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ORNAMENTS & GIFT CARDS

If you're looking for a stocking stuffer, the Zoological Society can help. Each year the Society chooses a new animal to feature as an ornament. This year it's the ostrich. The Zoo brought in two ostriches this summer to be part of the newly constructed Adventure Africa. This ornament, handcrafted by local artist Andy Schumann, is made of pewter and costs \$14 – including shipping and handling. You can also purchase an ornament from years past. Just go to zoosociety.org/Ornament to see all the past animals.



UNDECIDED?

Consider purchasing a gift card through the Zoological Society. A gift card can be used toward a Zoo Pass, a Zoo Class or Camp, an animal sponsorship or Society fundraising events like Snooze at the Zoo. Purchase a gift card in any amount. Go to zoosociety.org/GiftCard.



MEMBERANDA

Zoological Society office hours through April: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekends.

Zoo hours through February: 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. weekdays, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekends.

Society office holiday hours: The Zoological Society offices will be closed on Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving and on Dec. 25. The office will remain open 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Dec. 24 and 31, and Jan. 1. Visit us anytime online at zoopass.com.

Payment information at Zoo admission gates: The Milwaukee County Zoo staff does not accept payments for Zoo Pass purchases or renewals at the Zoo's admission gates. Please contact our office at 414-258-2333 if you would like to visit the Zoo to pick up or purchase a Zoo Pass or Sponsor an Animal gift package.

Tax-deductible portions for the Zoo Pass categories are: Individual (Basic: \$65, Plus: \$76); Individual +1 or Couple (Basic: \$80, Plus: \$90); Individual +2, Family and Single Adult Family (Basic: \$85, Plus: \$105); Family +1 (Basic \$104, Plus: \$114); Family +2 (Basic: \$111, Plus: \$123); Family +3 (Basic: \$127, Plus: \$136); Affiliate (Basic: \$159, Plus: \$162); Benefactor (Basic: \$223, Plus: \$225).

Reciprocal zoos and aquariums: We update our list of zoos and aquariums that offer reduced or free admission to our members with the Association of Zoos & Aquariums each year. We only reciprocate with AZA-accredited

facilities and reserve the right to not reciprocate with zoos and aquariums located within close proximity of the Milwaukee County Zoo. Please be sure to contact our offices prior to your travels at 414-258-2333, or visit zoosociety.org/Membership/Reciprocal.php, if you have any questions.

Moving? Please call us when you change your address or name. The call saves us money because when the post office returns your mail with a forwarding address, we pay twice for mailing: to the old address and the new. If you've changed your address on your identification, replacement cards may be purchased with the new information for \$5.

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A GIFT THAT LASTS ALL YEAR

**DON'T BOTHER LOOKING FOR OTHER GIFT IDEAS
THIS HOLIDAY. A ZOO PASS CHECKS ALL THE BOXES.**

- Free regular Milwaukee County Zoo admission, 365 days a year
- Great value! A Family Zoo Pass pays for itself after two visits
- Attraction coupons that can be used for a ride on the North Shore Bank Safari Train, Penzeys Spices Carousel, Meijer Zoomobile or admission to the Zoo's 2020 special summer exhibit
- Discounted or free admission to 150 zoos and aquariums
- Discounts and priority registration for fundraising events and education classes
- Access to member-only events and field trips
- A plush-toy ostrich – for new gifts only (while supplies last)

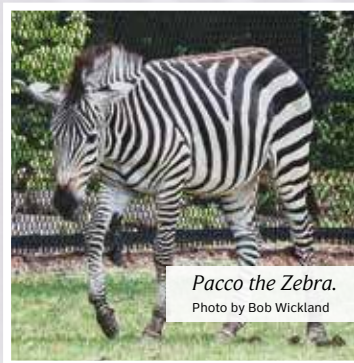
You can buy a Zoo Pass by going to zoosociety.org, calling 414-258-2333 or, if you're already at the Zoo, stopping by our office inside the U.S. Bank Gathering Place.

Zoo Pass gift purchases are tax-deductible.

