

# Wild Things



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## RIDE ON THE WILD SIDE

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Sunday, Sept. 9, 7 a.m. check in

Whether you want to feel the burn or you just want to enjoy one of Wisconsin's greatest attractions on a bike, Ride on the Wild Side is an event for anyone and everyone. It's the one time of year you can bring your bike into the Zoo. There are four different routes to choose from. The 2.5-mile kids' route stays inside the Zoo. The 10-, 17-, and 27-mile rides start and end in the Zoo but also go into the Menomonee River Parkway and Oak Leaf Trail. After the ride, enjoy the Kids Zone filled with crafts and activities sponsored by Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren, S.C.

### Registration includes:

- Entry into the Zoo for the day
- Parking
- Long-sleeved T-shirt
- Continental breakfast
- Picnic lunch
- Crafts and activities for kids

This fundraiser raised more than \$30,000 last year. Our thanks to contributing sponsors Be Spectacled; Century Landscaping; Litho-Craft; R&R Insurance; Southport Engineered Systems; Stephanie Murphy, DDS; Van Westen Orthodontics; and Wheel & Sprocket.

	Zoo Pass Member	Non-member	Day of Ride
Adult (14 & over)	\$35	\$40	\$45
Child (13 & under)	\$12	\$15	\$20
Family of 4*	\$85	\$100	N/A

\*Family of four is two adults and two children.

Helmets are mandatory for this event. You can register the day of the ride, but shirt sizes are not guaranteed.

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# BOO-TIFUL NIGHTS

## Boo at the Zoo

Presented by Prairie Farms Dairy

Friday & Saturday, Oct. 12 & 13, 6-9 p.m.

Zoo Pass members must pre-register for discount

\$8.25 for adult Zoo Pass Members

\$6.25 for children

Boo at the Zoo is the perfect way to kick off the Halloween holiday. Come and enjoy the Zoo at night with hundreds of decorations, including hundreds of carved pumpkins scattered throughout the grounds. Enter the haystack maze – if you dare – and ride on the “Raven’s Rail” train. Dressing up in costume always adds to the fun! You may even dress up as your favorite animal that you come and visit at the Zoo.



Boo at the Zoo is a ticketed event. Zoo Pass members must order their tickets ahead of time to get the discounted price of \$8.25 for adults and \$6.25 for kids. Tickets go on sale starting Sept. 17. Go to <https://shop.milwaukeezoo.org/#/SpecialEvents>. Zoo Pass members will need to enter the promo code **BooPass2018** and their membership ID number. Parking is included. For questions, contact the Zoo at 414-771-3040.



Photo by Olga Kornienko



## MEMBERANDA

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

**Zoo hours** through Oct. 31: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily. November through February: 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. weekdays, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekends.

The Zoo's drive-in admission gates close 45 minutes prior to the posted Zoo closing time, and the walk-in gate closes one hour 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 not able to board each bus to verify memberships without causing potentially dangerous traffic back-ups onto Bluemound Road. The fees paid for educational outings and company picnics typically include additional class materials or zoo-visit benefits.

**Zoo admission:** Please remember to have your 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. Zoo Pass Plus members: free parking is valid for one vehicle per membership per day.

**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 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:** Your Zoo Pass membership does not cover children for whom you provide baby-sitting or day care services. The Society and the Zoo retain the right to invalidate any membership being used inappropriately.

**Thanks for your understanding:** We have been experiencing some difficulties with our database conversion and sincerely appreciate your feedback and patience. If you notice irregularities with your information, please contact us at 414-258-2333 or stop at Guest Services when you are visiting the Zoo so we can assist you. The conversion has affected our website and mobile app, so be sure to let us know if you have troubles with these two applications as well. Again, our sincere thanks.

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# FILL'ER UP WITH FUN



*Claudia Rhein and Cathy Clearman try samples of different MillerCoors products. Photo by Stacy Kaat*



*Curtis Davis, Teon Banks and Nathan Dye enjoy an evening of beer tasting. Photo by Stacy Kaat*

## Zoo Brew

**Thursday, Oct. 4, 7-10 p.m.**  
(VIP entry starts at 6 p.m.)

Fill up your night with fun, food and beer when you come to the Zoological Society's annual Zoo Brew. About 30 breweries will offer some of the best brews for you to sample during this after-hours event. You will get a complimentary tasting glass to use for your taste buds to savor. About 20 food vendors will also be on hand for you to sample and satisfy your hunger. Breweries will be set up outside the U.S. Bank Gathering Place, in the Peck Welcome Center and in the big cats building. Designated drivers are welcome to come for a discounted price to enjoy the different foods and non-alcoholic drinks. You must be 21 years old to attend. Be sure to register now, as this event does sell out. For a list of breweries and food vendors and to register online, go to [zoosociety.org/brew](http://zoosociety.org/brew). Proceeds benefit the Zoological Society's mission to conserve, educate and support the Zoo.

