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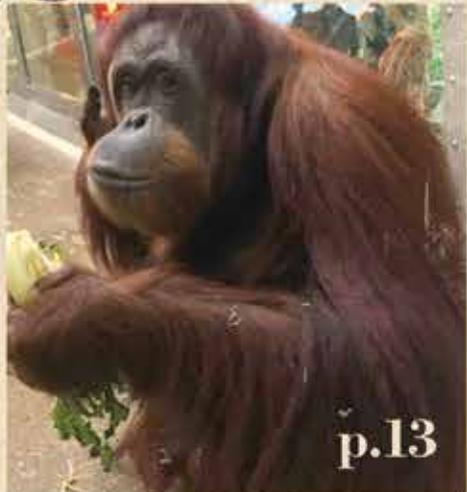


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NEW ANIMALS



YOUR GUIDE TO
ZOO NEWS



BEER & FOOD TASTING

Zoo Brew

Sponsored by Educators Credit Union

Thursday, Oct. 3, 7-10 p.m.

(VIP entry starts at 6 p.m.)

YOU BETTER BEER-LIEVE THIS IS A GREAT EVENT!

- Get a complimentary drinking glass.
- Try out drinks from about 30 breweries spread out across the Zoo.
- Taste food samples from local restaurants and food trucks.
- Enjoy the Zoo after hours.
- Help a good cause while enjoying the night.

You must be 21 years old to attend.

For a list of vendors and to register, go to zoosociety.org/Brew.



Photo by Stacy Kaat

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



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 time.

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 as well.

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 the member's household reflected in the 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 babysitting or day care services. The Zoological Society and the Zoo retain the right to invalidate any membership being used inappropriately.

Questions on your Zoo Pass: Please contact us at 414-258-2333 or stop at Guest Services when you are visiting the Zoo so we can assist you.

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A “WHEELIE” FUN RIDE

Ride on the Wild Side

Sponsored by The Corners of Brookfield

Sunday, Sept. 8

7 a.m. check-in/registration; 8 a.m. bike rides begin



GET INTO GEAR AND SIGN UP FOR THE WILDEST RIDE IN TOWN.

Ride on the Wild Side is the one time a year you can ride your bike in the Zoo. There are four routes to choose from: a 2.5-mile kids' route that stays inside the Zoo or a 10-, 17- or 27-mile ride that starts and ends in the Zoo. This annual fundraiser helps the Zoological Society's mission to conserve, educate and support the Zoo.

Registration includes:

- Entry into Zoo
- Continental breakfast and picnic lunch
- Parking
- Crafts and activities for children
- Long-sleeved T-shirt

Discounts are available if you register now. Tickets for Zoo Pass members start at \$40 for adults and \$15 for children. Day-of registration goes up to \$50 for adults and \$20 for kids.

To see other prices and discounts, go to zoosociety.org/Bike

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Helmets are mandatory for this event.

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CARVING OUT MEMORIES



Photo by Olga Kornienko



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Halloween kick-off

Boo at the Zoo

Presented by Prairie Farms Dairy
Friday & Saturday, Oct. 18 & 19, 6-9 p.m.
Ticketed event. Zoo Pass members
must pre-register for discount.

\$8.25 for adult Zoo Pass members
\$6.25 for children

This after-hours event includes an evening light show behind the Small Mammals Building, a haystack maze, crafts and more. Dress up in your costume and walk through the Zoo to find your favorite animals. Hundreds of carved pumpkins will light the way as you check out the amazing decorations.

Boo at the Zoo is a Zoo fundraiser. Tickets go on sale in September at milwaukeezoo.org. The Zoo Pass discount is only available online with promo code *BooPass2019* and your Zoo Pass member ID. Parking is included.

In the middle of the hot summer, it might feel odd to start thinking about the cool nights of Halloween. But at the Zoo, there are a few people that think about the holiday year round. "Usually during the Halloween events we're already thinking about next year," says Emily Salentine, the Zoo's marketing and special events coordinator. Salentine coordinates both Halloween events, Boo at the Zoo and Halloween Spooktacular.

