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GREETINGS

As we head into the spring, we want to remind you that your Louisville Zoo is open and here for you and our community. We are dedicated to providing a safe environment to help you and your loved ones unplug and re-connect with the natural world. We have lots of exciting news to share including updates about your favorite animals, upcoming events and more.

Below are a few of our featured stories:



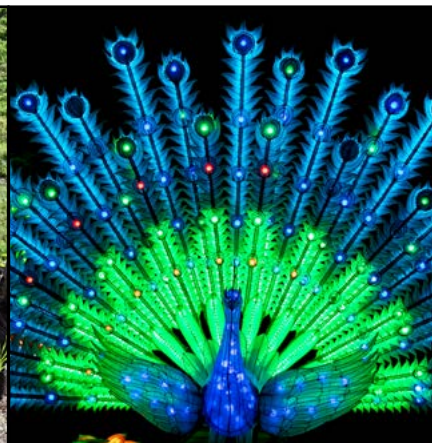
GOT ZOO BUDDIES

The Zoo partners with Christopher 2X's Game Changers organization to form "Future Healers Got Zoo Buddies," a partnership that works to heal victims of secondary trauma due to gun violence in Louisville.



MONARCHS AND MILKWEED

Bellarmine University and Seven Counties Services strengthen local ecosystems and increase biodiversity by partnering with the Zoo to build pollinator gardens on their property. Learn more about our efforts to build a better home for our pollinators!



WILD LIGHTS RETURNS

Back by popular demand, Wild Lights celebrates its third year with even more new illuminated features! Enjoy an evening stroll alongside dynamic cultural displays celebrating the rich heritage and craftsmanship of lantern artisans.

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FROM EXTINCTION

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UNBRIDLED SPIRIT



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Along with enjoying the explosion of flowers and blossoms, and the return of the migratory birds, I can't wait to share my first Kentucky spring with all of you as director of your Louisville Zoo!

I'm excited to welcome even more guests through our gates to immerse themselves among our stunning horticulture, enjoy a tasty alfresco lunch, and as always, share some special moments with their favorite animal ambassadors.

Every year, hundreds of thousands of families head out to their Louisville Zoo to enjoy quality time outdoors. Spending time together in a beautiful, safe, natural setting is a wonderful opportunity to bond, satisfy curious minds, and learn about the habits of our Zoo's residents.

If COVID has taught us anything, it's that the value of natural spaces to human wellness and growth cannot be overemphasized. We learned quickly that isolation, separation and seclusion are not healthy or helpful to our development and can be especially challenging for children.

Kids have an innate interest and urge to explore.

Natural spaces, like the Zoo, are essential places for children to learn and absorb lots of information and facts. They can play, climb and inspect. They discover incredible components of our environment and become inspired with ideas and questions. What is it? What can it do? How does it feel? How does it move? Exploration is followed by discovery. Discovery translates to learning. Learning evolves into understanding and understanding leads to recognition and familiarity.

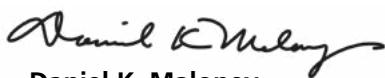
Modern, accredited zoos can demystify the natural world and promote respect and appreciation for wild places. Zoos can help us develop special, personal relationships with the creatures with whom we share our environment. Bees become crucial agricultural partners, rather than scary stinging bugs. Hawks and owls are seen as highly regarded fellow occupants, and raccoons and opossums appreciated for their adaptability and resourcefulness rather than dismissed as nuisances and pests.

Aiding all children and their families to live well with wildlife is an integral part of your Zoo's mission. Our entire team, including educators, keepers, guest services staff and our beloved docents are dedicated to cultivating reverence, fondness and empathy for our favorite animal friends.

To that end, Future Healers Got Zoo Buddies is an extraordinary, new program utilizing nature's power to heal children who have experienced trauma in their early lives. Helping these determined, resilient youngsters feel welcome and included around wildlife, is the living embodiment of our mission, "to better the bond between people and our planet," and is so rewarding for all involved. You can read more about it later in this issue.

As you visit the Zoo this spring, I hope you'll slow down and take time to re-connect with nature — to smell the flowers, to observe the Zoo's animals, to ask our keepers about the residents and learn their stories. And I also hope you find new ways to live well with wildlife and make the world a better place for everyone.

Thank you for your membership and support. Wildlife needs everyone and we're inviting everyone to come aboard. I'll see you soon at the Zoo!



