

Wild Things

Power to the Pedal

Ride on the Wild Side Family Bike Ride

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Sunday, Sept. 16, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Register online at zoosociety.org/bike by Sept. 5, use the form on page 6, or call (414) 258-2333.

Day-of-event registrations accepted. For Zoological Society members: adults (ages 14 and over), \$35; children (ages 3-13), \$12; family of four, \$85. Non-members: adults, \$40; children, \$15; family of four, \$100. Day of: adults, \$45; children, \$20.

Power up your leg muscles as you pedal with us on the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's (ZSM) annual family bike ride! This ZSM fundraiser ride starts and ends at the Milwaukee County Zoo; so you can cruise by your favorite outdoor animals. Kids and their toy animal friends can ride in the Critter Caravan, a special 2.5-mile kids' route through the Zoo. The toy critters can tag along in a bike basket or backpack. Older riders with more power for pedaling can choose either of the distance rides (17 or 27 miles) that start at the Zoo and continue north along Menomonee River Parkway and the Oak Leaf bike trail. Kids and their plush pals can enjoy a post-ride snack, make some crafts and get a temporary tattoo in the Kids n' Critters Corral, sponsored by Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren, S.C. After the ride, all riders can enjoy a picnic lunch. Rides start at 8 and 8:15 a.m. The registration fee includes entry to the Zoo and parking, a continental breakfast, lunch and a long-sleeve T-shirt. Bring your bike helmet!



Lynn Klotzbuecher, of Milwaukee, inflates her bicycle tires as she prepares for the bike ride last year.

Farmstead Fun

Family Farm Weekend

Sponsored by the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board
Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8 & 9

Free Zoo admission for Zoological Society members with ID. Milwaukee County parking fee: \$12

(Zoo Pass Plus members receive free parking)

For details, call the Milwaukee County Zoo: (414) 256-5466.


Celebrate harvest time with your family at this annual farm weekend at the Milwaukee County Zoo's Northwestern Mutual Family Farm, the only working dairy farm in the city. You'll have an "udderly" fun time watching cows get milked.


Then, kids can try "milking" replica cow udders. Want to touch real animals? Visit the Stackner Animal Encounter Building and learn about different farm animals and pets. You may get to touch one of the animals after the presentation! Also, visit donkeys, hogs and a horse in the barnyard. Discover how sweet foods such as honey, maple sugar and hand-turned ice cream are produced (and try some!). For sour and salty, sample homemade pickles and peanut butter. Children under age 10 and weighing 70 pounds or less can show their muscle in the Pedal Tractor-Pull Contest, sponsored by CNH. For adults, there is fresh produce to purchase plus gourmet hot sauces, pancake mixes and more at a farmers market. Watch basket-weaving demonstrations. Chat with University of Wisconsin Extension master gardeners and enjoy the catchy twang of the Bluegrass Allstars.



Alexis Panther, 3, of Brookfield, pets the tail feathers of Reggie the duck at last year's event.

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honor the animals



Brittany, one of the Zoo's African elephants.

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Wolves Rebound

Wolf Awareness Day, Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Free activities; free Zoo admission for Zoo Pass members.

Milwaukee County parking fee: \$12

(Zoo Pass Plus members receive free parking)

Great news for Wisconsin's wolves—their population has rebounded. It's hard to find these elusive creatures in the wild, but you can see three gray wolves that live at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Hear zookeepers talk about these often misunderstood animals. At 1 p.m. howl like a wolf at the Howling Contest. The best child and adult howlers receive prizes. Watch a wolf-feeding and learn about special foods and scents that zookeepers use to keep these curious animals active and content.



Two gray wolves at the Zoo.



MEMBERANDA

Zoological Society office hours through Sept. 3: Weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; weekends, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **Starting Sept. 4:** weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; weekends, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Zoo hours through Sept 3: Daily, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **Sept. 4 through Oct. 31:** 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily. **November through February 2013:** Weekdays, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; weekends, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **The Zoo's admission gates close 45 minutes prior to the posted Zoo closing time. The animal buildings close 15 minutes before posted Zoo closing hours.**

School field trips/company outings: For Zoo Pass members visiting the Zoo with an organized class field trip or company picnic, members' free-admission benefits do not apply. Due to the many busloads of school groups visiting the Zoo, gate staff is unable to board each bus to verify memberships without causing potentially dangerous traffic back-ups onto Blue Mound Road. The fees paid for educational outings and company picnics typically include additional class materials or zoo-visit benefits as well.

Zoo admission: Please remember to have your Society Zoo Pass and identification ready when you arrive at the Zoo's admission gates. You will be asked to present both to the Zoo's gate attendant. If you've misplaced or lost your card, replacement cards may be purchased for \$5.00. Zoo Pass Plus members: free parking is valid for one vehicle per membership per day.

Intelligent Elephants

Elephant Appreciation Day,

Sept. 15, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Free activities; free Zoo admission for Zoo Pass members.

Milwaukee County parking fee: \$12

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Who can use member cards? The person(s) named on the Zoo Pass is the owner of the card and benefits are not transferable to anyone else. We need to have the number of members' minor children/grandchildren in your household reflected in your membership records for the Zoo's admission gates. Foster children are covered on your membership. **Day-care providers for children: Your Zoo Pass membership does not cover children for whom you provide baby-sitting or day-care services.** The ZSM and the Zoo retain the right to invalidate any membership being used inappropriately.