There are more than a dozen areas that are decorated, not including the thousands of lights and little touches throughout the Zoo. Salentine says people will notice some returning favorites along with some fresh ideas. "Last year we were thinking a lot about how we were going to use Adventure Africa because it had been closed. So we're really focusing over there this year to make it special."

Each year there is a different theme for the five "Eye Spy" displays. Those locations have hidden items you have to find. Salentine works with the

Zoo's horticulture team to make those displays come to life. Their creative mindset and artistic abilities are showcased throughout the Zoo. One member of the horticulture team even creates many of the characters and displays by hand.

Between Boo at the Zoo and Halloween Spooktacular, more than 1,000 pumpkins are carved. The Zoo uses real candles in the pumpkins, and it takes a team of eight people to go around and light all the candles as the night events start. "It's a lot of work, but we wouldn't do it any other way," says Salentine. There are also giant pumpkins that will be carved by a professional artist. Each year he does a different animal theme. When each event is over the pumpkins go to the animals as enrichment items and delicious treats. Salentine's favorite part is to see people at the event. "To see it done and people enjoying it is really pretty special. It's weeks of work, and to see that joy is pretty cool."



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Olga Kornienko

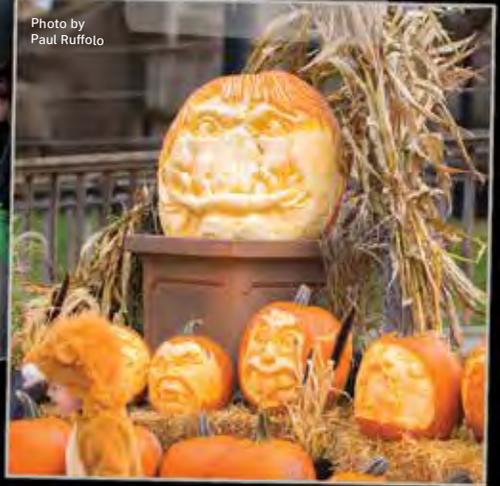


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Halloween Spooktacular

Presented by Prairie Farms Dairy

Friday, Oct. 25, 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Free admission for Zoo Pass members

This Halloween event includes trick-or-treating. Guests can walk through the Zoo collecting candy and memories. Don't miss the haystack maze or the hundreds of carved pumpkins around the Zoo. Kids dressed in costume can march in Saturday's parade inside the Zoo and register for a costume contest.

Trick-or-Treating

FARM LIVING

Family Farm Weekend

Presented by Prairie Farms Dairy

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 7 & 8

Free admission for Zoo Pass members

Experience farm life inside the Zoo during Family Farm Weekend. The two-day event at the Northwestern Mutual Family Farm offers farm animals, food and friendly competitions including:

- Milk-chugging contests for kids and adults
- Ice cream making and tasting
- A farmers market
- Animal encounters
- Hands-on cow-milking demonstrations
- Children's tractor pull



Photos by Paul Ruffolo



RELATABLE MESSAGE

Parents can feel like they tell their kids something a hundred times and they still forget. Finding a way to get through to them can be a challenge. Kohl's Wild Theater uses performances with actors and puppets to get their message across, and according to parents we spoke with, it works.

One of the shows performed daily at the Zoo this summer is "Dr. McGhee Learns About the Sea." The audience observes Dr. McGhee being wasteful with water and electricity. With the help of humor, songs and a puppet, families will walk away knowing why that's a bad thing. "I liked how the show made connections between habits at home and the effect it has on the environment. It [Kohl's Wild Theater] takes a serious topic and makes it more kid-friendly," says local mother Michelle Kent. "I have a good way to get the kids to turn off their lights or turn off the sink when they are done. I can remind them of the show we just saw."

The other show performed daily inside the Zoo is "An Elephant Never Forgets." It's a new musical that tackles the topic of poachers and why animals need their horns and tusks. Melissa Kingston and her daughter Piper had never seen a Kohl's Wild Theater performance until now, and the reviews are great. "As a mom, it's nice to take big ideas like poaching and make them easy to understand for a younger audience," says Kingston. Piper, 6,



Photo by Paul Ruffolo

not only loved the songs, she walked away understanding the message. "It's important to help elephants and not buy their tusks."