Guaranteed delivery by Christmas if ordered before Dec. 19.

HYPED ABOUT STRIPES

Two new zebras are stealing the show in Adventure Africa. The two males are half-brothers and share an exhibit with the impala, ostriches and grey-crowned cranes. Pacco and Stuart are just more than a year old and were born in Minnesota. Pacco is currently the larger of the two zebras. Keepers named him after the zebra character from the Tarzan books.



For a limited time, you can sponsor Pacco for \$40 and receive ...

- A plush-toy zebra
- A certificate of sponsorship
- Name recognition on our "All in the Family" donor board for a year
- An invitation to Animal Safari – our behind-the-scenes event in August

Sponsoring an animal makes a great gift and it helps the Zoological Society fulfill its mission in supporting the Zoo.

Call 414-258-2333 or visit zoosociety.org to place an order.



RED, BLACK & CUTE ALL OVER



The newest addition to the red panda family is nothing short of adorable and heartwarming.

Kiki was born June 7 to mother Dr. Erin Curry and father Dash. Most guests haven't had a chance to see her because she needed time to get bigger and stronger before she could go outside. She spent the first couple of months inside a nest box with mom behind the scenes.

Cubs are blind for about the first month of their life. They are also very small. Kiki weighed about 5.5 ounces at birth, which is the weight of a baseball.

This is the second red panda cub ever born at the Milwaukee County Zoo and the second for Dr. Erin and Dash. Because Dr. Erin showed keepers she was a great mom last year with her first cub, big cats area supervisor Katie Kuhn says it was less stressful this time around. "Dr. Erin is a great mom and really makes our job easy," explains Kuhn. The Zoo's red pandas are part of the Species Survival Plan® (SSP) that helps the population in zoos accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums. As part of the breeding program, the couple's first cub, Dr. Lily Parkinson, was transferred to the Nashville Zoo last spring.

This is a perfect time of year to visit the red pandas since they prefer the cooler weather. Compared to her parents, Kiki is smaller in size, but that will change before you know it.



Red panda cubs are born a greyish color and start to develop their adult fur when they are close to 2 months old.

Photo (above) by Katie Kuhn; (below) Joel Miller



NOT SO EASY

It took about 20 years and five different birds, but something finally clicked when two of the Zoo's plush-crested jays produced four chicks. The Zoo tried to breed the species for years, but some factors are out of anyone's control. "Not all birds are compatible, make good parents or have the ability to produce offspring," says zookeeper Bryan Kwiatkowski. The Zoo also needs cooperation from guests to help bird parents. "Most of our bird breeding is done in the public eye, and birds are sensitive to noise. When there is a lot of noise it may deter the parents from tending to their eggs/chicks or even not allow them to hear the calls of a hungry chick," explains Kwiatkowski.

Being a good parent isn't always a guarantee with animals. But in this case the male and female did everything they should. According to Kwiatkowski, being a good bird parent means "brooding the chicks to keep them warm, making sure each chick receives food so they don't compete and keeping the chicks safe when they learn to fly."

This species is part of a breeding program, meaning the four chicks, two males and two females, will most likely be placed in other zoos so they can breed as well. Kwiatkowski is hopeful the parents will produce more offspring next year. Until then, be sure to stop in the bird building to see and hear their unique features. Plush-crested jays have yellow eyes and are known to mimic other bird calls and even human noises.



Photos by Bob Wickland



A FUN TREE-DITION



Fantastic Forest

Sponsored by Hawks Landscape
Dec. 7-Jan.3

Hand-decorated ornaments have never been so wild. Hundreds of local children are creating animal-themed ornaments to decorate more than 60 trees inside the U.S. Bank Gathering Place. Each group is assigned a section of the Zoo to

recreate in ornament form. As you walk through the forest, you never know what you're going to see – handprints that look like elephants, a cupcake wrapper turned into a jellyfish or a water bottle made into a pig.

While the trees are decorated with animals, one tree is decorated for the animals. The zookeeper-hosted Giving Tree is decorated with ornaments listing items the animals need. Anyone can remove an ornament, buy the item and bring it back to the Zoo.