WILD THINGS

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Fine Froth & Felines

The Zoological Society's Zoo Brew

Thursday Oct. 25, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

Regular tickets: \$35 Zoological Society members and guests*; \$40 non-members.

VIP tickets:** \$45 members and guests*;
\$50 non-members

Register at www.zoosociety.org/zoobrew or
at (414) 258-2333.

Sure, an evening on the couch with a cold beer and your cat is nice. Why not step it up a notch, however, and spend the night with some wild cats and great brews at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Go forth to the froth at the Zoological Society's third annual Zoo Brew, where you can taste the best suds from nearly 20 breweries. Craving a favorite macro brew? MillerCoors and Pabst will wet your whistle. Feverishly searching for a new craft favorite? New Glarus Brewing Company and Lakefront Brewery can cure what "ales" you. Admission includes a commemorative tasting mug, courtesy of MillerCoors. Pub-friendly fare such as pizza, cheese, buffalo chicken sandwiches and more will complement the various brews. The event takes place in the Florence Mila Borchert Big Cat Country, the U.S. Bank Gathering Place and the Peck Welcome Center. Proceeds support the Zoological Society's 2012-2013 annual appeal. You must be at least 21 years old to attend.

*ZSM members' guests must register at same time as members. **VIP ticket holders get early entry at 6 p.m. and will be entered into a drawing to win a behind-the-scenes tour. There will also be a raffle. All ticket sales are final and are non-refundable. Tickets will be mailed. Walk-ins will be accepted if the event is not sold out. Your fee, less \$25, is tax-deductible (5.6% WI sales tax included). Special thanks to **Participating Breweries:** Ale Asylum, Big Bay Brewing Company, Blue Moon Brewing Company, Boston Beer Company, Capital Brewery, Horny Goat Brewing Company, Jacob Leinenkugel Co., Lakefront Brewery, Mark Anthony Brands, Mendocino-Kingfisher Brewing Company, MillerCoors, New Glarus Brewing Company, Pabst Brewing Company, Rhinelander/Huber Brewing Company, Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery, Stevens Point Brewery, Summit Brewing Company, Woodman Brewery. **Participating Food Vendors:** Ball'n Biscuit Catering, Cake Pops by Design, Fuddruckers, Hon-eypie Café, Comet Café, Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, Larry's Market, Melting Pot-Brookfield, Molly Cool's Seafood Tavern, Palermo's® Pizza, Purple Door Ice Cream, The Fast Foodie, Usinger's Famous Sausage.



Toasting at last year's event are (from left) Tina Ratzel, of Mayville, Wis.; Wade Tate, of Port Washington; and his wife, Carrie Tate.

ZOO BREW REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Zoological Society Membership No. _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone: Day (_____) _____ Eve (_____) _____

E-mail address _____

Names of other guests _____

(Guests must register at same time as member)

Please reserve _____ ticket(s) at \$35 per person* (member)

Please reserve _____ ticket(s) at \$40 per person* (non-member)

Please reserve _____ VIP ticket(s) at \$45 per person* (member)

Please reserve _____ VIP ticket(s) at \$50 per person* (non-member)

Online registration: zoosociety.org/zoobrew. All ticket holders must
be at least 21 years of age. Fees are not refundable.

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

Mail this form with payment to arrive by Oct. 11, 2012. Register early; space is limited.

Check: Make payable to **ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

Pre-registration is required. Tickets will be mailed to you. All ticket sales are final and non-refundable.

Please mail this order form and payment to:

Zoo Brew, Zoological Society, 10005 W. Blue Mound Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226

*Your fee, less \$25, is tax-deductible; 5.6% WI sales tax included. All proceeds benefit the Zoological Society.
To comply with WI Statute Section 440.455, a financial statement of the Zoological Society will be provided upon request.



One-Size Fits

Kohl's Wild Theater is back: Four free performances a day, seven days a week, at the Milwaukee County Zoo through Sept. 3.

What do stylish Hollywood film-noir crime dramas of the 1940s and '50s have in common with bees? Not much, unless you're designing a bee costume that needs mysterious and glamorous appeal for a Kohl's Wild Theater (KWT) show at the Milwaukee County Zoo. That was Andrea Bouck's challenge when creating a costume for Honey Bee, a character in a KWT play called "The Mysterious Case of the Disappearing Bees." Although Bouck has 10 years of costume-design experience, it was a tricky assignment. "I had to research those old films—and bees!" she says. "I went through a lot of sketches to get the right look for Honey Bee."

Creating costumes for KWT can present challenges. "When I designed the Baltimore oriole costumes for 'Journey to the Rich Coast' I had to make sure my design didn't resemble the Baltimore oriole baseball mascot," she says. "So I watched orioles and realized their black feathers look gray when the sun diffuses through them." So her costumes reflect that. Another challenge is designing costumes to fit every actor—from tall to short and all body types in between. "When I designed wings for the Baltimore orioles, I used spandex so it would fit all arm sizes," she says. Additionally, the actors must change costumes quickly without a dressing room. "I often use vests because they're easy to make tighter or looser, they come on and off quickly, and you can put patterns on them," she says. She also uses hats, which can be made to fit any head size. Plus, accessories like animal ears or antennae can easily be attached.



Actors Lindsey Gagliano (top) and Alecia Annacchino wear Baltimore oriole costumes.