Daniel K. Maloney
Your Zoo's Director



Dan Maloney and Simon, an African penguin

MEMBERSHIP

GETTING READY FOR SPRING

Warm weather is returning to the Zoo and so are our members! We're looking forward to welcoming you back to enjoy all the things you love about your Zoo. We wanted to say thank you for your continued support this past year. Your membership allows us to continue to provide excellent care for the animals, wildlife education for our community, and support for conservation efforts worldwide. For each Louisville Zoo membership purchased, \$1 goes to support these critical conservation efforts.

FASTER TO THE FUN

Feel free to arrive anytime during regular Zoo hours; just bring your membership card or app and proceed directly to the gate to be scanned in.

RENEWAL COMING SOON?

Pick up your Zoo membership card before it gets too WILD out there.

Help us help you! Be sure to renew early and pick up your membership card before school breaks.

HOW TO RENEW

- Online at louisvillezoo.org/member
- At the Zoo member admission windows
- Call us at (502) 459-2287.

REMINDER: We do not mail membership cards. To pick up your membership card, a named member must visit our ticket windows.



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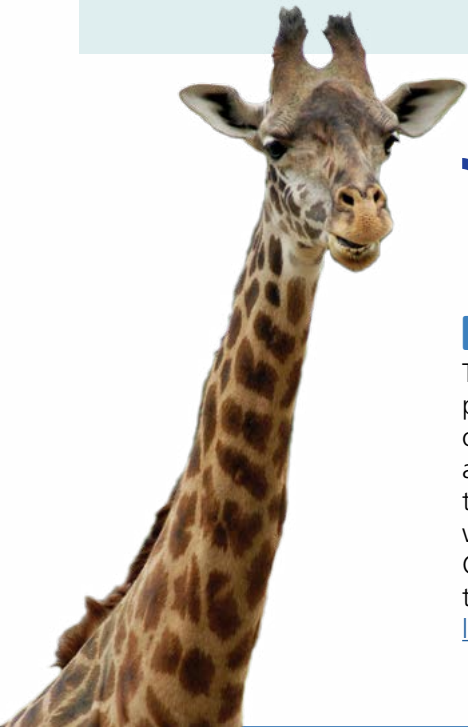
Now accepting new enrollment!

Norton Healthcare Prevention & Wellness, in partnership with the Louisville Zoo has resumed our Walking Club every morning between 8 and 9:15 a.m. Walking Club members as well as Zoo members may enter the Zoo and walk the route until 9:30 a.m. The walkers' loop at the Louisville Zoo is a hard-surface walk through the animal exhibits that combines flat areas and hills with the sights and sounds of the Zoo for a challenging twist on the traditional "weekend stroll." Directional signs keep walkers on track and provide special health tips along the way.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

The Louisville Zoo is available as a choice in the Kroger Community Rewards program. Kroger aims to give back to the charities, schools and other nonprofit organizations that matter to you most by letting you choose to whom you assign your donation. Simply enroll at krogercommunityrewards.com and choose the Louisville Zoo. Then, each time you swipe your Kroger Plus Card, Kroger will donate money to support your Louisville Zoo. Your support through Kroger Community Rewards has contributed more than \$30,000 to the Zoo over the past five years! For more in-depth instructions, please visit our website at louisvillezoo.org/support/kroger.



ZOO BUCKS

The Louisville Zoo is pleased to offer members quarterly coupons with various Zoo offerings like guest admission and activities. We hope you enjoy the following limited-time promotional offers. Please check the expiration dates and restrictions on the coupons.

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| BUY ONE ADULT ADMISSION, GET ONE FREE <i>One time use. Coupon must be forfeited at time of redemption. Valid Louisville Zoo Membership and photo ID required.</i> <i>Discount cannot be used with any other offers, discounts or after-hour events including Wild Lights.</i>  theZOO LOUISVILLE Expires 5/31/2022 | BUY ONE CAROUSEL WRISTBAND, GET ONE FREE <i>One time use. Coupon must be forfeited at time of redemption. Valid Louisville Zoo Membership and photo ID required.</i> <i>Discount cannot be used with any other offers, discounts or after-hour events including Wild Lights.</i>  theZOO LOUISVILLE Expires 5/31/2022 | GET A FREE REGULAR FOUNTAIN DRINK WITH THE PURCHASE OF AN ENTRÉE AT THE AFRICAN OUTPOST <i>One time use.</i> <i>Valid Louisville Zoo Membership and photo ID required.</i> <i>Not valid during after-hours events including Wild Lights.</i> <i>Discount cannot be used with any other offers or discounts.</i> Expires 5/31/2022 | GET A FREE POPCORN WITH THE PURCHASE OF A SOUVENIR FOUNTAIN DRINK <i>One time use.</i> <i>Valid Louisville Zoo Membership and photo ID required.</i> <i>Not valid during after-hours events including Wild Lights.</i> <i>Discount cannot be used with any other offers or discounts.</i> Expires 5/31/2022 |

ADOPTS

GIVE A MEANINGFUL GIFT

The ADOPTS (Animals Depend on People to Survive) program allows for anyone to symbolically adopt their favorite animal at the Louisville Zoo. Funds from your adoption will provide direct support to the Zoo, helping us take a bite out of the over \$600,000 we spend annually to feed our amazing animal ambassadors, and ensuring we have all the tools to provide these ambassadors world class care.