Registration Fees	Regular Ticket	VIP
Zoo Pass Member	\$50	\$60
Non-member	\$60	\$70
Designated Driver	\$20	\$30

# A SPOOKY GOOD TIME

## Halloween Spooktacular

*Presented by Prairie Farms Dairy*

**Friday, Oct. 19, trick-or-treating 6-9 p.m.**

**Saturday, Oct. 20, trick-or-treating 9 a.m.-9 p.m.**

**Free admission for Zoo Pass members**

Looking for some extra trick-or-treat time? Or do you want to show off your Halloween costume? Then don't miss out on Halloween Spooktacular at the Zoo. Trick-or-treating is offered both days throughout the Zoo. Show off your costume in the parade that marches through the Zoo on Saturday, Oct. 20, and register for the costume contest. Families can go through the haystack maze during the day or at night. Marvel at the magnificent animals as they enjoy their Halloween treats like pumpkins. The professionally carved pumpkins make the perfect backdrop for pictures. Just make sure you have enough storage on your phone, because you will want to take dozens of pictures during the entire event.



*Sisters and cousins dress up for Halloween fun at the Zoo. Photo by Olga Kornienko*



*Jennifer Lo and Roger Tam pose with their princess daughters, Lyla and Sydney. Photo by Olga Kornienko*

# MILKING FAMILY FUN

## Family Farm Weekend

Presented by Prairie Farms Dairy

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 8 & 9

Free Zoo admission for Zoo Pass members

Learn the ins and outs of life on the farm during Family Farm Weekend. Inside the Northwestern Mutual Family Farm, kids can experience what it is like to milk a cow. Then, put in some hard work when you hand-churn milk into ice cream. You'll be able to taste the handmade ice cream when it's done. During designated times at the

Stackner Animal Encounter, kids can see and even touch some of the farm animals. Children ages 10 and under, weighing 70 pounds or less, can test their strength in the pedal tractor-pull exhibition, sponsored by CNH Industrial. Keep the friendly competitive spirit going when you enter the milk-chugging contest. But you may want to start practicing now, because the Chic family is coming back to defend their titles. Last year, the family of four won three titles. Father, Jason, is going for his third win in the adult men category. Mom, Cindy, and their son, J.J., also came out on top in their categories last year. While the youngest member of the family, Emily, didn't win, she has had a whole year to grow and learn from the best. Finish out the day by shopping around the local farmers market filled with fresh food and Wisconsin-made products.



*The Chic family, of Franklin, shows off their trophies for winning three categories in the milk-chugging contest.*

Photo by Olga Kornienko



*Aubrey N., 4, of Muskego, "milks" a plastic cow.*

Photo by Olga Kornienko



Order this year's ornament or any of the previous 26 ornaments at [zoosociety.org/ornament](http://zoosociety.org/ornament).

## DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW

The Zoo's male red panda can "Dash" right into your Christmas tree and into your heart. This year's Zoological Society ornament commemorates red panda couple Dash and Dr. Erin Curry. The two prefer winter and love to play in the snow. Red pandas were built for colder climates. In the wild, red pandas can be found in the mountains of Nepal, Myanmar and central China. While you may cuddle under a blanket during a winter evening, red pandas wrap their bushy tails around their bodies to stay warm. If red pandas make you smile, then make sure you purchase this year's ornament. The handcrafted, pewter ornament is created by local Wisconsin artist Andy Schumann. This is the Zoological Society's 27th ornament.



# TAKE HOME A BEAST



The Beasties™ are packing up and looking for a new home – maybe even yours. Many of the 42 Beasties that spent the summer inside the Zoo and around Milwaukee and Waukesha are available through an online auction until Sept. 15. Beasties Safari, presented by Blue Moon, is a fun way to raise awareness and money for the Window to the Wild Capital Campaign. This first phase of the campaign is Adventure Africa, which will transform 25% of the developed footprint of the Zoo and create new homes for the elephants, African hoofstock, hippos and rhinos. The Zoological Society has set a goal to raise \$25 million to support Adventure Africa.