Halloween Hauntings

Boo at the Zoo

Sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets

Oct. 19 & 20, 6-9 p.m. Call (414) 256-5466 for details
Free Zoo admission for Zoological Society members with ID
Milwaukee County parking fee: \$12*

NO trick-or-treating.

Howling wolves are synonymous with Halloween. That's why celebrating Halloween at the Milwaukee County Zoo is so cool—it's the only place in the area where you can hear the eerie wail of live wolves! Boo! Are you scared? Don't be—this event is kid-friendly. Play with ghosts and goblins; go near the feline building main mall and check out a pumpkin patch with jack-o'-lanterns carved by Zoo Pride volunteers. Visit the Wolf Woods exhibit for a musical lightshow with eerily creative displays. Navigate a not-so-spooky Haystack Maze in the Northwestern Mutual Family Farm and purchase caramel apples at the end. Finally, consider going on a ghostly train ride through the park.

*Zoo Pass Plus members receive free parking.



George Antzoulatos, of Milwaukee, and his daughter, Halena, 5, admire a bat-themed jack-o'-lantern at last year's event.

- All Costumes

Before Bouck designs a costume for a play, she reads the script. Then she brainstorms with Dave McLellan, the Zoological Society's theater coordinator. "Dave really knows what he wants. He'll tell you if a design works for him or not," she says. "But if I give him an idea and he likes it, he'll embrace it." McLellan says that Bouck's work is "so impressive because designing for KWT has unique challenges other than making one-size-fits-all costumes." For example: "The actors begin each show as themselves. They wear their KWT-logo polo shirts to establish their role as educators and talk to the audience for a few moments about what they will see in the show. But once the play begins, Andrea's designs must turn those educators into believable characters in a matter of seconds—and they do."



Andrea Bouck

Bouck has liked theater since childhood in North Dakota. Initially she wanted to act. But as an undergrad at Dickinson University in North Dakota, she volunteered to create costumes—and loved it. "Later I received an MFA in costume design from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign," she says. "Then I moved to Milwaukee to work at First Stage Children's Theater. In addition to honing her costume-design skills, Bouck enjoys working with KWT because she's always learning about conservation issues. "I didn't know anything about invasive species until I read the script for the "The Strange Case of the Alien Invasion," she says.

Bring Kohl's Wild Theater to you

Kohl's Wild Theater will travel to festivals, schools, and community events within a one-hour radius of the Zoo, free of charge. Performances are booked on a first-come-first-served basis. Please contact Julie Brellenthin at the Zoological Society of Milwaukee, (414) 258-2333, or KWT@zoosociety.org for available dates. For more information, go to wildtheater.org.

Halloween Spooktacular

Sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets

Oct. 26, 6-9 p.m., & Oct. 27, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Call (414) 256-5466 for details.

Free Zoo admission for Zoological Society members with ID. Milwaukee County parking fee: \$12*

YES, there is trick-or-treating.

"Trick-or-treat, smell my feet, give me something good to eat!" Actually, at the Milwaukee County Zoo's trick-or-treat event, feet-smelling is not required—in fact it's frowned upon. What *isn't* frowned upon is observing animal feet... and ears, and even dressing as an animal. Wear your costume in the 2 p.m. Saturday parade that begins in front of the Northwestern Mutual Family Farm. Enjoy live music and the popular adventures of storybook characters Harry and Fred, complete with rhymes and stories. Trick-or-treating is held Friday, Oct. 26, 6-9 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 27, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Enjoy a lightshow in Wolf Woods, a ghostly train ride and the Haystack Maze.



Wearing his cub costume, Bex Easten Soiney, 2, of Milwaukee, plays in the leaves with dad Andy at last year's event.

*Zoo Pass Plus members receive free parking.

CHICAGO HOLIDAY TRIP, Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012

Name(s) of Traveler(s) _____
 Zoological Society Membership No. _____
 Address _____
 City, State, ZIP _____
 Phone: Day (_____) _____ Eve (_____) _____
 Special needs due to health reasons _____

If you wish to travel on the same motor coach with a person who is sending in a separate reservation, please indicate the name _____
 Please reserve _____ spaces at \$45/person.
 Please reserve _____ spaces at \$35 for children age 2 and younger.
 Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Credit Card: Please charge my: Visa MasterCard
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 Signature _____ Print Name _____
 as it appears on credit card

Check: Make payable to **ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
 Please mail this order form and payment to:
Chicago Trip, Zoological Society, 10005 W. Blue Mound Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226

Space is limited. **Cancellations through Nov. 12, 2012, are refundable, less a \$10 per person cancellation fee.** Cancellations after Nov. 12, 2012, are not refundable. Call (414) 258-2333 for more information. Trip cost is not tax-deductible. To comply with WI Statute Section 440.455, a financial statement of the Zoological Society will be provided upon request.

RIDE ON THE WILD SIDE, Sunday, Sept. 16, 2012 See story on cover.

Name & age _____
 Name & age _____
 Address _____
 City, State, ZIP _____
 Phone: Day (_____) _____ Eve (_____) _____
 Zoological Society Membership No. (if applicable): _____
 E-mail _____

Entry Fees Enclosed* (Circle which apply and fill in fees):

	Zoo Society Member	Non-Member	Day of Ride	
Adult (14 & over)	\$35	\$40	\$45	\$ _____
Child (2-13)	\$12	\$15	\$20	\$ _____
Family of 4**	\$85	\$100		\$ _____
			Sub-total	\$ _____
			Total Amount Enclosed	\$ _____

Please choose route:
 27-mile ride
 17-mile ride
 2.5-mile ride

Entry fee is not tax-deductible. Sales tax included. To comply with WI statute section 440.455, a financial statement of the Zoological Society will be provided upon request.