Kohl's Wild Theater performs inside the farm area every day through Labor Day. You will also see them interacting with guests near the elephants and the otters. Kohl's Wild Theater is made possible by a partnership between Kohl's Cares, the Milwaukee County Zoo and the Zoological Society of Milwaukee.

A USE FOR POOP 🍌



The Grounds Department uses a giant vacuum to suck up the waste from underground pits.

The Zoological Society and the Zoo are firm supporters of recycling and reusing. That doesn't just mean bottles, cans and paper – it means animal poop too. The animal waste from herbivores is turned into compost by a local company, Blue Ribbon Organics.

Almost every day at the Zoo, the Grounds Department goes around collecting animal waste. Head of grounds, Dave Engelmann, explains the process. "The keepers will go out and shovel it up in a wheelbarrow or bucket or whatever they have. They wheel it over to the pits that are next to a lot of the buildings. Then we will come around and suck it up with our truck." Once the trucks are full, they drive to the farm in Caledonia to drop off the waste, equaling about 11 tons per week.

As soon as the waste arrives, Blue Ribbon Organics adds in yard and local food waste. From there it goes into a mixing process controlled for temperature and moisture. In about six to eight months the compost is ready for sale. The primary use is for lawns and landscaping.

The partnership works out for both organizations. "The waste gets put to good use instead of rotting in a landfill. It's a valuable, clean resource used for green applications," says James Jutrzonka, owner of Blue Ribbon Organics. In one year, more than 550 tons of waste is turned into nutrient-rich, organic soil.

Photos by Joel Miller



Zoo employees drive the waste to Blue Ribbon Organics almost every day.

A VALUABLE CHICK

New parents are known to be protective of their babies, but whooping cranes take this to the extreme. "From the moment an egg is laid in our exhibit, the whoopers will no longer allow keepers to enter for more than a few minutes," says Milwaukee County Zoo keeper Caty Coutant. The female crane at the Zoo, Tiki, has laid eggs each year since 2013. Unfortunately, the eggs have all been infertile. This year the International Crane Foundation (ICF) sent a fertile egg to the Zoo for Tiki and her mate, Torch, to incubate. The cranes accepted the egg because they were already incubating a pair of infertile eggs, and the chick hatched May 16.

If the keepers thought the cranes were aggressive with an egg, they learned a whole new meaning for the term once the chick hatched. "We now require a minimum of four keepers to safely service the exhibit and take care of the birds," Coutant says. "Three keepers are there to protect the other keeper, who is replacing food and water and tidying up."

The chick is extremely valuable not just to its foster parents, but also to conservation. In 1940, the wild whooping crane population dipped below 20. Today, that number has

grown to about 500 through the efforts of the ICF and other groups. Only one naturally occurring migrating flock remains, migrating between Canada and Texas. The Milwaukee County Zoo participates in the Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership, which has established a second flock that migrates between central Wisconsin and the southeastern U.S.

This second migratory flock is not self-sustaining, so ICF works actively to make sure as many chicks are hatched and reared as possible. This year, ICF experienced a large influx of eggs, so it placed some eggs at zoos to take some of the pressure off of breeding centers. This is the first time the Milwaukee County Zoo has received an egg from ICF.

For now, the chick will remain with its foster parents, who are doing everything they should be, Coutant says. "They are teaching it how to forage and obtain food," she says. Eventually it will be matched with a mate and placed in one of ICF's breeding centers. Breeding pairs are typically formed when the birds are 2 to 3 years old. You can see the chick with Torch and Tiki in their home outside the Herb & Nada Mahler Family Aviary.



Photo by Joel Miller

TORCH & TIKI: A HAPPY ENDING

It was hardly love at first sight for the Milwaukee County Zoo's whooping cranes, Torch and Tiki, says zookeeper Caty Coutant. Torch was hatched in 2006 and expected to be released into the wild, but he was found with a wing injury of unknown origin and sent to the Zoo. Tiki arrived in 2008. She too was part of a captive-release program but was deemed not healthy enough for release.