The Beasties are designed by artist Dennis Pearson and painted by local artists. The two designs available are a standing Beastie and a bench design perfect for sitting. If you would like to see the Beasties available for sale or if you would like to make a bid, go to [zoosociety.org/Beasties](http://zoosociety.org/Beasties). Additional information about the capital campaign and how you can help is available at [elephants.win2wild.com](http://elephants.win2wild.com).



## ONE MORE REASON TO JOIN THE PLATYPUS CIRCLE

**Like you need another reason to join, right?** As a member of the Platypus Circle you get transferable\* membership cards with free admission for 8 individuals and parking for one vehicle per card, attraction tickets, behind-the-scenes tours, invitations to special events and more. Now, anyone who joins as a new member by Oct. 1 will receive a pair of adorable 2-inch Beasties.

Becoming a member is a meaningful way to be identified with the mission of the Zoological Society of Milwaukee, an organization dedicated to education, conservation and sustainability of our world-class Zoo. As a member, you too can experience these unique benefits – and for a limited time only, a pair of colorful 2-inch Beasties!

### Three easy ways to join today:

- Call 414-918-6153.
- Go online at [BeAPlaty.org](http://BeAPlaty.org).
- Visit the Membership Desk in the U.S. Bank Gathering Place at the Zoo.

*\*No need to show an ID at the gate!*



# PERFORMING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING



*Brittany Curran with Kohl's Wild Theater shows kids how otters can sense when a fish is near.*



*Kohl's Wild Theater actor Gage Patterson gives an at-exhibit performance about big cats.*

Photo by Paul Ruffolo

Why are penguins black and white? How does an otter find its dinner in muddy water? The Zoo and the Zoological Society work hard to answer your animal questions when you come for a visit. Kohl's Wild Theater finds creative ways to teach people of all ages about animals. Actors perform near exhibits every day during the summer to give learning an extra boost of fun. "At-exhibits are valuable because they allow the guests to participate while they learn," says Brittany Curran, a Kohl's Wild Theater actor and co-creator of the otter at-exhibit performance. Since the Zoo hasn't had otters in a few years, the opening of the new exhibit offers a perfect opportunity for interactive learning.

Curran and her co-workers start the at-exhibit writing process several months before the summer season begins. "We often spend an entire writing session individually researching the animal, then we share the information that we found with the group. From there, we pick what we find to be the most interesting and important and start coming up with concepts for skits." Curran along with the other writers came up with three different messages about the otters. One is a fun lesson in how otters use their whiskers to feel for food in the dark and muddy waters. A second skit demonstrates how the otters' fur keeps them warm and dry. Finally, there is a magic trick that explains how otters are an indicator species that shows us if the river is healthy or polluted.

There are four at-exhibit performances daily throughout the Zoo until Labor Day. Guests can see them near the Humboldt penguins, big cats, otters and bears. This year, the performance near the bears is about dinosaurs. The at-exhibit performances are in addition to the four 15-minute plays and musical performances inside the farm area. "The at-exhibit performances are more hands-on than our main stage acts and allow for a lot of wiggle room. Guests are able to ask us questions, and we can tailor the experience to each individual guest or group," says Curran. Kohl's Wild Theater also performs year-round at schools, community events and festivals, free of charge, within a one-hour radius of the Zoo. No matter where you see them, you're sure to learn something about animals or the environment.

**Kohl's Wild Theater is made possible by a partnership between Kohl's Cares, the Milwaukee County Zoo and the Zoological Society of Milwaukee. Visit [wildtheater.org](http://wildtheater.org) for more information.**





When it comes to adorable baby animals, Milo “seals” the deal. The newest harbor seal was born May 30 to mother Sydney and father Ringo. The first thing you may notice is Milo’s light, grey coat. But that’s only temporary, and the fur is already getting darker. As he grows, molts and matures he will look more like the other seals. Milo’s mother, Sydney, is very attentive and keeps a close eye on him. However, at just a few weeks old Milo is handling himself very well. “Milo seems very confident and sometimes vocalizes or swats at others if they pester him. Big brother Triton has been very pesky,” says Dawn Fleuchaus, area supervisor for North America. Milo also seems to interact and investigate toys or new objects more than the previous three pups born at the Zoo. “One day he was playing with the running hose in his mouth and sprayed Sydney right in the side of the head! She is such a good mother.”

