-fried ravioli, battered green-bean fries, rolled grape leaves, and a hot fudge Alaskan éclair to top it off. At the **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel** a la Carte festival, you could sample these and many more exotic dishes all in one meal. This year's celebration, held Aug. 19-22 at the Milwaukee County Zoo, drew 69,093 taste testers for an unforgettable weekend of food and more food. With over 30 restaurants and vendors on site, a la Carte also boasted live music on six stages to enhance the flavor of the event. **Photo:** Lynda Lee Schlitz sings a tune while Matt Schroeder strums the guitar Aug. 19.



Behind-the-Scenes Safari

Zoogoers ventured deep into the unknown Aug. 28 at the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's Animal Safari, sponsored by **Welch's and Pick 'n Save**. The annual event granted animal sponsors the chance to explore behind the scenes of several exhibits and learn how the Milwaukee County Zoo cares for its creatures. The event also featured animal talks for all visitors, displaying animal food, bones, hair, and toys for them to touch and examine. Kids could compete in a special "Green" Art Contest, crafting projects with nothing but recycled materials, for the opportunity to win an animal sponsorship (see photos at [Facebook.com/ZooPass](https://www.facebook.com/ZooPass)). This year's event tallied 68 new animal sponsorships and raised more than \$7,090 for the Zoo's animals. **Photo:** Aubrey Caves, 2, of Greenfield, peers at a container of food for the Zoo's prairie dogs at the event. Zoo Pride volunteer Sandy Hafemann (right), of Menomonee Falls, also showed Aubrey and her parents, Stephan and Shannon, hay for the elks. Photo by Rick Heinlein.



A Day in the Country

Saturday downpours didn't dampen the farm-fresh atmosphere at the Milwaukee County Zoo's Family Farm Weekend. Between ice-cream churning, a farmer's market and bluegrass tunes, the Zoo flourished with fun for families. This Sept. 11 and 12 event, sponsored by **GG Golden Guernsey Dairy**® and the **Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board**, featured a slice of country life on the Zoo's Northwestern Mutual Family Farm (the last working dairy farm in the city of Milwaukee). More than 11,430 people came out for milking demonstrations, a Pedal Tractor-Pull Contest sponsored by **CNH**, samples of handmade treats and old-time crafts such as basket weaving. **Photo:** Collin Langseth, 5, of Hartland, is "udderly" delighted as he "milks" a wooden cow at the event.





Kids 'n Critters on Parade

Make way for the Critter Caravan! Animal plush toys rode in backpacks, in bike baskets and even on handlebars at the 2.5-mile children's ride held at the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's (ZSM's) Ride on the Wild Side. The Sept. 19 event, sponsored by **The Wisconsin Heart Hospital** and **Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-St. Joseph**, also included 27- and 17-mile routes, all starting and ending at the Zoo. Media sponsors were **FM 106.1**, **AM 920 the Wolf** and the **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**. After their spin around the park, children could enjoy snacks and crafts at the Kids 'n Critters Corral, sponsored by **Reinhart Boerner & Van Dueren, S.C.** This fund-raiser drew 864 riders and raised \$28,252 for the ZSM. Participants enjoyed breakfast and

lunch with items donated by **Alterra Coffee Roasters**; **Cedar Crest Ice Cream**; **East Shore Specialty Foods**; **GG Golden Guernsey Dairy®**; **Jay's Potato Chips**; **Kangaroo Brands, Inc.**; **LÄRABAR**; **Miller Baking Co.**; **PepsiAmericas®**; **Post Cereals**; **Sargento Foods, Inc.**; **Usinger's Famous Sausage**; and **Whole Foods Market**. **R&R Insurance** and **Wristband Resources** also supported the event. **Photo:** Maya Graupe, 4, of Mequon, saddles up with her favorite plush-toy horse at the ride.