"It took many months of introductions under close supervision before they were allowed to be together unmonitored," Coutant says. "Tiki was easily intimidated by Torch,

so he would harass her and send her into a panic. In the end, Tiki finally got brave and stood up to his nonsense."

Today the pair has a strong bond. They have not successfully produced their own offspring yet, but this summer they are raising their first foster chick and doing an excellent job.

Zookeeper Caty Coutant with Tiki and Torch.

Photo by Richard Brodzeller



ZOO CLASSES

Registration for Fall Zoo Classes is officially open.

Classes are available for infants, children ages 2-14 and adults. School-aged children can take classes on weekends and on days some school districts have off.

Classes are interactive, educational and fun. But don't take our word for it.

Every class is an adventure that our son loves! I am always impressed that the class holds his attention, and he loves sharing what he has learned with anyone who'll listen!

- Jessica B.



Photo by Paul Ruffolo

Both the Zoo Classes and the Summer Camp sessions are phenomenal! My daughters learn so much, and they are always so excited to come!

- Kyle & Jennifer H.

Photo by Bob Wickland



The kids were fully engaged in the activities the entire time because of the great teachers. Thank you so much for the great learning experience for both my daughter and me!

- Kristen O.



Photo by Bob Wickland

REGISTER TODAY AT ZOOSOCIETY.ORG/EDUCATION.

NEW HIPPO HOME

The Zoological Society needs your help to create a new home for the Zoo's hippos and change how you view the animals.

Your donations will create:

- An underwater view of the hippos.
- A new 7-foot-deep outdoor pool.
- A new filtration system that will save millions of gallons of water each year.
- A large beach for the hippos to graze.

The Milwaukee County Zoo will be the eighth zoo in the country to have an underwater viewing area of the hippos. But we can't do it without your help. Donations at \$100 and greater will receive recognition on our digital boards within Adventure Africa.



Photo by Bob Wickland

A GIFT FOR EVERYONE

Gift giving isn't always easy, but a local family found a unique way to incorporate helping the Zoo while celebrating each other. Dave and Felicia Siewert have been Zoo Pass members since 2011 when Dave's sister bought them a membership. They were expecting their first child, and Dave's sister knew the Zoo would be a great experience for a family. For the next eight years, they continued their membership as their family grew to four.



The Siewert family at the VIP Brick Dino premiere.

Photo by Stacy Kaat

The couple was discussing their year-end charitable giving at the time of their eighth wedding anniversary, which traditionally is the bronze anniversary. "When looking at the Zoological Society's website, we learned that the Platypus Circle has a Bronze Level. Joining the Platypus Circle was our gift to each other, and taking our membership to a new level has been a perfect way to show our support for the Zoo," Dave says.

One of the advantages to having a Platypus Circle membership is invitations to VIP events like a sneak peek at Brick Dinos, sponsored by Sendik's Food Markets. "The perk we're most looking forward to is the behind-the-scenes tour. We're really excited for the opportunity to see our Zoo from a new perspective," explains Dave. His two children, August, 7, and Beatrice, 5, love taking Zoo Classes. Platypus Circle members get priority registration and member rates. "Each class seems to be better than the last, and the instructors are absolutely incredible."

While the Siewerts enjoy the benefits of having a Platy membership, they are excited to support the Zoological Society, the nonprofit support partner of the Zoo. "For us, joining the Platypus Circle means supporting a cultural gem that educates, entertains and makes our family stronger and community richer."

We want to thank the following people and businesses that decided to support the Zoological Society by joining the Platypus Circle. These members joined between March 2 and June 30.

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For more information, visit BeAPlaty.org or contact Dani at 414-918-6153 or danis@zoosociety.org.

BY THE NUMBERS

1. Nights in June

David and Jaylen enjoy a pizza break during Nights in June, sponsored by Milwaukee Montessori School. **More than 10,700** came to this event for Zoo Pass members on June 4-6. Food trucks and pop-up tents donated part of their proceeds to Sponsor an Animal, raising **\$5,675**.

Photo by Paul Ruffolo



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2. Father's Day

More than 5,200 people celebrated Father's Day at the Zoo including Marshall Chung, pictured in the center along with his children and grandchildren. Dads received free admission thanks to sponsor Prairie Farms Dairy.