*Entry fee includes entry into the Zoo, parking, continental breakfast, picnic lunch, and long-sleeved T-shirt.
 **A family of four is defined as 2 adults & 2 children.

Circle T-shirt size wanted and state quantity:
Adult: _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL **Child:** _____ 6-8 _____ 10-12 _____ 14-16

Due to printing deadlines, only limited sizes of shirts will be available for participants whose registrations are received after Sept. 5. T-shirts not guaranteed for day-of-ride registrants. Children under age 2 may ride free in a bike seat or be pulled in "carriers." They must wear a helmet. Shirts are not available for kids age 2 and under.

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** and send with form to:
Bike Ride, Zoological Society, 10005 W. Blue Mound Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226

Holiday Trip to Chicago

Motor-Coach Expedition to Chicago

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012, 8:15 a.m.-7:15 p.m.

Zoological Society of Milwaukee field trip cost: \$45 per person; \$35 age 2 and under
Register with form at left, online at zoosociety.org/travel or by calling (414) 258-2333.

In the past, the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's holiday field trip to Chicago took guests to the Magnificent Mile and State Street. This year we're trying something different—Christkindlmarket Chicago. This is Chicago's largest open-air festival, located in the Loop at Daley Plaza. Inspired by Christkindlmarket of Nuremberg, Germany, which began in 1545, this event has grown into a Chicago institution. Enjoy time-honored German food and drinks in a European setting, replete with diverse holiday entertainment. You can continue the tradition of shopping on State Street or the Magnificent Mile, but you may need additional transportation because the Christkindlmarket Chicago is the drop-off and pick-up point. There will be tips on restaurants and other spots to shop in your confirmation letter and itinerary.

Cost is \$45 per person (\$35 for children 2 and under) and includes a box breakfast for pickup in the Flamingo Café, located in the U.S. Bank Gathering Place. Your fee also includes transportation on restroom-equipped motor-coaches, beverages donated by PepsiAmericas®, and a snack on the return trip. (Note to those with allergies: snacks may include dairy and peanut products). Registration starts at 8:15 a.m. at the Milwaukee County Zoo; we leave at 9 a.m. We depart Chicago at 5:15 p.m. and return to the Zoo around 7:15 p.m. An itinerary will be mailed prior to the trip. Space is limited.



Wingding for the Wise

Senior Celebration

**Sponsored by Wheaton Franciscan Senior Health
Friday, Aug. 31. Free Zoo admission 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
for seniors ages 55 and older with an ID.**

Milwaukee County parking fee: \$12
(Zoo Pass Plus members receive free parking).

With age comes wisdom, poets say. So if you have a chance to attend the Zoo for free and have a party while you're here, wouldn't it be wise to take advantage of that? Of course it would! Come to the Milwaukee County Zoo on the last day of August, when all seniors ages 55 and older get in for FREE. Learn useful health tips and participate in some of the Wisconsin Senior Olympics athletic events, like a 1-mile walk throughout the Zoo park. If you still have energy, get ready to dance and sway to live music from past decades. Other fun includes bingo, complimentary cookies, tips from master gardeners and entertainment on two stages, both sponsored by Humana. San Camillo will provide free ice cream on a first-come-first-served basis. For details, call the Zoo at (414) 256-5466.

Gwenda Szczygielski (left), of New Berlin, and Joanne Johnson-Clausen, of Elm Grove, search for butterflies in a butterfly garden at last year's event.



fun, hands-on education programs

Fall Classes for Individual Children and Families Still Open

Registration remains open for the Zoological Society's varied fall classes for children ages 2-14 and families. To check on availability, dates, times and prices, please see www.zoosociety.org/fall or call (414) 258-5058.

September Workshop for Early Childhood Teachers

Early childhood teachers (preschool through second grade) can learn fun facts about Wisconsin wildlife on Saturday, Sept. 22, at a 2½-hour workshop called **Wisconsin Animals**. Learn fun ways to present an animal unit, classroom station ideas, and project samples. Get information about animals, and enjoy a Zoo tour. To register, call (414) 258-5058 or download the registration form from www.zoosociety.org/teacheredu. The \$20 fee includes parking and Zoo admission.

Tips for Teachers

The Zoological Society recently mailed a brochure listing the many educational programs offered either at the Zoo or as outreach to schools. The listing of programs is also available at www.zoosociety.org/Education/SchoolPrograms.

UWM Course at the Zoo for Teachers

Study of the World's Predators & Carnivores is a one-credit, teacher-education course the Zoological Society will hold on Oct. 13 and 14 at the Zoo. The course runs 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on both days. Delve into the world of flesh eaters as you learn how to use the Zoo as a teaching resource. Teachers can receive undergraduate or graduate credit from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Call UWM Outreach, (414) 229-5255, for fees and to register.



Zoological Society instructor Kristin Ziarnik (upper right) shows an animal baby book to children in an Animal Babies class.