PERFECT FOR ANY BUDGET

\$25 Digital Package

We send you a personalized adoption certificate and animal fact sheet via email.

\$50 Standard Package

We mail a personalized adoption certificate and species fact sheet directly to the address of your choice, PLUS a Zoo magnet.

\$75 Plush Package

All of the above benefits, PLUS a plush of your animal.

\$125 Premium Package

All of the above benefits, PLUS two admission passes to the Zoo.

PERFECT FOR EVERY OCCASION

Whether you're celebrating an anniversary, birthday, graduation, promotion, holiday or "just because" — an ADOPTS package will make the perfect gift for the animal lover in your life.

EVERYONE HAS A FAVORITE ANIMAL AT THE ZOO. SUPPORT YOURS TODAY!



MEET THE ADOPTIVE PARENTS

When you support your favorite Zoo animal through our ADOPTS program, you become a partner in fulfilling the Zoo's mission: we're bettering the bond between people and our planet together. **Thank you!**

Addax Antelope

Kathy Anderson, in honor of Laird Anderson

African Elephant

Tom Marksbury
Mary Thomas, for Mikki & Fitz
Nakaa Stewart, for Fitz
Jessica Mosby, for Fitz
Fitz McManus
Connor Daniel
Liberty Woodrum
Dikiea J. Elery
Inpatient Pharmacy
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Louisville

Asian Elephant

Emma & Amy
London Stone

African Lion

Jack Montooth
Riley White
Ryder Stone
Harley C. McGill
Jerry & Laura Miller

Aldabra Tortoise

Rob & Tina Wilcox

American Alligator (White)

Jennifer Miracle
Carson Taylor
Sherry Trail

Amur Tiger

Arabella Bennett
Jaxson Avery
Elijah King
Kinsley McKay
Hannah
Reece H. McGill
Ellen Anthony
John Clary
Lesley Debes

Bearded Dragon

Sky Valentine

Bennett's Wallaby

April Shryock

Black-footed Ferret

Leomaris Pitzer
Macy Alexander
Robin Long

Bongo

The DeJarnett Family
Patricia Sysol

Brazilian Rainbow Boa

The Morris Family

Burmese Python

Sebastian Stone

Chilean Flamingo

Dr. Frances Rosenbaum
Elora King
Nathanael Hamby
Ellie & Will Watkins
The Loyd Family

Cuban Crocodile

Sherry Trail

Dromedary Camel

April Shryock

Gray Seal

Inpatient Pharmacy
Dept. at Baptist Health
Louisville
Christopher & Daniel
Fackler

Grizzly Bear

Hoop Love
John Bickel

Harbor Seal

Michelle Ash
April Shryock

Hartmann's Mountain Zebra

Aubrey Loxley
Heidi West
The Weber Group

Hedgehog

Silas Stone
Lincoln Yake
Inpatient Pharmacy
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Jaguar

Keegan Nix
Robin Long

Komodo Dragon

Kayden Jordan
Mark Kantlehner
Evan Steimel
Jackson Hardin
Eric B. Prater
Jess Dodson
Henry Clary

Linnaeus's Two-Toed Sloth

Tessa Geithmann
Trevor Ferguson
Isabelle Jones
Madison Rather
Lucas Schneidtmiller
Jacob Ballard
Kritter Saxby
Reinhardt Kapfhammer
& Hollyn Dale
Danielle Stovall
Karla Huselton
Madeline Cahill
Andrew Bryant

Little Penguin

Ashley Gott
Kathryn Davis & Tyler
Greenwell
Sara Yamin
Liam Turner Keeley
Lila Steimel
Evan Steimel
Scarlett Stone
Andrew Padgett

Malayan Tapir

Colin Triplett
Heather Akins & Chris
Tussey
Jake Denniston

Maned Wolf

Sherry Trail

Masai Giraffe

Ella Swan
Cecile Tate
Destinee Haynes
Em Eskridge
Andr'e Harris
Emma Sarver
Jacob, Cali & Emma
Jenkins
Ann Thomas & Mitchell
Clements
Dominick Loxley
Kiley Stone
Caleb Bailey
Zia Bailey
Adalyn Wallace
Dexter