Photo by Olga Kornienko

3. Zoo Ball

The Zoological Society's largest fundraiser of the year **attracted 723 guests and raised more than \$610,000**. Dressed in their finest, guests were able to see the elephants in their new home. The black-tie gala was sponsored by North Shore Bank and Northwestern Mutual Foundation.

Photo by Stacy Kaat



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4. Military & Veterans Family Day

Active military and veterans were treated to a day at the Zoo thanks to Thrivent Member Network of South Wisconsin. The event on June 30 brought in **11,216 guests**.

Photo by Kevin McIntosh



Photo by Joel Miller

NEW TO THE ZOO

You probably don't think bird when you hear about an animal more than 200 pounds and above 6 feet tall. Size is just one of the things that make ostriches unique. For the first time in about seven years, you can see ostriches at the Milwaukee County Zoo. The two large birds are in the new mixed-species yard in Adventure Africa. They share space with two zebras, impalas and grey-crowned cranes. These species live together in the wild, so it's a good fit.

Ostriches can't fly, which isn't surprising considering their size. They can, however, run about 40 miles an hour for a short distance. It takes strong legs to run that fast. In fact, their kick can kill a lion!

The Zoo's two ostriches are both females. Keepers named them Gigi and Poppy. They typically eat plants and seeds. Ostriches are adapted to hot weather, so make sure you come and see them this summer.



QUICK FACTS:

- An ostrich's legs are covered in scales.
- They only have two toes on each foot.
- Ostriches have the largest eyeball of any land animal.
- Ostriches don't bury their heads in the sand. When an ostrich senses trouble it will get low and lay its long neck on the ground, which blends in with sandy ground giving the appearance its head is buried.

CELEBRATE THE RETURN OF THE OSTRICH WITH THIS YEAR'S HOLIDAY ORNAMENT.

The handcrafted, pewter ornament is created by local Wisconsin artist Andy Schumann. This is the Zoological Society's 28th ornament. You can order this year's ornament or any of the previous 27 at zoosociety.org/Ornament.

Each ornament is \$14, which includes postage, mailing materials and 5.6% WI sales tax.





BRINGING ANIMALS TOGETHER

Similar to humans, animals can take a while to warm up to each other. They may be shy and take their time to interact with a male or female. Alex is a perfect example. She is an orangutan from the Cincinnati Zoo and came to Milwaukee in April to be a companion for Tommy, the Zoo's male orangutan.

With any animal introduction, you can't just put two animals together. First, zookeepers gave Alex time to get to know her new home. "Initially, she seemed quite nervous about the large groups of visitors. To help her feel less stressed, we decided to cover the windows of her indoor habitat to give her privacy to explore her space," explains orangutan zookeeper Kara DeLanty. It took about three weeks for Alex to see all three indoor areas and the outdoor yard.

While Alex was checking out her new home, she was able to see Tommy through windows. How the two react to seeing each other helps zookeepers decide when they should be put together. Keepers didn't see any signs of aggression or agitation when they saw each other. Then, several weeks later, DeLanty saw a positive interaction at the outdoor window. "They would both push their faces up against the window at the same time or they would just sit and calmly look at one another. Once we saw some of these positive signs, we decided that it was time to put them together."



Alex is 36 years old. She came to Milwaukee shortly after the last female orangutan, Rayma, went to Phoenix.

Introductions went well, but Alex didn't want Tommy to get too close. According to DeLanty, Alex wants about 3 feet separating them. "Tommy has not been pushing the space boundaries that Alex seems to have set," says DeLanty. "My biggest hope right now is that they make some sort of positive physical contact soon. This could be in the form of play, food sharing, or grooming. Anything that indicates that they are building up a higher level of trust."

Alex likes to relax and lay low when she is inside but is very active outside. You may spot her climbing across the yard from the ceiling of the exhibit. "One thing that I think guests will find funny is her tendency to walk backwards sometimes to get from point A to point B."