Grants Received

Zoological Society of Milwaukee (ZSM) programs and projects have received the following grants:

- **Kohl's Department Stores** is partnering with the ZSM and the Zoo by donating \$1 million over three years to create Kohl's Wild Theater. This program is a live, interactive theater at the Milwaukee County Zoo that uses drama, puppetry, games and songs to bring conservation messages to children and families. The theater will launch in May 2011, and performances are free with Zoo admission to all guests. The theater will also travel to schools and community groups at no charge starting in fall 2011. The donation comes from Kohl's Cares® cause merchandise program, which sells special merchandise, including plush toys and books, and donates 100 percent of the net profit to benefit children's health and education initiatives nationwide. Details on Kohl's Wild Theater and booking information will come in spring 2011; check zoosociety.org. **Photo:** Zoogoers will have the chance to interact with actors and learn fun animal facts.
- More than \$79,000 recently was awarded to the ZSM's bonobo conservation-and-research program in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Called the Bonobo and Congo Biodiversity Initiative (BCBI), this ZSM program locates and studies bonobo populations, preserves bonobo habitat, and helps impoverished communities that depend on the rain forest for their subsistence. (See page 14 for more.) The ZSM received these donations: \$40,000 from **Fred and Sandra Young** of Racine, \$21,000 from the **Jones Family Fund** of Massachusetts, \$1,000 from the **Fort Worth Zoo** (Texas), and \$250 from **Stephanie Perry** of West Allis. As part of the ZSM's collaboration in the **Congo Basin Forest Partnership**, the **World Wildlife Fund** recently awarded more than \$17,485 to BCBI.
- College students get a chance to spend the summer as interns with the ZSM's Conservation Education Department thanks to grantors. Recent grants received for summer 2010 interns were \$22,500 from the **Antonia Foundation** of Glendale and \$10,000 from the **Jerome & Dorothy Holz Family Foundation** of Milwaukee.
- The ZSM's Animal Ambassador programs bring the world of animals and conservation to hundreds of elementary-school students (many attending schools in disadvantaged neighborhoods). The following grants were received for the 2010-2011 year: \$9,059 from the **Theodore W. Batterman Family Foundation**, \$9,000 from the **Jerome & Dorothy Holz Family Foundation** of Milwaukee, \$5,000 from the **Antonia Foundation** and \$5,000 from the **Neiderjohn Family Fund** of New Berlin. **Rockwell Automation** of Milwaukee also gave \$3,500 for the 2010-2011 year and \$3,500 for 2011-2012.
- For ZSM general operations to help in its mission to conserve wildlife, educate people about conservation and support the Milwaukee County Zoo, the **Mae E. Demmer Charitable Trust** gave \$5,000 and the **John C. & Harriett Cleaver Fund** gave \$2,000.





Insider Tips

Playful Buddies

For a pair of orphaned otters, Buddy and Oscar have had an eventful life. In 1997, their mother was hit by a car near Jefferson, Wis. Buddy and Oscar, who were just a few days old, were found crying underneath the floorboards in a nearby machine shed. Fortunately, these North American river otters were sent to a wildlife rehabilitator, where they were hand-raised for the next two years. In 1999, they joined the

Milwaukee County Zoo's Small Mammals Building and quickly charmed the public with their playful antics. (Shortly before they arrived, Zoological Society photographer Richard Brodzeller photographed them for the cover of *Alive* magazine, and both otters crawled up his pant leg, sending the camera flying.) These days, this terrible twosome is still delighting zoogoers with their splashing, playing and swimming. How can you tell them apart? Buddy is more playful and curious while Oscar is more aggressive and shy, says Rhonda Crenshaw, supervisor of the Small Mammals Building. The best time to see them in action is 10 a.m., when the building opens. You may spot them going down a slide, playing with balls, or even chomping on "popsicles" made with frozen fish. **Photo:** Buddy and Oscar