Meerkat

Mrs. Hartness 2021–2022
2nd Grade Class
Sandra Dickinson
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Kendall Harberson

Naked Mole Rat

Ashley Hatfield

North American Bald Eagle

Cathy Johnson
Deborah A. Carter
Kate McCauley
Angela Thomas
The Mirkovich Family

Orangutan

Duncan Bollock
Fritz Rector
Brad Sneed

Poison Dart Frog

Griffin Douglas
Inpatient Pharmacy
Dept. at Baptist Health
Louisville

Polar Bear

Abby Yake
Norah Johnson
Carmela McWaters
Daxton Smith
Chad Ashley & Cayden
McGuffin
Justin & Julia Mattingly
Evelyn Michels
Grace Taylor
Michael Madryga
Emerson McKay

Pygmy Hippopotamus

John Henson
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Rodrigues Fruit Bat

Maeve Schikler
Ryan Carothers

Schmidt's Red-Tailed Monkey

Claine Risinger

Snow Leopard

Harper Bennett
Lila Steimel
Garrett Vaught-Isham
Sadie Schikler
Violet Oltman
Keelia Long
Nick Peskoe
Pattie Dale & Jim Tye
Sherri Colbridge

Snowy Owl

Melissa Watts
Brendan Perry
Stephanie Thomas
Christopher Lloyd
& Amanda Wilburn
Alex Baker

Southern White Rhinoceros

Ms. Merilatt, Ms. Breslin
& Eli's Kindergarten
Class

Sumatran Tiger

Hunter Neff
Aiden T. Rood
Veronica Winsor
Inpatient Pharmacy
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Lesley Debes

Vampire Bat

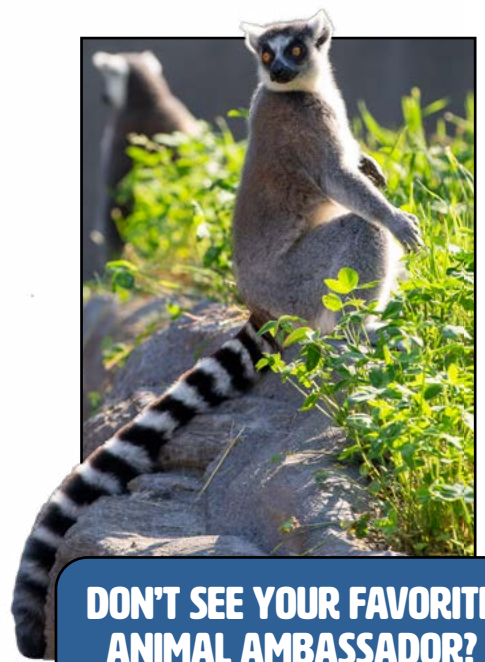
Makayla Smith

Warthog

Vernon & Peggy Smith
Hollie Cotner

Western Lowland Gorilla

Mary Underwood
The Harryman Family
Charley Pogue
Cindy Stasie



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Future Healers Got Zoo Buddies!

Article & Photos by Kyle Shepherd, PR Manager

*"The visions we offer our children
shape the future."*

— **Carl Sagan**

The Louisville Zoo has always been a place for families to learn about animals and their role in the natural world. Our mission is "to better the bond between people and our planet" and to ultimately build little (and big) earth advocates. Now, the Zoo is embarking on building little (and big) humanitarian advocates by partnering with Christopher 2X and Future Healers!

In the fall of 2020, nightly news entering our homes was either about the pandemic, protests, or gun violence in our country. With this as the backdrop, University of Louisville (UL) School of Medicine students reached out to Christopher 2X's Game Changers about an idea. The students wanted bring the youth of our community who are suffering due to secondary trauma from gun violence into a program that would cultivate their wellbeing, compassion, and possibly foster careers in the medical field. Future Healers was born to recognize the littlest victims of violence as well as the sometimes invisible effects of secondary trauma. This partnership, fully realized in the summer of 2021, brought together the combined forces of UL Health, trauma surgeons from the UL Trauma Institute, and UL School of Medicine with Christopher 2X's Game Changers.

"The goal of Future Healers is simple," said Christopher 2X. "To encourage these kids to be great humanitarian advocates as it relates to understanding that you have to respect the whole idea of the existence of another human being in a healthy and proper way."

Following a September 2021 Future Healers trip to the Zoo sponsored by Kosair Charities, Zoo leadership met with Christopher 2X about expanding Future Healers to have a Zoo component that would complement the existing program and focus on the therapeutic and healing nature of animals.