Sydney trusts the keepers to be close to her pup for health checks and training. Fleuchaus says Sydney is more relaxed with Milo, her fourth pup, compared to the first time she became a mother. Seal pups nurse from their mother and eventually start eating fish with a little help from the keepers. Initially, they don’t have an interest in the fish, but the keepers continue to offer it in different ways. “Some pups get hungry and start mouthing then swallow, others bite off pieces and begin by eating small bits, others need to be enticed to mouth and then eat,” Fleuchaus explains. Milo may be off exhibit for a period of time as keepers teach him to eat fish. Once that’s mastered, he will be back on exhibit.



# NEW KIDS ON THE FARM

**For the first time in about 12 years, three baby goats were born at the Milwaukee County Zoo.** All three kids (baby goats) are female and were born in May and June. Duchess, Fiona and Beatrice are Nigerian dwarf goats, and as you may guess, they are small. Because of their size, you won't be able to feed them in the yard until next summer. You might be able to catch a glimpse of them near their barn attached to the feeding yard, but they won't be ready for human kids just yet.

About 40 goats live in the farm area. There are two breeds of goats right now, but the Zoo is in the process of switching the breed from an alpine pygmy hybrid to entirely Nigerian dwarf. When you see the two breeds next to each other, the Nigerian dwarf goats look like the babies.

The goats are a big draw at the Zoo, and we wanted to know more about them. So we asked the expert, farm area supervisor Lisa Guglielmi.

## Where do the goats go in the winter?

They are in their barn next to the feeding yard. They have access to the outdoors year-round and go out in winter. But they don't go out in the rain; they don't like rain.

## How do you control how much food the goats eat in the summer when guests are feeding them?

We don't need to; they know to stop eating when they are full. They will lie down instead of looking for guests to feed them.

## What else do they eat besides pellets?

Mostly hay, a different kind of pellet for nutrients and mineral salts.

## Goats have a reputation for eating everything like garbage, cans or even your clothes ... Is that true?

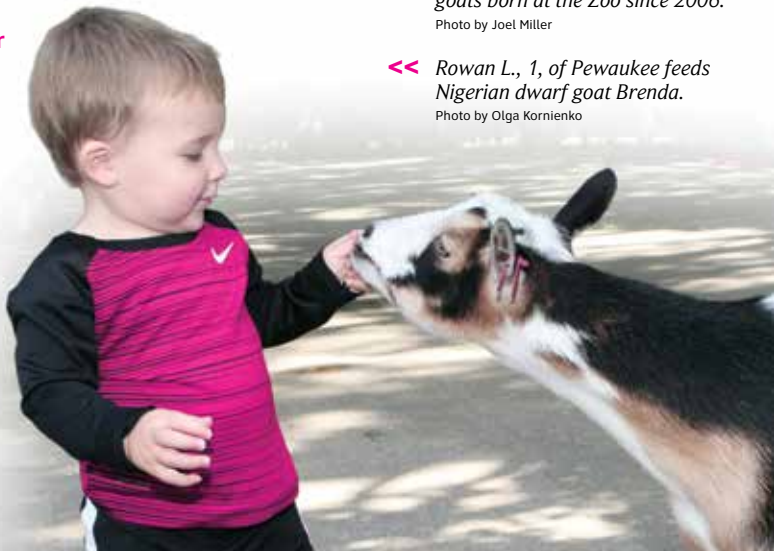
It's not true. Goats are extremely picky eaters. That doesn't mean they won't pull on your clothes, but they won't eat them. They are even picky about their hay. If it doesn't smell right to them, they won't eat it.