Come and take a look at the unique creations and post pictures on social media using **#FantasticForest**.

SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN

Breakfast & Lunch with Santa

Sponsored by Racine Danish Kringles
Dec. 7-8, 14-15, and 21-22

Guests must pre-register at milwaukeezoo.org.

Cost: Adults: \$22.95, children (3-12): \$17.95, 2 and under: \$5.95; parking not included.

Zoo Pass members get a 20% discount by using promo code SANTA20, plus member ID.



Photo by Stacy Kaat

Santa and Mrs. Claus are inviting you to breakfast or lunch with them this December. Children can sit on Santa's lap for a picture and a quick chat about their Christmas list. Then enjoy a meal along with live entertainment and a small gift for each child.

Breakfast includes Racine Danish Kringles, pancakes, sausage and fruit. Lunch includes pulled BBQ pork sliders, chicken tenders, and macaroni and cheese. After the event, enjoy the rest of the day at the Zoo. You may want to check out the reindeer as they gear up for a busy holiday.

HIPPO HAPPENINGS

As the winter air blows in, the Zoo's two hippos, Happy and Patti, will be visible in their warm indoor home. Through the window you can usually see them in their indoor pool. When the hot summer air returns, the Zoo plans to move the hippos into their new hippo haven. Construction is in full force right now to develop a state-of-the-art exhibit for Happy and Patti. The first phase of construction involved digging down to and through the former elephant building's basement wall to install a filtration system that will help save millions of gallons of water a year. When it is completed you will be able to go face to face with a hippo thanks to a new underwater viewing area. Until then, here is how you will want to avoid the construction.



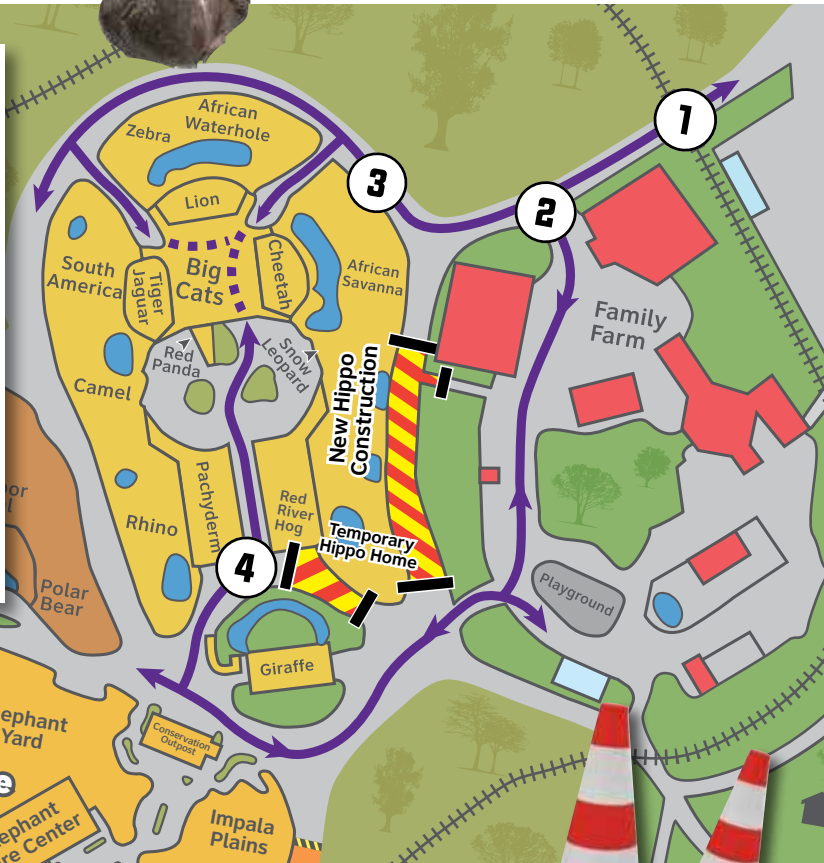
No public access



Alternate route
around hippo
construction



- ① To main entrance
- ② To Family Farm, Giraffes or Adventure Africa
- ③ To Big Cats, African Waterhole or South America
- ④ To Big Cats



If you would like to donate to the Zoological Society's capital campaign, go to hippos.win2wild.com.