In October 2021, a unique initiative was hatched that the Zoo believes to be the only one of its kind: Future Healers Got Zoo Buddies (FHGZB).

This educational program takes Future Healer program participants ages 4 – 13 and immerses them into the natural world of animals. While we can't take their secondary trauma away, the Zoo can offer a safe, inclusive space for these kids to escape their trauma for a few moments and experience the healing power of animals. We hope to help in their healing and for them to emerge as leaders and vital stewards of our planet.

"The Zoo brings that energy," said Christopher 2X, who expressed his excitement about the endeavor. "The Zoo plays a part in healing families, communities, and inspiring them to see a better day, every day, regardless of what neighborhood they live in Metro Louisville."

Compassion and the concept that we have one mind, one body, one life, and one planet is at the heart of the education curriculum for FHGZB. The program is taken in part from the "One Health" approach — a public health initiative that strives to understand the connection between humans, animals and the environment. It examines how we are all interconnected with each other and how empathy is at the foundation of that connection. Without one, the others cannot be healthy.

"This program offers kids an experience in nature that maybe they have not had before and a place to see their important role in a healthy planet," said Assistant Director for Conservation, Education and Collections, Steve Taylor. "We hope they take these experiences and affect change not only in their neighborhoods and community but globally as well."

Twenty of the Future Healers were handpicked by Christopher 2X to be a part of the FHGZB program. These youths will meet at the Zoo monthly, along with their parents, for learning and growth moments centered in animal care and total wellness.

The curriculum will engage the "little healer buddies" ages 4 to 8 in focused activities to learn about empathy for each other and animals. The "big healer buddies" ages 9 to 13 will be working on conservation action projects.

The education team will focus on bees and pollinator gardens this first year. "A bee might seem obscure and not what the kids expect. There is often a negative connotation with bees, and we hope to change that," explained Education Curator Kim Allgeier. "We hope to instill how important bees are in our ecosystem and our food supply. We want them to respect bees and protect them."

"We all depend on one another, and we can all positively impact the world we share," said Louisville Zoo Executive Director Dan Maloney. "We hope these young people grow up with us, become part of our Zoo family and create a lifetime of memories while learning more about the remarkable value of wildlife and wild places."

FHGZB officially launched the first session on February 26, 2022.

"Hopefully, these experiences will let these children know that there was some caring that came their way and some healing in participating that's going to make them whole and feel a purpose," said Christopher 2X. "We want these kids to know they can shoot for the stars on their goals and ambitions and go beyond their tremendous stresses as it relates to violent crime and trauma."

The Zoo hopes so too and we look forward to the future of this program!



Future Healers Got Zoo Buddies participants learn how to prepare fish for the seals and sea lions in Glacier Run.



The kids get an upclose look at the Zoo's seals and sea lions.

MEET JINGGA!

The Louisville Zoo is excited to welcome a new addition to our Islands Exhibit — Jingga, the female Sumatran tiger! She is 12 years old and comes to us from the Topeka Zoo & Conservation Center.

After her arrival late last year and a standard quarantine period, Jingga has settled in quite well to her new home, now living in the main off-habitat bedrooms near the Zoo's other Sumatran tiger, Leela. According to General Curator Ron Evans, "she seems to be easy going and enjoys being around Zoo staff already. The team has already established a great connection with her and have begun doing some training behaviors behind the scenes."

We are thrilled to have Jingga here at the Louisville Zoo, and hope to introduce her to all the exciting areas of the Islands exhibit during the spring! As always, this process will go at Jingga's pace as her welfare is our top priority.



Tiger Jingga relaxes in her off-exhibit bedroom.



Bird Keeper Colleen McKenna shows off an ibis chick.



Keeper Dana Prior holds an Inca tern chick.

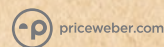
WHAT'S HATCHING AT THE ZOO?

Did you know? The Louisville Zoo is celebrating several hatchings! Two waldrapp ibis were hatched in late February. This species is considered one of the most endangered birds in the world. This is the first time the Zoo has celebrated waldrapp ibis hatchings in four years. The Zoo has been a longtime member of the Waldrapp Ibis Species Survival Plan (SSP) with 18 ibis chicks being hatched since 1993. The recent pairings were also a part of this SSP breeding plan. The waldrapp Ibis are currently nesting in their exhibit in the giraffe house. Guests may get a glimpse of the chicks when the parents are feeding them. The genders of each bird are currently not known and will be determined once they've fledged.