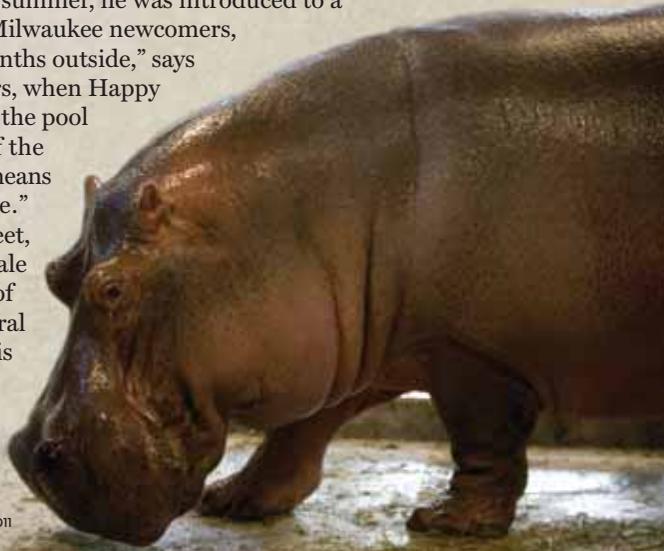
Helping Bonobos & People

To save bonobos in the Congo, working with local people is key, says Dr. Gay E. Reinartz (at right), the Zoological Society's conservation coordinator. Check out an in-depth conversation with Dr. Reinartz about her work in Africa's Democratic Republic of Congo: <http://zsmke.com/BCINT>. Dr. Reinartz heads the ZSM's Bonobo & Congo Biodiversity Initiative, which protects bonobos, trains Congolese nationals in bonobo conservation, supports anti-poaching efforts and improves the lives of people who share their land with these animals.



A Happy Year

He likes nail trims, attention from zookeepers and drinking water from a hose. He's Happy the hippo, and these days, he seems pretty happy to live at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Happy arrived at the Zoo on Sept. 29, 2009, from his lifelong home, the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Milwaukee was a bit of a culture shock for the 29-year-old Nile hippo. After all, he moved into the new, state-of-the-art Dohmen Family Foundation Hippo Home. And he quickly became aware of his two female companions: hippos Patti and Puddles. (Happy and "the girls" are separated but can see, smell and hear each other.) Last summer, he was introduced to a new outdoor yard and pool. Like many Milwaukee newcomers, "Happy seemed to enjoy the summer months outside," says his main keeper, Erin Dowgwillo. Indoors, when Happy hears keepers cleaning, "he comes out of the pool and solicits attention. He comes 95% of the time that he is asked, which is great and means that he's comfortable with the routine." Happy also allows keepers to check his feet, trim his nails, and willingly steps on a scale for monthly weigh-ins (5,176 pounds as of late August.) He is also engaging in natural male hippo behaviors such as marking his territory, says Dowgwillo. Next summer could mark another milestone for Happy: Keepers hope to put him together with "the girls." **Photo:** Happy at the Zoo.





Lady Liberty

With a name like Liberty, the Milwaukee County Zoo's new Humboldt penguin chick is bound to get attention. Hatched July 4, 2010, and named in honor of Independence Day, the chick can be seen in the penguins' outdoor home (first exhibit as you enter the Zoo). Look for a bird with light gray feathers on her belly and dark gray on her back says Carol Kagy, aviary area supervisor. By the time Humboldt chicks venture out of the nest, they are almost as large as their parents. Native to the coasts of Chile and Peru, Humboldt penguins don't get adult feathers and coloration until they're about a year old. Full-grown birds have a black stripe on their chests, plus a black patch from the sides of their eyes down to the beaks. All Humboldt penguins, including the youngsters, have a unique "freckle" pattern on their bellies, which can be used to identify individual birds, adds Kagy. On exhibit, Liberty will be flanked by her parents, Jack and Eva, both of whom wear green bands (hers on the left flipper, his on the right) to show they're a breeding pair. Liberty doesn't have a band yet, but one day she could share a blue one with Mariano, a male Humboldt penguin who's a good genetic match for her. **Photo:** Liberty, the penguin chick.

The Tooth of the Matter

One look at an African lion skull, and the sheer size of its canines can paralyze you in your tracks. Unless you're the Milwaukee County Zoo's dentist, Dr. John Scheels (right). After nearly 30 years of dental procedures on more than 70 species of Zoo animals, Scheels inspired the Zoo's new Spotlight on Dentistry exhibit. This display, designed by Zoological Society artists, is in the Holz Family Foundation Learning Zone of the Animal Health Center, which is next to the flamingo pond. The exhibit features jaws of several animals Scheels has treated, from an Australian koala to an Alaskan Dall sheep. On display are five animal skulls, teeth from a warthog and a rhino, jaws of a Dall sheep, and photos of animal skulls and jaws (including that of the famous Samson the gorilla).