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CHECKING FOR CHANGE

When the busy summer season comes to an end, Humboldt penguin zookeeper Heather Neldner is gearing up for a busy day of penguin health checks. Every year the penguins need to get an X-ray to make sure they didn't swallow any coins that people may have thrown into their pool. "Coins dissolve in their stomach and they get metal poisoning, and they can die from that. It's mostly pennies we are worried about because pennies have zinc and they get zinc toxicity," Neldner explains. If a coin is found that day, immediate action is taken by the veterinary staff to get the coins out.

On the day of the coin check, Neldner has to take each of the 17 penguins from their exhibit to the Animal Health Center behind the flamingo exhibit. The animals are trained to walk into a crate to be transported. Neldner takes two at

a time, meaning a lot of trips back and forth. "I usually try to do all my difficult penguins first when I'm strong enough to handle everyone.

Because as the day goes on I get tired and it's harder to hold on to the large, strong penguins," says Neldner. In addition to the X-ray, the penguins may need to get a nail trim or a blood draw, and Neldner needs to hold them for those procedures.

The last penguin to go in for a check is Piper because, according to Neldner, she's the most likely to have swallowed a coin. "Penguins eat coins because they're shiny and they can look like fish." In 2017, Piper had 11 cents (a dime and a penny) removed from her stomach. In 2018, there was a clean bill of health and none of the penguins had swallowed coins. Neldner is hoping for a similar outcome this year.



Zookeeper Heather Neldner feeds the Humboldt penguins.

Photo by Richard Brodzeller



Piper can be identified by a purple band on her left flipper.

Photo by Richard Brodzeller



THIS X-RAY IMAGE OF A COIN INSIDE A PENGUIN IS A STRONG REMINDER GUESTS SHOULD **NEVER** THROW COINS IN THEIR WATER.

AFRICAN

This summer, Jodi Gibson, the Zoological Society's president and CEO, had the opportunity to go on a safari in Tanzania with Milwaukee County Zoo Director Chuck Wikenhauser and 15 guests. Gibson shares her story on not only what she witnessed but how it all comes back to the Zoo.

JRO. That's the airport code for the Kilimanjaro International Airport in Tanzania, Africa. When the airline attendant tagged my duffle bag with "JRO," I realized I wasn't dreaming. I was really going to Tanzania and about to experience my very first safari.

More than 30 hours of travel from Milwaukee to Tanzania was followed by 10 days in country and trips to three extraordinary national parks, including the iconic Serengeti. Escorted by exceptional guides who proudly showed us their home country, we drove for miles and miles on the bumpy roads, through vast savannas and lush forests, to the basin of a crater and across rivers where we saw not only "the big five" – elephant, buffalo, rhinoceros, lion and leopard – but more than 100 species of animals. During the day, we witnessed the full cycle of life from the mating ritual of lions to mothers nursing their babies



This picture was taken by our tour guide, Willy, and is one of my favorites as I didn't realize he was taking it. I was watching and listening to zebras feed on grass, which also provides them with water from the morning dew.



One evening, while taking a walk from our lodge to the nearby lake, I came across this giraffe only a few feet away from me as I rounded a corner. You can see from its natural camouflage why it startled me.

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and teaching them how to live in the wild to the dynamics between predator and prey. And at night, I saw glorious African sunsets and a midnight sky filled with more stars than I ever knew existed.

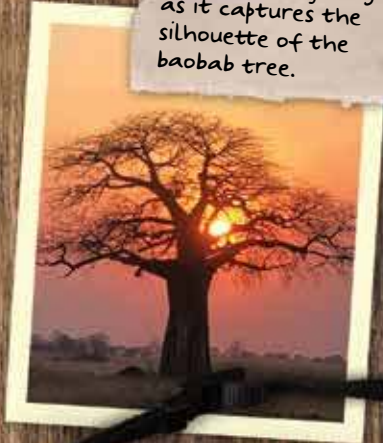
Words and pictures will never accurately capture the magic, mystery and majesty of experiencing nature in its purest form. I deepened my appreciation and respect for the way nature takes care of itself by only taking what it needs to survive while replenishing and sustaining its ecosystem.