Additionally, four Inca tern chicks have hatched. This is the first time Louisville Zoo has bred this species. The four chicks are from two different pairs of birds. The Inca terns are presently inside a nest box in the exhibit they share with the African penguins. Guests will be able to see them again after they are fully fledged in late April. The genders of the Inca terns are also not known at this time and will be determined once fully fledged.



We take our work home with us.
PriceWeber is delighted to be part of the Louisville Zoo family.



Monarchs and Milkweed

By Heather Dishon, Communications Coordinator

Springtime is here in Louisville, bringing back birds, bees and bright green leaves. It's an exciting time of year for our community — and for your Zoo!

With the return of May, also comes the return of a guest favorite at the Louisville Zoo: our **Butterflies n' Blooms** exhibit. This outdoor walkthrough flight house helps visitors connect with the stunning native butterflies that call Kentucky home. Next door to the exhibit is our Certified Monarch Waystation, where guests can examine the plants and learn more about how they too can become advocates for our local pollinators.

From building butterfly gardens and waystations, to creating a place for bee hives to thrive, the Zoo loves our local pollinators! Many fruits and vegetables — about 1/3 of the world's food supply — come from flowers that are pollinated. Apples, grapes and even tomatoes would disappear from stores if we didn't have bees, butterflies and other pollinators.

Since the 1960's, the leading cause of the population decline of monarch butterflies has been their continuous loss of habitat, with an 80% decline since the 1990s. In the U.S., this is due to the conversion of habitat into agricultural land, the use of pesticides to control insects that destroy agricultural crops, and the use of herbicides to remove milkweed plants. Monarch caterpillars need milkweed plants to feed on so they can complete their life cycle.

In an effort to restore this critical habitat for monarch butterflies and other native pollinators, the Louisville Zoo became a program partner of the AZA SAFE (Saving Animals From Extinction) North American Monarch butterfly program in 2021.

The Zoo is also working to maximize efforts to save monarch butterflies and other pollinators by bringing partners on board. The **Monarchs and Milkweed Pollinator Habitat Project** was created by the Zoo to provide an opportunity for community members to join in habitat development and have a direct impact on the conservation of the monarch butterfly while connecting with nature.

Two community partners have come on board so far to plant and develop pollinator habitats on their campuses. In October 2021, pollinator gardens were installed at Seven Counties Services and at Bellarmine University.

The Zoo will be bringing on more partners in the future. All community partner habitats developed will be monarch waystations certified by Monarch Watch and designed with milkweed plants appropriate for each site.

To learn more about this project and how you can become a partner, visit louisvillezoo.org/butterflies.



Bellarmine volunteers help to build a new pollinator garden.



With some hard work, the Bellarmine campus garden is coming together.



Bellarmine volunteers pose next to their newly installed pollinator garden and sign!

Learn more about our April 23 Monarchs and Mimosas event for adults 21+ on page 12!

How Can You Help Pollinators Today?

There are lots of ways to support pollinators right now from your own backyard!

- Avoid overuse of pesticides. Pesticides can kill pollinators and harm bugs that are only there to help. Try natural ways to get rid of your pests — like introducing beneficial bugs.
- Plant native gardens. Native flowers from Kentucky will grow easier and provide the best habitat for pollinators. A local nursery can help you to select the right native plants for your yard or flower pots.
- Don't mow as much. Kentucky lawns are often home to dandelions, violets and purple deadnettle. Allow these flowers to bloom for a while before mowing them, especially in the early spring, when emerging pollinators need food.

These are just a few ways you can help bees, butterflies and other precious pollinators. Don't forget to visit the Zoo later this spring, so you can learn more about ways to help — plus see these fantastic fluttering beauties in person along with the blooms that help sustain them!

BUTTERFLIES N' BLOOMS RETURNS ON MAY 14! LEARN MORE AT LOUISVILLEZOO.ORG/BUTTERFLIES.

WILD LIGHTS

AT THE LOUISVILLE ZOO

The Zoo is getting its annual GLOW UP again this spring.

Wild Lights is back for its third year with NEW illuminated lanterns. Enjoy an evening stroll alongside cultural displays celebrating the rich heritage and craftsmanship of lantern artisans. Dramatic archways illuminate a magical journey past colorful peacocks, slithering serpents, and a beautiful African savanna.

Back by popular demand, you can join in the fun with our interactive lanterns! Sway in the breeze on our glowing moonlight swings or step inside the gigantic kaleidoscope for some whirling, twirling fun.