**The goat feeding yard closes in the fall, but you may get a glimpse of them around their barn during the winter.**



▲ *Duchess is one of the first baby goats born at the Zoo since 2006.*  
Photo by Joet Miller

<< *Rowan L., 1, of Pewaukee feeds Nigerian dwarf goat Brenda.*  
Photo by Olga Kornienko







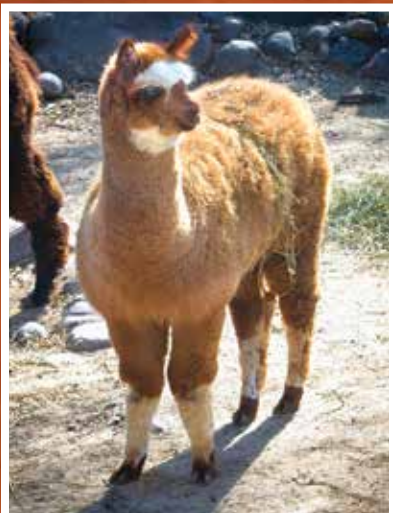
# HAIRCUT BENEFITS



If you ever feel better and lighter after a haircut, imagine having several pounds of hair cut off. The Zoo's five alpacas get the equivalent of a haircut once a year before the heat of the summer starts. The company, Top Knot Shearing, comes to the Zoo to shear all the alpacas. Shearing produces anywhere from 5 to 10 pounds of fleece per alpaca.

There are many benefits to the shearing. "It not only makes them look nicer, but it helps them deal with heat and humidity. It also has the added bonus of making it easier for us to see body condition," says Danielle Faucett, Winter Quarters supervisor. The alpaca's fleece will slowly grow back for a nice warm "coat" by the time winter comes around.

A local company, Mesa Trail Alpacas, donates its services to clean, card and spin the fiber. The process to turn the alpaca hair into yarn takes about a week, according to Mesa Trail. The family-run alpaca farm is located in Dousman. The fiber starts with a washing process. Alpacas often lie on the ground, so their fur gets dirty and dusty. Then, the fiber goes through a carding process, where a series of combs take the fiber and "comb" it straight. Combing ensures that the fiber can be smoothly spun into yarn. Mesa Trail is able to make about nine to 10 skeins of yarn from one alpaca, enough for a blanket or a couple of sweaters. Thanks to Mesa Trail's donation, the staff in Winter Quarters is able to sell the skeins to raise money for conservation efforts.



*Clockwise from left:*

*An alpaca before shearing.*

Photo by Richard Brodzeller

*An alpaca after shearing.*

Photo by Joel Miller

*Alpaca hair right after shearing.*

Photo by Joel Miller

*A carding machine makes the alpaca hair smooth and long before it becomes yarn.*

Photo by Mesa Trail Alpacas





# SAFARI TRAIN

60 YEARS  
— EST. 1958 —

## 60 YEARS ON TRACK

There is nothing like the train at the Milwaukee County Zoo – the feel of the ride, the sound of the horn and the sight of passengers waving to guests. The train, sponsored by North Shore Bank since 2005, has been making memories for families for 60 years. Here are just some of the things that make the train so special.



Photo courtesy of Milwaukee County Parks

In 1958, the publishers of the Milwaukee Journal newspaper donated a steam engine.

The Zoo was moving into its current location, and people rode the train before the Zoo was finished to get an idea on what the Zoo would look like.