For me, the safari reinforced the importance of the Society's mission and our commitment to the Milwaukee County Zoo. I'm reminded that most people will never be able to go to Africa to experience the majesty of animals in the wild, but everyone can come to the Zoo and see animals from around the world. It is our hope that in doing so, people will feel a connection to our natural world and be inspired to protect and conserve it.

We saw elephants at different times of our trip, but this photo of a baby nursing sums up the beauty of these animals.



Every night I was captivated by the sunsets as I reflected on the day. This picture reminds me of the Society's logo as it captures the silhouette of the baobab tree.



This reminds me of a setting in the Zoo. The exhibits are designed for animals to show their natural behaviors, and laying on a rock is something the big cats do for most of the day.



We were blessed to see several lions during our stay. This lion cub entertained us as he tried to maneuver in the tree!



HONORING SUPPORTERS

On Sept. 19, the Zoological Society of Milwaukee hosted a dinner to thank some of its most generous supporters. Members of the Platypus Circle and Serengeti Circle gathered at the Peck Welcome Center for hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and a gourmet dinner. About 350 donors who support the Society and the Zoo through sponsorships, grants and donor programs came to the event. Here are the award winners.



LADISH CO. FOUNDATION

received the President's Award for its more than 70 years of support. The foundation most recently made a \$2 million gift to Adventure Africa. Additionally, for more than two decades, the foundation has awarded grants to the Zoological Society's Education Department. Only a handful of people or businesses have been given the President's Award.



MIKE CARTER

was awarded the Emu Egg, one of the Society's highest honors. As executive vice president, chief financial officer and chief risk officer of Northwestern Mutual, Mike helped secure a \$1 million gift to the capital campaign. The Northwestern Mutual Foundation was also one of the sponsors of this year's Zoo Ball in addition to Mike and his wife Nancy serving as co-chairs. Additionally, Mike was added as an honorary board member in October after many years of board service.



The *Panthera leo* (lion) Award for education was presented to **Kohl's** for its continued grant support of Kohl's Wild Theater – the largest zoo-based theater program in the nation.

The *Loxodonta africana* (African elephant) award was presented to **Briggs & Stratton Corporation** for its sponsorship, in-kind gifts of power equipment and mission support to the Zoological Society.

BY THE NUMBERS

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Photo by Peter Zuzga

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Photo by Bob Wickland

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1 SUNSET ZOOFARI

Outdoor movies and bands attracted **13,849** guests to Sunset Zoofari, sponsored by Tri City National Bank. The evening event runs once a week for six weeks in the summer.

2 KIDS NIGHTS

In three nights, **12,573** guests "balanced" a night of food, music, entertainment and animals during the Zoological Society's Kids Nights, sponsored by WaterStone Bank. The event for Zoo Pass members was July 9, 11 and 12.

3 BIRDIES & EAGLES GOLF TOURNAMENT

On July 29, **140** golfers swung for a good cause during the Zoological Society's Birdies & Eagles Golf Tournament, sponsored by GRAEF. The event raised **\$126,545** and included a putting contest with retired Packer LeRoy Butler.

4 SNOOZE AT THE ZOO

Teamwork makes the dream work as the Anderson family sets up their tent at the Zoological Society's annual Snooze at the Zoo, sponsored by Post Consumer Brands and Sentry Foods. About **1,420** people camped inside the Zoo from Aug. 7-10, raising **\$65,985**.

5 MILWAUKEE A LA CARTE

More than **67,000** people ate their way through the Zoo during Milwaukee a la Carte, presented by Meijer. The four-day and -night Zoo event included food options from dozens of vendors while musicians performed throughout the grounds.