ANIMAL WATCH

When an animal is born at the Zoo, there are a lot of questions. Will the mother help take care of the baby? Is the baby nursing on its own? Do they both seem healthy? Since animals can't talk, zookeepers look for clues to determine the best care for the animals. But due to demanding schedules, zookeepers can't stop and watch the animals for hours at a time. That's when a group of Zoo Pride volunteers comes in. The Animal Watch Committee is a team of volunteers who are trained to observe animals and take detailed notes to help the zookeepers.



A baby macaque rides on mom's back.
Photo by Joel Miller

Each animal watch shift can last up to two and a half hours. During that time the volunteer will write behaviors in a log along with the time it happened and as much detail as they can. Some examples are when and what they eat, how they are moving or when they defecate and urinate. According to the committee, "The list of things we are asked to look for are as endless as the behaviors of the animals themselves." The animal watch team acts as the eyes and ears of the zookeepers to help ensure the safety and wellbeing of the animals.

Zookeepers can ask for an animal watch for multiple reasons – not just when there is a newborn. An animal watch can happen for an animal that came from another zoo or when an animal is reintroduced to its exhibit or

another animal. Being part of this committee allows the volunteers to be more personally involved with the animals. They learn more about the animal's biology, natural behaviors and personality.

To be on the Animal Watch Committee, you must first be an active Zoo Pride member for one year in addition to completing a certain

amount of hours and serve on a different animal committee. If you would like to join Zoo Pride, interviews are taking place from now until Sept. 4. Once you've completed your interview and are selected, Level I training sessions take place Sept. 11 and 14. Level II training is Sept. 18, 21, 25 and 28.

To learn how to apply, call 414-258-5667 or visit zoosociety.org/ZooPride.



Volunteer Sandy Stetter is on animal watch for the ostriches as they get used to their new home.

EAGER TO SPONSOR THE LEMUR

Act now to sponsor Jenny
the ring-tailed lemur for \$35.

This limited-time offer includes a plush-toy lemur, a certificate of sponsorship, name recognition in the Peck Welcome Center for one year and an invitation to Animal Safari, a behind-the-scenes event.

Facts about Jenny:

- She has a longer tail compared to Ann.
- Ann and Jenny are great friends and can often be seen cuddling and grooming each other.
- Her favorite treats are bananas and grapes.
- She is curious and investigates everything.

Cost includes shipping and handling.
For more information and to sponsor
Jenny call 414-258-2333 or visit
zoosociety.org/SponsorAnimal.



Photo by Bob Wickland

“OTTER” THIS WORLD

Kids Conservation Club Workshop

Saturday, Sept. 21, 10 a.m.-noon • Peck Welcome Center

The Zoo's otters are active and adorable. But what else do you know about the playful mammals? Members of the Kids Conservation Club are invited to sign up for this free otter workshop on Sept. 21. Kids will take part in otter-themed crafts and activities followed by a zookeeper talk. Make sure to dress for the weather because we will all be walking to the otter exhibit to observe Clover, Shamrock, Emerald and Larkey.

KCC members must RSVP to Becky Luft by Sept. 11 by phone at 414-258-2333 or email, beckyl@zoosociety.org. It's free to Kids Conservation Club members and one parent or guardian. *Space is limited and not guaranteed. It's recommended you register early.

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



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Aug. 24

Animal Safari for animal sponsors,
sponsored by Lifeway Foods

Aug. 30

Senior Celebration, sponsored by
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Sep. 7 & 8

Family Farm Weekend,
presented by Prairie Farms Dairy*

Sept. 8

Ride on the Wild Side Bike Ride,
sponsored by The Corners of
Brookfield (pre-register or register
day of)

Sept. 21

Kids Conservation Club workshop
(pre-register)

Sept. 28

Members-only field trip to
Cranberry Festival (pre-register)

Oct. 3

Zoo Brew, sponsored by
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Oct. 5

Family Free Day,
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North Shore Bank;
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still apply)*

Oct. 18 & 19

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

Oct. 25 & 26

Halloween
Spooktacular,
presented by Prairie Farms Dairy*

Nov. 2

Family Free Day, sponsored by
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Nov. 13

Online registration for
Spring Zoo Classes begins

Halloween events. Pages 4&5

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Dec. 7

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