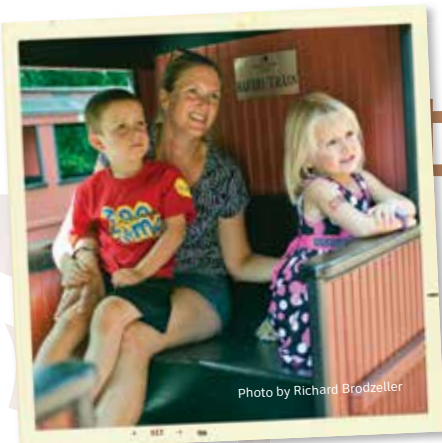


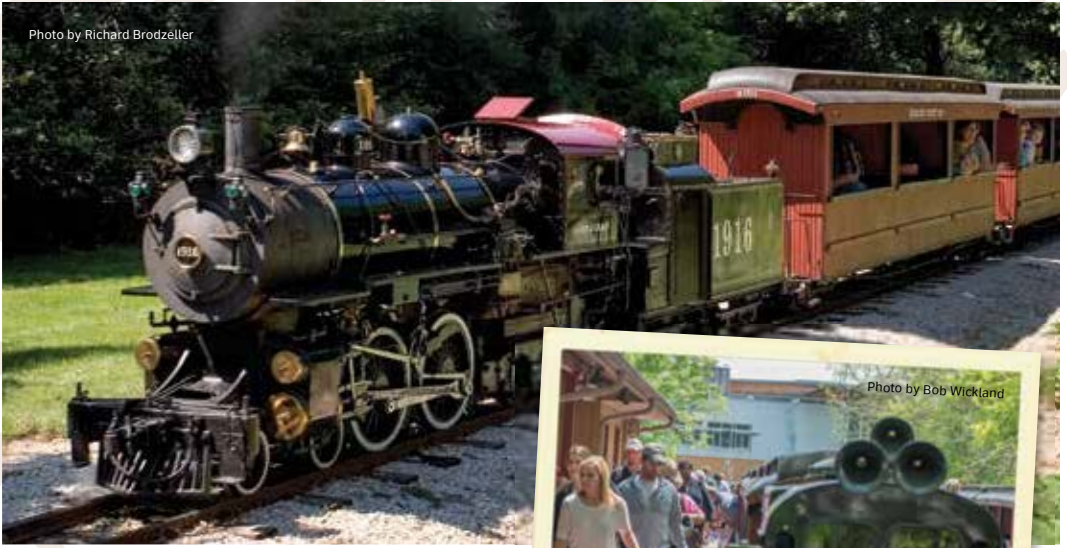
Photo by Richard Brotzeller

More than 400,000 visitors ride the train each year.

The route is 1.25 miles.



Photo by Richard Brodzeller



### The Zoo operates two steam engine trains and two diesel engine trains.

The steam engine is more difficult to operate than the diesel since it requires a precise balance of heat and water to maintain steam pressure.

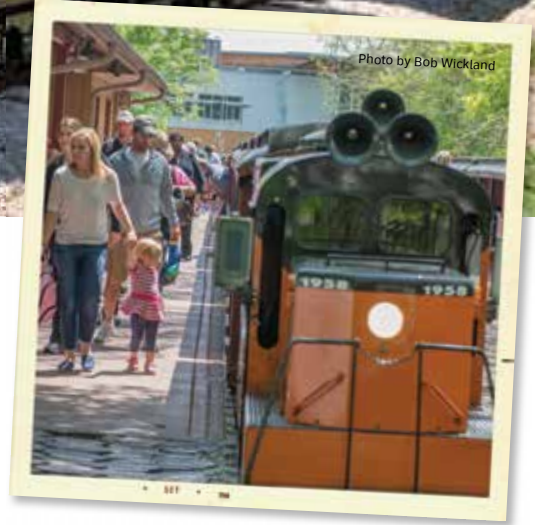
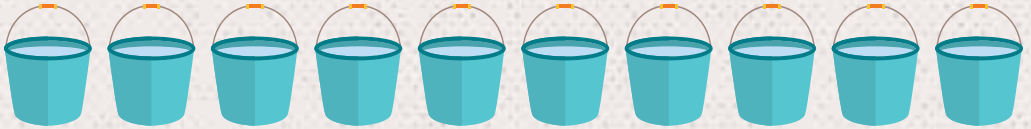


Photo by Bob Wickland

The Zoo's steam engine train is one of just a handful in southeast Wisconsin and requires 8 to 10 pounds of coal and 10 to 15 gallons of water for each 10-minute trip through the Zoo grounds.



A Zoo train can travel up to 60 miles per hour, but it sticks to about 5 or 6 miles per hour.



Photos by Mike Nepper

The old train station was demolished in 2005 and rebuilt into what it is today.



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## 1. Nights in June

*This after-hours event just for Zoo Pass members brought in nearly 12,000 people. Nights in June was a three-night event June 5-7. Food trucks and pop-up restaurants donated part of their profits to the Sponsor an Animal program, raising \$9,290.*

Photo by Stacy Kaat

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## 2. Father's Day

*Carlton and daughter Jordin enjoy Father's Day by the new otter exhibit. Dads enjoyed free admission thanks to sponsor Prairie Farms Dairy. More than 4,680 people came to the Zoo to celebrate Dad.*

Photo by Bob Wickland

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## 3. Zoo Ball

*More than 700 guests came to the Zoological Society's black-tie fundraiser. Zoo Ball, presented by BMO Harris Bank, is the biggest fundraiser of the year raising more than \$550,000.*

Photo by Stacy Kaat

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## 4. Kids' Nights

*The Johnston family soaks in the fun of Kids' Nights, sponsored by WaterStone Bank. The three-night event, just for Zoo Pass members, brought in 12,787 people.*