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Photo by Bob Wickland

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Photo by Olga Yornienko



TRAVELING LESSONS

Kohl's Wild Theater could be headed to a city near you! Performances within a one-hour radius of the Milwaukee County Zoo are completely free of charge thanks to a partnership with Kohl's. Schools, festivals, community groups and others are encouraged to book their performance now.

Kohl's Wild Theater tackles subjects such as conservation and wildlife in a fun and entertaining way. Each show is age-appropriate and written for children at grade-school level. For schools, it's a great way to reinforce lesson plans or connect to students in a different way.

Available shows now include:

"THE MONARCH: A SPACE ADVENTURE"

This musical takes place on a futuristic spaceship. During the journey, the audience will learn why Earth is so unique and how it supports life.



Photo by Paul Ruffolo

"ALDO LEOPOLD AND THE GHOST OF SAND COUNTY"

Aldo Leopold – a Wisconsin conservation hero – is considered the father of wildlife conservation. Audiences take an adventure to solve a hundred-year-old mystery while learning about the importance of conserving natural resources.



Photo by Richard Taylor

Book early for new shows starting in January:

"Welcome to the Zoo!" will revolve around Skylar, a solitary student struggling with loneliness while on a school trip to the Zoo. By transforming into a penguin, zebra and otter, young Skylar will learn about the relationship zookeepers have with the animals and about overcoming his fear of interacting with others.

"Leona Lionheart Saves the World" follows an 11-year-old as she learns about the trials and triumphs of conservation's most famous women. Audiences will learn about Eugenie Clark, "The Shark Lady"; Anna Botsford Comstock, the hero of "outdoor education"; and Wangari Maathai and her trees of peace.

To book a performance or see the public performance calendar, go to wildtheater.org.

Public shows include:

- YMCA Family Night in Mukwonago on Nov. 8
- Wauwatosa Public Library on Nov. 9
- U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library on Nov. 16
- Brookfield Public Library on Dec. 27

ACTIVE PORCUPINE

Like an energetic child, the Zoo's new prehensile-tailed porcupine is on the move inside the Small Mammals Building. "She is extremely active, running through all the exhibits at a surprisingly fast pace," says small mammals area supervisor Rhonda Crenshaw. Quinn turns 1 in November and is stopping guests in their tracks as they walk through the nocturnal part of the building. Quinn sleeps when it's light out and is up when it's dark. To help guests see the nocturnal animals during the day, keepers control the lights so the animals sleep when the Zoo is closed and are awake when it's open.

Quinn was put in the same exhibit as the armadillos. "We wanted that exhibit to have aerial action, and armadillos are on the ground," explains Crenshaw. The shared exhibit is actually three connected exhibits they can run through. Considering how active both species are, it's a good space for all of them. Prehensile-tailed porcupines generally like to stay up off the ground in trees, but Quinn goes down often to investigate or run after the armadillos.

Prehensile-tailed porcupines are native to South America and are different from the North American porcupine you might be familiar with. The prehensile-tailed porcupine uses its much longer tail for balance up in the trees or to help it move from branch to branch. You may see Quinn wrap her tail around a log while she snacks on her favorite treats like corn or sweet potatoes.

Quinn is described as curious and enjoys the different enrichment items she gets every day. "She likes anything – any kind of toy, browse or leaves. She wants to look at everything and she grabs anything new to pull it to her nose to smell it," says Crenshaw. Quinn is also friendlier than Crenshaw expected. "Now that she trusts us, she walks right up to us and touches us looking for treats." Quinn loves fruit and the keepers use it as rewards during training sessions such as learning to step on a scale.

All photos by Bob Wickland, except stock quills photo



DID YOU KNOW?

Porcupines don't shoot their quills at predators. They can fluff them out, and if something touches them the quills will then stick. Porcupines also shed their quills like a dog sheds hair. Keepers at the Zoo have to be careful while cleaning the exhibit to not get stuck by a dropped quill.