Mahal (left) points to his mouth as if to say, "feed me!"

the public in December. Donors of \$2,500 receive individualized recognition on a bench to be placed in the Zoo. Donors of \$75-\$249 have their names listed on a sign; donors of \$250-\$499 receive larger recognition on a sign; donors of \$500-\$999 receive individualized recognition; and donors of \$1,000 or more receive larger individualized recognition.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Reality "TV," Animal Edition

They live together in specially designed "houses." Their every action is recorded by cameras. It's a new kind of reality TV-like entertainment—but Zoo style! For our annual appeal we're installing Web cams in four animal areas. Funds raised will also help buy food for the animals. Are the three different species of penguins at our Zoo playing nicely? Are the adolescent lions wrestling? What about the cheetahs? How are the fishes in Lake Wisconsin doing (swimmingly, we hope!)? What will Mahal and M.J. eat next? "Tune in" next time to find out! For a limited-time offer, donors of \$100 or more get access to the Web cams as they're phased in and before they're available to

Donate here! To give to the ZSM annual appeal, please go online to zoosociety.org/appeal or call (414) 258-2333. All donations are tax-deductible.

ANIMAL SPONSOR TOURS

Animal Safari

Sponsored by Welch's & Pick 'n Save

Aug. 25, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; behind-the-scenes tours run 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Call (414) 258-2333 to become an animal sponsor or see www.zoosociety.org/SponsorAnimal

Which fishes in the Aquatic & Reptile Center (ARC) eat fruit? If you are an animal sponsor or Kids Conservation Club member,* you can find out at a behind-the-scenes tour of the ARC and other areas of the Zoo—like the flamingos' nighttime quarters—on Aug. 25. Sponsor your favorite animal through the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's Sponsor an Animal program, including our summer dino sponsorships for *Tyrannosaurus rex* or *Chasmosaurus*. Or, sponsor the event's featured animals—the Zoo's adorable prairie dogs—for \$20. Sponsors can visit Zoo areas that are usually off-limits to the public, such as Winter Quarters for warm-weather animals and Wolf Woods. Sponsors also can participate in a scavenger hunt. Every zoogoer, however, is invited to participate in other special Aug. 25 activities, including animal talks in front of exhibits, crafts, temporary tattoos and more. See our summer dinosaur exhibit before it's extinct; animal sponsors receive half off exhibit admission 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registered attendees can fill out a form for entry into a drawing to win a same-day private tour led by a zookeeper at the polar bear and harbor seal exhibits. The tour is at 2:30 p.m. on Aug. 25 and can include up to four people.

*Kids Conservation Club features endangered animal collectors' cards, workshops with crafts and a sponsorship of an endangered animal at the Zoo. Join now and register for the Sept. 29 Saturday workshop entitled *Orangutans: Problem-Solving Apes*. Registration deadline is Sept. 14. Annual membership costs \$20 per child. For free Kids Conservation Club membership offer details or to join, see www.zoosociety.org/Kidsclub or call (414) 258-2333.



Touching moose antlers last year are Melanie Merritt (left), of Brookfield; her daughters Annie, 6, and Ella, 8; and Patricia Reavis, of Belleville, Mich.

DINOS GOING EXTINCT

Adventure Dinosaur!

Sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets

Now-Sept 3, West end of Zoo next to Small Mammals Building

\$2.50 per person exhibit admission

Scientists still don't agree on what, exactly, made the dinosaurs go extinct. But it doesn't take a scientist to know that Sept. 3 is the last day visitors to the Milwaukee County Zoo can see our 22 life-size robotic dinosaurs. The dinos, which have been here all summer, have wowed children and adults alike. You may take a step back when you look up at the 15-foot-tall *Tyrannosaurus rex* and hear her growl. Cool down in the "saliva" squirting from the mouth of the *Dilophosaurus* (shhh, it's actually water). Perhaps you enjoy making digital videos? Consider capturing children's reactions to these life-like "terrible lizards" (dinosaur means "terrible lizard" in Greek). If you get some great footage, you may want to enter it in the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's new **Zoo View** video contest. There will be two winners—one in the age 7-12 category and one aged 13 or older. The older winner will receive a Basic Zoo Pass for \$71 (apply to your own renewal or give as a gift). The child winner will receive an animal sponsorship valued at \$70. Videos will be displayed on the Zoo's entrance atrium's largest video screen—credited to you. For contest details and rules, go to www.zooview.tv. Questions? Call Zak M. at (414) 258-2333.

ZOO VIEW CONTEST



Dilophosaurus and its baby.

Photo by Lilia Aryan



Fennec Fox Family Ornament

Fennec foxes are cute little critters, constantly playing, chasing and jumping. Who wouldn't love to see those button eyes and perky ears on a snowy morning? This year's Zoological Society holiday ornament—a fennec fox mom and two kits—will make an adorable addition to your home. It's also a great gift. These energetic foxes from northern Africa are on exhibit at the Milwaukee County Zoo, where two kits were born last January. This \$14 handcrafted pewter ornament was designed by Wisconsin artist Andy

Schumann, who has made our ornaments for the last 18 years (for some years he designed two ornaments). You also can buy the previous ornaments: 1) zebra and foal, 2) mama giraffe and calf, 3) otter, 4) timber wolf and pup, 5) penguin and a chick, 6) elephant family, 7) polar bear mama and cubs, 8) American badger, 9) Bactrian camel and foal, 10) kangaroo and joey, 11) pair of cardinals, 12) moose, 13) Jabiru stork, 14) African lions, 15) bonobos, 16) flamingo, 17) baby orangutan, 18) jaguar, 19) hippos, and 20) spider monkey. Order any of these past ornaments for \$14 each or purchase the whole series of 21 ornaments for \$252 and save \$42. Send in the form below, see zoosociety.org or call (414) 258-2333.