Photo by Bob Wickland



# THE PRIDE OF VOLUNTEERING

On a sunny summer day, a crowd huddles outside to see a silverback gorilla walking around his outdoor exhibit. While most people know it's a male gorilla, they don't know much more. That's when a woman dressed in a khaki uniform says, "This is Maji, one of our bachelor male gorillas." She continues with a few more facts about his age and things he likes to eat. Dawn Jashinsky is not a zookeeper; she is a member of Zoo Pride, a volunteer organization through the Zoological Society. There are hundreds of volunteers who all help the Zoo in different ways. One of them is Dawn's daughter Robin. The two volunteer together on Sundays. They are either in the Aquatic & Reptile Center, primates or helping near the giraffe feedings. During the week, Robin volunteers at numerous spots around the Zoo helping with animal talks or with Kohl's Wild Theater audiences.

The Zoo is a big part of Robin's life. Growing up she would come on the weekends and attended several Zoo Classes. Robin and her mom enjoy the Zoo together on Mother's Day as a yearly tradition. Robin turned 18 years old in August and just graduated from high school. "I love animals, and I would love to have a career at the Zoo someday. I think volunteering in the different areas will look good on my resume," explains Robin. Both women love not only animals, but also learning. "My favorite part is meeting new people and learning new animal facts each time I volunteer," says Dawn. Robin echoes her mother's thoughts and adds, "Volunteering is a lot of fun, and you learn new things. Every day is a new adventure."

There are also volunteers behind the scenes helping make animal enrichment items, carving pumpkins at Halloween time or helping the Education Department prepare for classes. If you would like to join the Pride, interviews are taking place from now until Sept. 12. Once you've completed your interview and are selected, beginning training sessions take place Sept. 19 and Sept. 22.

**To learn how to apply, call 414-258-5667 or visit [zoosociety.org/ZooPride](http://zoosociety.org/ZooPride).**



*Robin volunteers by the giraffes and other animal exhibits.*

Photo provided by family



**ZOO PRIDE**

*Maji, a silverback gorilla, enjoys the outdoor exhibit.*

Photo by Olga Kornienko



## A NOTE TO ZOO PASS MEMBERS

**With gratitude** – We have been experiencing more difficulties with our database conversion than we originally anticipated. The difficulties have affected the website and mobile app as well. Thanks to your feedback, we have been able to pinpoint some of the "bugs" in the system. We continue to have some issues, but please understand that our IT team and tech companies are working on resolving reoccurring and new concerns. We continue to learn more about the new system every day.

We sincerely appreciate your patience and persistence in helping us resolve some of these issues. We feel fortunate for your loyalty and support.

If you continue to experience difficulties online, please contact us at 414-258-2333 or stop at Guest Services when you are visiting the Zoo. You can also email us at: [feedback@zoosociety.org](mailto:feedback@zoosociety.org) with any concerns. It is helpful if you include screenshots or as much detail as possible about the issue you encounter. We are happy to assist you with any transaction. Thank you very much.

**Robin Higgins**  
VP Communications, Marketing & Membership

# NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE

For those who grew up around Milwaukee or have school-aged kids, you know the Zoo is a popular field trip. Schools come to the Zoo for a fresh and exciting learning experience. It's not just a day out of the classroom because the Zoological Society's Education Department can help cater a lesson plan for field trips. If schools can't come to the Zoo, the Zoo can come to the classroom. Zoological Society educators have school programs for kids in kindergarten through high school. All school programs, at the Zoo or at the school, fit into the Next Generation Science Standards, meaning each class falls in one of five categories – physical science; life science; earth science; earth and space science; and engineering, technology and applications of science.

Next Generation Science Standards use the ideas of science in connection with real-world situations. Even if students don't have an interest in pursuing a career in science or engineering, NGSS are meant to equip kids with the ability to be critical and innovative thinkers. Many Zoological Society School Programs include an animal biofact that kids can see and touch for a deeper understanding. In the school program Endangered Species, kids can examine elephant ivory, rhino horn and tiger fur while learning why wild animals become endangered. Younger students can examine fur, feathers and scales as they determine if an animal is a mammal, bird or reptile in Animal Classification. Both programs fall into the life science category.

For a look at school programs and field trip options, go to [zoosociety.org/education](http://zoosociety.org/education).