"They really are good illustrations of real cases," says Scheels, who volunteers much of his time and charges the Zoo only for equipment, materials and dental assistants. Take Samson, one of the Zoo's most popular animals, who died in 1981. Scheels removed bone from Samson's skull in 1992 to examine the roots of his teeth, discovering the number, shape, and length of gorillas' roots. This information at the time was not available anywhere else in the world and has helped Scheels and dental consultants at other zoos to plan extractions and root canals on other gorillas.



The exhibit includes specimens from Scheels' collection, the Zoo and the Milwaukee Public Museum, and hints at the complexity of operating on such a variety of animals. Before every operation, Scheels studies the normal dimensions, shapes and alignments of an animal's teeth to know what's abnormal. He will also study animal diets to understand how food affects dentition. Warthogs proved to be a challenge. In the 1990s, Scheels for the first time encountered a warthog with a damaged tusk. X-rays revealed what appeared to be a pathological condition: a migrating third molar. Scheels took the time to contact the University of Pretoria in South Africa, where warthogs run wild, and learned that a migrating third molar is normal for warthogs. He then confidently resolved the case.

Scheels, who makes his living treating human patients at his Wauwatosa clinic, says his most memorable operations have been removing infected teeth and doing root canals on gorillas and polar bears. "Treating those animals just gives you an extra kind of chill." **Photo:** A warthog sign in the Zoo's dentistry exhibit.



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What's Happening

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Nov. 6 & Dec. 4

Family Free Days at the Zoo, sponsored by North Shore Bank and FOX 6, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Nov. 10

Online registration begins for Zoological Society of Milwaukee (ZSM) Feb.-May 2011 classes (see Education)

Nov. 13

FILLED: Members' holiday trip to Chicago's Magnificent Mile, 6:30 a.m. continental breakfast.

Nov. 25 Thanksgiving

Zoo open 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Admission free to Milwaukee County residents with ID. ZSM office closed.*

Dec. 3

Fantastic Forest of child-decorated trees, sponsored by Hawks Nursery, opens in the U.S. Bank Gathering Place.*

Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19

Breakfast or Lunch with Santa, sponsored by Racine Danish Kringles; to get on Zoo mailing list, call (414) 256-5466 or see www.milwaukeezoo.org

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Zoo open 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
ZSM office open 9 a.m.-noon.*

Dec. 25 Christmas

Zoo open 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Admission free to Milwaukee County residents with ID. ZSM office closed.*

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Zoo open 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
ZSM office open 9 a.m.-noon.*

Jan. 1, 2011

Zoo open 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Admission free to Milwaukee County residents with ID. ZSM office closed*.

Jan. 8

Family Free Day at the Zoo, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Jan. 12 & 15

Two-session Zoo Pride introductory volunteer orientation; call (414) 258-5667

Jan. 16

Samson Stomp & Romp for the Zoo, sponsored by Gatorade and Pick 'n Save, 8 a.m. registration.

Jan. 20

Puttin' on the Ritz gourmet dinner and boxing fund-raiser for ZSM.

Jan. 29

Kids Conservation Club workshop, 10 a.m.-noon.

Feb. 2

Groundhog Day; 10:30 a.m. ceremony at the Zoo.*

Feb. 5 & March 5

Family Free Days at the Zoo. Feb. 5, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. March 5, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Feb. 26

Beastly Bowl-a-Thon fund-raiser for the ZSM+

March 12 & 13

Behind the Scenes Weekend at the Zoo*+

March 24

Wines and Beers of the World ZSM fund-raiser, 7-10 p.m., at the Zoo+ (Pre-register.)

* Zoological Society members get free Zoo admission with their Zoo Pass. Those with Zoo Pass Plus also get free parking.
+More information in the Feb.-March issue of *Wild Things*.