To guarantee delivery for your holiday gift giving, please return the order form with your payment by Dec. 14, 2012. The cost of each ornament is \$14, which includes postage, mailing materials and 5.6% WI sales tax; proceeds assist the Zoological Society in its mission. This purchase is not tax-deductible.

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VOLUNTEERING

A 'Zoofound' Self-Confidence

How does a teenager who loves animals spend more time at the Zoo? Jasmine Bhatia, 17, wanted to visit the Milwaukee County Zoo more often, but couldn't get her mom to take her every week. So the soon-to-be senior at Brookfield Academy came up with a solution: she joined Zoo Pride, the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's volunteer auxiliary. "I realized that volunteering at the Zoo would enable me to come here a lot," she says. And she was right. She joined in spring 2011. Not only did it give her more access to the Zoo, but Zoo Pride membership helped the shy adolescent to become more self-confident. "As I learned about the Zoo and facts about animals, I came out of my shell and could talk to people with confidence," she says. Bhatia's most memorable Zoo Pride experience was the time she volunteered on the day before Easter. She timidly entered the crowded Peck Welcome Center, where she was to help kids with Easter crafts, and thought: "What did I get myself into?" However, other Zoo Priders quickly befriended her. "They were so warm and nice," she says. "I made some new friends and I had a wonderful time."

Although Jasmine loved coming to the Zoo because of her passion for wildlife, she discovered she also loved working with another (at times) wild group: children. "I do a lot of volunteering with the education staff," she says. "The kids are so cute. They ask questions that would never cross my mind, like if there are bathtubs for the animals at the Zoo." She also learns from the classes. "I didn't know there are kangaroos that live in trees." Zoo Pride training has also benefited Bhatia scholastically. "In biology we learned about animal classification and I already had learned about things like phylum, class, order, genus and species in Zoo Pride training." For that reason and more, Bhatia recommends other teens join Zoo Pride. "You learn and make friends with people of all ages who mentor you. You get to see the animals and you become a part of a special community."



Jasmine Bhatia with craft materials for education classes.



Photo by Lila Ayyan

Tink, the Zoo's elusive North American badger, is one of many animals that you'll learn about at the Zoo.

Want to be a Zoo Pride Volunteer?

Do you have a passion for animals and the Milwaukee County Zoo? Like talking with Zoo visitors? If so, you're a perfect candidate for Zoo Pride. Call Lynn at (414) 258-5667 or go to www.zoosociety.org/ZooPride for more information. You will have an initial interview and are required to take at least two sessions of training. **Note:** Zoo Pride volunteers do **not** handle animals at the Zoo.

Walk on the Wild Side

Tour the Zoo with a Zoo Pride volunteer. Walks of 1½-2 hours focus on outside exhibits and feature animal facts and conservation efforts.

For more information, go to www.zoosociety.org/ZooPride or call (414) 258-5667.

HELPING HANDS

Want to give us a helping hand? Whether you're excited about our events, education programs or conservation efforts, you can help! Details on the Web: zoosociety.org/Support.

Party at the Animal House

From cocktails next to braying zebras to a luxurious dinner near gorillas, Zoo Ball 2012 made one thing clear: there's nothing wilder than a night at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Animal House—both the buildings for animals and the 1978 movie "Animal House"—was the theme for this year's Zoo Ball, sponsored by **American Airlines**. This is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Zoological Society. The June 23 event drew more than 730 guests and raised more than \$478,000. Event co-chairs were John and Trisha Shinnars and Rob and Brookellen Teuber; Trisha and Brookellen are members of the ZSM's Associate Board. Guests got into the theme with animal-print dresses and ties. The night included wine and spirits, gourmet cuisine and a multi-tiered auction. **U.S. Bank** supported dining venues while **Johnson Controls, Inc.**, sponsored the evening's entertainment, including dinner bands Velocity and The Davis Family Band. The late-night venue, courtesy of **PS Capital Partners**, featured the Blooze Brothers Band and frat-house furnishings a la "Animal House." **Badger Liquor** provided spirits for the martini bars; **Gould Paper Corp.** provided dinner wine; Kat Morrow's **Wildkat Wellness** returned with the Diamond & Gemstone Dig; **Nick and Julie Takton** sponsored the commemorative photos of guests; and parting gifts were supported by **FCF Partners LP**.