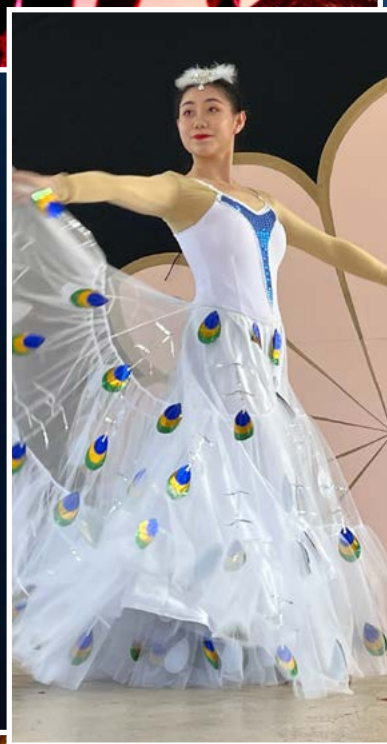


March 18 – June 5, 2022
Thursdays – Sundays
The fun starts at 6:30 p.m.



Nightly performances return

showcasing traditional Chinese acts including amazing lightning fast mask changes, traditional Chinese folk dances, unforgettable acrobatic acts and more!



Ramp up your Wild Lights experience!

Try our specialty dishes available only during the festival (available at select locations): Asian pear sangria, KY 5-spice Mule, cinnamon sugar donuts and wonton crisps. Looking at a chilly evening? Warm up with some s'mores near the Main Gift Shop (weather dependent).

GLOW UP for Wild Lights!

Become part of the spectacle and grab some glow items — available at the gift shop!

The More You "Glow"...

Follow our Wild Lights pages on Facebook and Instagram (@wildlightslouisville) for sneak peaks at some of this year's displays, ticket giveaways, fun memories from previous displays and more!



ADVANCE TICKETS REQUIRED.

To learn more and purchase, visit louisvillezoo.org/wildlights

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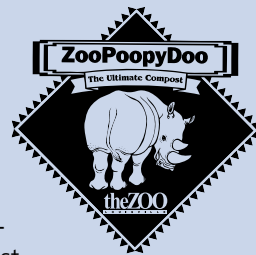
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On March 26, the Zoo celebrated with an exciting kick-off event for Party for the Planet powered by LG&E and KU Foundation! We announced the winners of our Trashformation: A Trash-to-Treasure Art Contest. The ceremony featured internationally renowned artist Ed Hamilton and lively performances from the edutainment musical group Mighty Shades of Ebony.

**April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
May 7, 14
from 7:30 – 11:30 a.m.
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**April 2, starting at 9:30 a.m.
Trees Louisville Tree Giveaway**

While supplies last, join Trees Louisville at the Louisville Zoo's front entrance to receive a one gallon native tree while supplies last! Representatives of Trees Louisville will be on hand to provide tree planting advice and education about Louisville's tree canopy and their services.

**April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
Celebrate-the-Earth Saturdays**

Join us for virtual fun on social media! We'll be sharing a fun videos from our eco-partners to help you get excited about ways you can help protect our planet!

**April 11, 18 & 25
Funday Mondays**

Enjoy \$5.25 Zoo admission, courtesy of our friends at LG&E and KU Foundation.

**Sunday, April 24
Earth Day at the Zoo**

Enjoy \$8.25 Zoo admission PLUS FREE parking courtesy of our friends at LG&E and KU Foundation. Community eco-partner displays will be featured from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Come join the fun and learn what you can do to help save our planet!

**April 27
Conservation and Conservations**

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a virtual panel discussion with KY Natural Land Trust and West Rock Recycling on sustainability best practices.


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KINDER JOY TASTING!

APRIL 16 – APRIL 17

Kinder Joy® is sponsoring an EGGcellent tasting of some of their delicious treat + toy. This event will be held on the front plaza while supplies last!

EVENTS

MONARCHS AND MIMOSAS

Saturday, April 23

8:30 – 10 a.m.

\$30 per person (adults 21+)

Start your day with a refreshing cocktail as you learn how to create your own pollinator garden from our experts. This special 21+ class includes tips on the types of plants that are most beneficial to attract pollinators, how to identify the best location and type of garden for your space and how to manage your plants to provide the best habitat year-round. Guests will be able to enjoy mimosas and pastries during the class and then take home their very own milkweed plant to start their own habitat at home.

For additional information and to register for this class, visit

louisvillezoo.org/event/monarchs-and-mimosas.



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June 11, 2022

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by Kelly Grether, Development Director

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We cannot say it enough. You, our valued donors and members, have helped the Zoo in countless ways over the past two years. You stood with us when we made calls for support. You showed up and visited often to enjoy special events, time with loved ones, animals and nature. You offered encouraging words to staff. You have helped us endure and succeed during challenging times. We are a strong, valued community asset as well as a statewide treasure with the best supporters anywhere. Period.