**"WE ABSOLUTELY LOVE THESE PROGRAMS EACH YEAR! THE TEACHERS ARE WONDERFUL AND THE PROGRAMS TIE IN SO WELL TO OUR CURRICULUM."**  
- K5 TEACHER

**"THE INFO PRESENTED COMPLEMENTS AND EXTENDS OUR CURRICULUM. THE STUDENTS LOVE COMING!"**  
- 2ND-GRADE TEACHER

<< *Fourth-grade students from Christ King School, Wauwatosa, examine a crocodile jaw during a school program.*

Photo by Bob Wickland

v v *First-graders from Edgewood Elementary are shocked and excited as an educator takes out a live chicken.*

Photo by Stacy Kaat





# GOING

# BATTY

## Kids Conservation Club Workshop

Saturday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m.-noon • Peck Welcome Center

Seeing a bat can be startling. Bats are often associated with the dark and scary movies, but they do a lot of good things for the environment and for our comfort. Members of the Kids Conservation Club can sign up for this free workshop on Sept. 29. Kids will make bat-themed crafts and activities, then meet a zookeeper to learn more about the flying mammals. The Zoo is home to two species of bats: vampire and African straw-colored fruit bats.

KCC members must RSVP to Becky Luft by Sept. 21 by phone at 414-258-2333 or email, [beckyl@zoosociety.org](mailto:beckyl@zoosociety.org). It's free to Kids Conservation Club members and one parent or guardian.

### What is Kids Conservation Club?

Each year, KCC members sponsor an endangered animal at the Milwaukee County Zoo. The cost is \$20 and includes:

- A certificate of sponsorship
- An animal fact sheet on that year's animal
- Collector cards with pictures of endangered animals and fun animal facts
- Invitations to two free workshops a year
- The child's name on the Kids Conservation Club donor board in the Peck Welcome Center
- An invitation to a free behind-the-scenes event for animal sponsors held in August



# ON WISCONSIN ... ON OSCAR

Badgers football starts soon, and why not celebrate with the Zoo's badger, Oscar? For a limited time, you can sponsor Oscar and take home a plush toy to watch the game with you. Oscar is a 2-year-old American badger. He lives on his own in an exhibit next to the bears. Badgers are nocturnal so you may not always see Oscar walking around until the end of the day. Plus, badgers like to make multiple dens and burrows for sleeping and eating.

Gophers and badgers are rivals on the football field and natural enemies in the wild. Badgers eat gophers, squirrels, rats, snakes and birds. Just like a great offensive play, badgers team up with coyotes to catch their prey. While a badger digs into an animal's burrow, a coyote will wait nearby to catch the animals trying to escape the tunneling badger.

Whether you want to show your Wisconsin pride or love of animals, sponsor Oscar today. Your \$30 sponsorship includes a plush-toy badger, a certificate of sponsorship, your name in the Peck Welcome Center and an invitation for the Animal Safari behind-the-scenes tours.

**Call 414-258-2333 to sponsor Oscar.**



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

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**Aug. 25**

Animal Safari for animal sponsors,  
sponsored by Lifeway Foods

**Aug. 31**

Senior Celebration, sponsored by  
St. Camillus, A Life Plan Community\*

**Sept. 7**

Fall Zoo Classes,  
sponsored by Meijer, begin

**Sept. 8 & 9**

Family Farm Weekend,  
presented by Prairie Farms Dairy\*

**Sept. 9**

Ride on the Wild Side, sponsored by  
Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
(pre-register)

**Sept. 22**

Members-only field trip to Galena, IL  
(pre-register)

**Sept. 29**

Kids Conservation Club workshop  
(pre-register)

**Oct. 4**

Zoo Brew (pre-register)

**Oct. 6**

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

**Oct. 12 & 13**

Boo at the Zoo, presented by  
Prairie Farms Dairy (pre-register)\*\*

**Oct. 19 & 20**

Halloween Spooktacular,  
presented by Prairie Farms Dairy\*

**Nov. 3**

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

**Nov. 8**

Online registration begins  
for 2019 Spring Zoo Classes,  
sponsored by Meijer

**Dec. 1-29**

Fantastic Forest,  
sponsored by Hawks Landscape\*

**Dec. 1**

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

**Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16**

Breakfast & Lunch with Santa,  
sponsored by Racine Danish Kringsles  
(pre-register)\*\*



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*\*Zoo Pass members get free Zoo admission with their Zoo Pass. Those with Zoo Pass Plus also get free parking for one vehicle per membership per day. Platypus Circle members receive free admission and parking with their card.*

**\*\* Separate charge for these Zoo events**

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