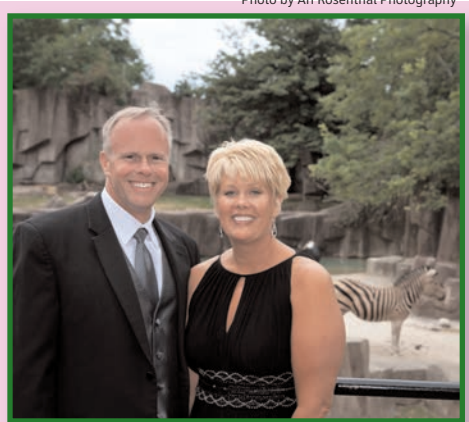


Photo by Ari Rosenthal Photography

*Troy and Kim Morgan with zebra;
Troy is with American Airlines.*

Tunes, Tattoos, *T. rex* & More

Fun food, family-friendly music, animal presentations, robotic dinosaurs such as *T. rex*, and animal-themed theater made Kids' Nights at the Milwaukee County Zoo a youth-approved success. **WaterStone Bank** sponsored the Zoological Society members-only event, held July 10, 12 and 13. Members could choose one night; total attendance was almost 20,000. Kids could come up on stage and play an instrument with U B the Band on the Zoo Terrace Stage, sponsored by **American Family Insurance**. **GG Golden Guernsey Dairy**® sponsored performances by the eco-themed band The Chickadees on the Ralph Evinrude Landing Stage. DJ Tim Sledge kept kids bouncing with tunes and trivia at the Flamingo Patio Stage. Guests feasted on fare from the Fast Foodie Truck, the Gouda Girls Food Truck, Noodles & Company, Palermo's® Pizza, Saz's Catering, and Wong's Wok. Gourmet Cheesecake & More and Niemann's Candies satisfied dessert cravings. A root-beer float stand raised more than \$3,900 for the Zoological Society's Sponsor an Animal program. Representatives of WaterStone Bank gave children temporary tattoos.

Fauna and Fathers

Father's Day at the Milwaukee County Zoo gave dads the gift of celebrating with their human children and some Zoo babies, too. More than 8,700 zoogoers spent the day for dads at the Zoo, June 17, where they could see Zoo pops and their young frolicking and bonding. Human dads also enjoyed free admission to the Zoo (excluding parking) thanks to event sponsors **Chinet**® and **Pick 'n Save**. Camel Moses celebrated fatherhood with his calf, Addi Jean (see page 13), born May 4. Lion youngsters Njeri, Hubert and Kiume romped with Dad Themba on his first Father's Day, and gentoo penguin Felix swam the day away with his 5-month-old chick, Gretel. Human fathers and their families also could see conservation-themed plays, pet goats and bunnies, and climb a ropes course.



Colin Thomas, of Milwaukee, helps daughter Emma, 23 months, pet a rabbit at the event.

A Wise Investment



When asked why Robin and Dennis Zdroik, of Greenfield, designated the Zoological Society of Milwaukee (ZSM) in their estate planning, the answer was simple: "We like to see our money spent wisely," says Robin. "We know the Zoological Society handles donations appropriately." The Zdroiks have been members of the ZSM's Simba Circle for 10 years. The group was formed to thank those who've created a planned or deferred gift to support the ZSM. The Zdroiks love visiting the Milwaukee County Zoo. "We're both cat lovers," says Dennis. Their most memorable Zoo experience was when lions came face to face with them against the glass in the outside lion exhibit. "It was thrilling," says Robin. The Zdroiks have also attended annual dinners for Simba members where they've learned fascinating Zoo-animal facts. "They show interesting videos at the dinners," says Robin. "You learn about things most Zoo visitors do not. You feel privy to special information." The Zdroiks feel confident about the future of the Zoo. "The Zoo cares about the animals, and we're gratified that future generations will also experience the animals at the Zoo," says Robin.

Robin and Dennis Zdroik stand in front of a lion poster at a Simba Circle dinner.

For more information about the Simba Circle, please call the Development Department at (414) 258-2333, ext.310, or e-mail simba@zoosociety.org.

Precocious Babies

Meet the two Addi Jeans. Both are spirited babies. Both love to play and crawl all over their parents. However, there's a major difference between the two girls: one is a 5½-month-old Bactrian camel; the other is a 16-month-old human baby. Karen and Brenen Sieber of Grafton won the chance to name the baby camel at the Zoological Society's Zoo Ball, sponsored by American Airlines. Their choice? Name the camel after their daughter. Addi Jean the camel—A.J. for short—was born to parents Moses and Sanchi on May 4, 2012. She weighed 77 pounds at birth and could walk in about seven hours. Unlike human babies, herd animals like camels develop fast. "Training starts the day they are born," says Danielle Faucett, a zookeeper at Winter Quarters, where camels spend the night. "Every interaction is training and it's a lifelong process. We touch various parts of her body to acclimate her to human contact for any future medical attention she may need." Faucett says A.J. is already being led on a lead rope and can raise her feet for inspection. Like a human toddler, she also likes to test boundaries. "She's pretty good at spitting," says Faucett. "She also vocalizes at us and when she's excited, she sort of hops in place—it looks funny." She even jumps on the adult camels—when she's not crawling over them—but they ignore the behavior (visit us on Facebook to see a photo of A.J. crawling on Moses!). "I think she just wants to play," says Faucett. "Camels are smart and have a lot of personality."



Addi Jean, the baby camel.

insider tips

Bad-Tasting Tomato...Frogs

You might think a bright orange-red frog that can barely swim would make an easy meal for a hungry predator. Think again. The tomato frog (at right) can't be picked like a ripe tomato and easily devoured, at least not by natural predators.