CONNECTIONS TO THE WILD



Photo by Joel Miller

Francisco the jaguar is a show-stopper inside the big cats building. He is usually a perfect model as guests snap pictures. His beauty and popularity at the Milwaukee County Zoo also make him a perfect animal ambassador, meaning his presence helps educate people about wild jaguars in Belize. "Research Station Belize" is a Zoo Class that digs deeper and focuses on helping animals in Belize and the connections between Milwaukee and Belize.

This one-day class in spring is offered for children ages 11-14 on April 25. It's an ideal class for children who have an interest in animals. "I want the kids to understand more about what's happening in the world and think about things that people can do or already do to help animals," says Julie Pickard, assistant program manager, elementary programs. Francisco's dad Pat was a wild jaguar from Belize. Pat was rehabilitated and eventually came to Milwaukee in 2008. Kids in this class will learn the importance of tracking animals in the wild such as jaguars, tapirs and birds. Students will also get a hands-on lesson about the bird banding that occurs here in Wisconsin and Belize.

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Photo by Bob Wickland

All Zoo Classes are interactive, engaging and include STEM concepts. To see what classes we offer in spring, go to zoosociety.org/Education.

**REGISTRATION FOR WINTER AND SPRING CLASSES
STARTS FOR ZOO PASS MEMBERS ON NOV. 13 AT 9 A.M.
ZOO PASS MEMBERS ALSO RECEIVE A
DISCOUNT ON ALL CLASSES AND CAMPS.**

SAVE THE DATE



Samson Stomp & Romp

Sponsored by Amica Insurance

Jan. 19, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Beat the winter blues and go for a run inside the Zoo. This unique run has people of all ages running past their favorite animals while raising money for the Zoo.

There are four races to choose from:

- 5k run that can include teams
- 1-mile
- 2-mile
- ¼-mile romp for kids

Individual runners can pre-register for \$30 or start a team and pay \$25 a runner. Same-day registration is \$35. The children's romp is \$15 per child. Registration includes Zoo admission, parking and a long-sleeved T-shirt. Zoo Passes are not valid for this event.

Register online at milwaukeezoo.org.

Photo by Olga Kornienko



Puttin' on the Ritz

Jan. 23 at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino

This Zoological Society fundraiser features an evening of amateur boxing. Guests start the night socializing, playing games and grabbing a cocktail. There are also dozens of items to bid on during the silent auction. Then a gourmet dinner starts at 7:30 p.m. followed by the boxing matches.

The boxers are part of Future Olympian Boxing Association. Boxing is sponsored by HN Co. The boxing ring is sponsored by Bridgewood Advisors.

Cost: \$250 per person; \$2,500 for a table sponsorship; or \$3,500 for a ringside table sponsorship. Of the \$250 per-person cost, \$80 is tax deductible.

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

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WHAT'S HAPPENING *Details Inside*

Nov. 2

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

Nov. 13

Online registration begins for 2020 Spring Zoo Classes

Dec. 7

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

Dec. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 & 22

Breakfast & Lunch with Santa, sponsored by Racine Danish Kringles (pre-register)

Dec. 7-Jan.3

Fantastic Forest, sponsored by Hawks Landscape*

Dec.25-Jan. 1

Frosty Free Week, sponsored by Metro® by T-Mobile (parking fees still apply)*

Jan. 4

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

Jan. 19

Samson Stomp & Romp, sponsored by Amica Insurance (pre-register)

Jan. 23

Puttin' on the Ritz at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino (pre-register)



Make memories and register for Zoo Classes at zoosociety.org/Education

Feb. 1

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

Feb. 1

Winter and Spring Zoo Classes begin

Feb. 2

Groundhog Day at the Zoo*

Feb. 12

Online registration begins for Zoological Society Summer Camps, sponsored by Penzeys Spices

Feb. 29

Zumba® Fitness Party at the Zoo (pre-register)

March 7

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

March 14 & 15

Behind the Scenes Weekend, presented by Prairie Farms Dairy*

April 11

Egg Day, sponsored by Nestlé Nesquik and Woodman's*

* Zoo Pass members get free Zoo admission with their Zoo Pass and photo ID. 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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The Zoological Society of Milwaukee is recognized for our transparency with GuideStar's Gold Seal.