These frogs—which are native to the huge island of Madagascar and can be found at the Milwaukee County Zoo in the Aquatic & Reptile Center (ARC)—can defend themselves. “Their red coloration acts like a warning to other animals,”

explains Chad Pappas, an ARC zookeeper. “If grasped by a predator, they secrete a white mucous that tastes horrible and may be poisonous to some animals.” These plump nocturnal frogs are not good swimmers and are passive eaters. They tend to sit in one spot and simply eat whatever insects pass by. Female tomato frogs are about 4 inches in diameter—which is almost double the size of a male—and lay about 1,000 to 1,500 eggs that float on the surface of the water. The eggs hatch within 36 hours after they are laid and become tiny frogs within 45 days. They reach adult size and are sexually mature in about one year and can live until their early teens. Unfortunately, tomato frogs are endangered due to human activity. Their distinctive call makes them identifiable even in the darkness. As a result, poachers can grab them as easily as picking ripe tomatoes. They are also vulnerable to the increasing runoff of pesticides, herbicides and detergents that seep into the ponds and ditches where they often breed. The Zoo has five of these striking frogs in the ARC.



By Liz Mauritz and Zak Mazur



A lionfish.

Alluring Invader

Lurking in the reefs off the Caribbean coast is an invasive predator as beautiful as it is destructive. Like its namesake, the African lion, the red lionfish skillfully hunts down its prey. For defense, the lionfish's venomous, needle-like dorsal fins keep predators at bay. The Milwaukee County Zoo's new lionfish, the aptly named Spike, has made itself at home in the Australia Building. Spike lives in an aquarium with plenty of coral and two roommates: a foxface fish with toxic fins too painful for a lionfish to mess with and a long-spined sea urchin, which has mildly venomous spines. Lionfish are na-

tive to the Pacific and Indian Oceans, and are commonly found on Australia's Great Barrier Reef. They were accidentally introduced to North America's East Coast waters and the Caribbean Sea in 1992. During Hurricane Andrew, a Florida aquarium tank housing six lionfish shattered and the fish were swept out to sea. Twenty years later, the lionfish is wreaking havoc on those aquatic ecosystems. The species easily preys on most fish in the area, but it doesn't have many predators of its own. “In the Atlantic and Caribbean, the only predators that will eat lionfish are large groupers,” notes Craig Berg, the Zoo's aquarium and reptile curator, “and large groupers do not exist due to overfishing.” Lionfish eat a lot, reducing other populations of fish on a reef. This affects local fishing and tourism industries, since there are fewer fish to catch or see on the reefs. Zoologists are actively removing lionfish and searching for other ways to reduce the population. Berg notes that one specific idea is on the rise. “Lionfish are delicious; so it is hoped that they will become a popular food item,” he says. Anyone can help by not choosing the lionfish for an exotic pet, and instead visiting the Zoo to see this handsome hunter.

By Liz Mauritz



A goat stands on the new platform.

A Playground for Goats

The Milwaukee County Zoo's farmyard goats are moving up—onto their new wooden platforms, that is. The goats' new enrichment playground was an Eagle Scout service project by Wauwatosa Boy Scout John Kloser, 13. John and other members of Troop 117 of

Christ King Parish built the multi-level platforms. He got the idea from fellow scout Alex Probst, who was building bear hammocks for the Zoo. John asked Zoo staff what they needed. "It came down to badger nest boxes or the goat structures. I chose the structures because it looked like a fun and challenging project." John spent two months planning and designing the platforms with help from a troop parent who is an architect. Zookeepers also gave input to make sure that only goat-friendly materials were used. About 20 scouts and several adults helped John construct and install the goat platforms over two days in June. The cedar platforms have wheels at the bottom that allow the structures to be moved into shade. They are also placed in an area roped off from the main Goat Yard, where children can feed the goats; this gives the goats a chance to relax and exercise away from kids. The goats quickly warmed up to their new playground. "At first they all stood to the side and stared at them," says John. But by the end of the day, "they were all over it."



By Liz Mauritz

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Kohl's Wild Theater



Now through Sept. 3

The Zoo's special summer exhibit: Adventure Dinosaur!, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets; \$2.50 entry fee (opens 9:30 a.m. daily).

Aug. 25

Animal Safari, sponsored by Welch's & Pick 'n Save.

Aug. 31

Senior Celebration, sponsored by Wheaton Franciscan Senior Health.

Sept. 8 & 9

Family Farm Weekend, sponsored by the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board.*

Sept. 15

Elephant Appreciation Day at the Zoo.*

Sept. 16

Ride on the Wild Side, sponsored by Wheaton Franciscan-St. Joseph and the Wisconsin Heart Hospital campuses.

Ride on the Wild Side



Sept. 29

Kids Conservation Club Orangutan workshop. To join, call (414) 258-2333. See page 9.

Oct. 6

ZSM members' field trip to Door County.

Oct. 13

Wolf Awareness Day at the Zoo.*

Oct. 19 & 20

Boo at the Zoo, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets.*

Oct. 25

Zoo Brew (Pre-register).

Oct. 26 & 27

Halloween Spooktacular, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets.*

Nov. 3

Family Free Day at the Zoo, sponsored by North Shore Bank and FOX 6.

Dec. 1

Members' holiday trip to Chicago's Christkindlmarket, 8:15 a.m. box breakfast.

Family Free Day



Dec. 1

Family Free Day, sponsored by North Shore Bank & FOX 6.

Dec. 1-2,

8-9, 15-16

Breakfast & Lunch with Santa, sponsored by Racine Danish Kringles.*

*ZSM members get free Zoo admission with their Zoo Pass card and photo ID. The special dinosaur exhibit admission of \$2.50 is extra. Those with Zoo Pass Plus also get free parking.

*More information on these events will appear in future issues of *Wild Things*