Your support helps the Zoo offer the young and young-at-heart the shared common experience of fun, comfort, safety, laughter and connection. You help provide connections between family members, friends, Zoo wildlife experts and our community. You give the gift of connecting with favorite animal ambassadors like Amber the orangutan as she taps on the glass to see what's in your bag; or Jelani the Western lowland gorilla as he sits beside enchanted children who show him photos on their phones. You give caring connections to elephants like Mikki and her rambunctious calf, Fitz, who loves to splash in mud puddles. You give connections to the vital beauty of nature, from the flowers and trees and bushes to the tiny but mighty pollinators that help make our Zoo, your backyards and the world hum along.

We LOVE that you love us and animals. We greatly value your financial support, visits and passion for wildlife. Each donor and member has a story or favorite photo at the Zoo. If asked, I'm sure each person reading this article could produce a photo of smiling loved ones, a favorite animal, and tell their own fantastic story of love behind that photographed visit to the Zoo.

Today, we ask you to invest your love of the Zoo, your favorite animal or favorite exhibit area by making a gift to the Louisville Zoo Fund. Gifts to this fund offset the daily operational needs of the Zoo as well as the care and total wellness of each animal. We encourage you to make a gift in honor of your favorite species at the Zoo or perhaps even that smiling person in the photo with you from your last visit.

We are grateful to everyone who has pledged their support to the Louisville Zoo Fund so far and hope you will join them today with your own commitment. Philanthropic gifts round out our annual financial needs by providing for the daily care of the animals, innovative exhibits and programs for the community. Every gift, regardless of size, can truly make a difference.

To make a gift today, please visit louisvillezoo.org/donate.

If you are interested in learning more about the Louisville Zoo Fund or the many other ways you can make an impact at the Zoo, please contact Kelly Grether at 502-238-5615 or Kelly.Grether@louisvilleky.gov.



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ADULT CLASSES

CONSERVATION & CONVERSATIONS

(VIRTUAL PROGRAM)

Cost per Participant: FREE!

4th Wednesday of each month 7 – 8 p.m.

Connect with the Zoo as we critically explore a variety of environmental and conservation issues. Each month, participants will receive a discussion guide (including book, film, and podcast recommendations!) and access to a 60-minute live virtual discussion with Zoo educators. Join in on the discussion as we engage community members of all ages about conservation topics that are affecting the way we live in Louisville and how people live around the globe. Some sessions will feature guest speakers.

April – Earth Month

For more than 50 years, we have been celebrating April 22 as Earth Day. Here at the Louisville Zoo, we celebrate the Earth all month long during April's Party for the Planet. Join the discussion this month for a short history of Earth Day and some advice from local organizations on what you can do to keep the party going all year long.

May – Structure and Function

Structure and function is a way to refer to the physical and social adaptations animals use to thrive and survive on our planet. This month's discussion will focus on unique animal structures and why some structures linger even after they seem to fall out of use.

June and July – Summer Media Guide

Want to know more about a science or conservation topic but not sure where to look? Your Louisville Zoo can help! This spring, we've asked our staff and members of the community to recommend their favorite science and conservation books and we will share their favorites on our website and social media.

August – Accredited Zoos and Aquariums

What does it mean for a zoo to be accredited? In the United States, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) is the body in charge of accrediting and setting professional standards for zoos and aquariums. Join our discussion this month to learn about how accreditation works, past zoo practices and animal care today.

Register at louisvillezoo.org/education/individuals-and-families



FUN FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

Registration coming soon!

FISHPOPS AND BLOODSICLES (ENRICHMENT MAKING CLASS)

Cost per Participant: \$40 nonmember/ \$30 member

Saturday, July 16; 3 – 5 p.m.

Fishpops and bloodsicles are just the beginning of what we offer our animals to help them mimic natural behaviors in a built environment. Join Zoo educators and animal staff for a quick lesson on animal care at the Zoo and an opportunity to participate in one of the most varied aspects of animal care: enrichment. Here at the Zoo, our keepers work every day to make sure that our animals are happy and healthy in our care. A large part of that work is designing enrichment for each of our animal ambassadors that will help keep their minds and bodies active and engaged. This program is designed for participants aged 15 and up and will have a maximum of 20 participants.



WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS

Cost per Participant: \$40 nonmember/ \$30 member

Saturday, May 14; 9 – 11 a.m.

Interested in getting your start in wildlife photography? Concerned you know nothing about animal behavior or photo composition? Never fear, your Louisville Zoo is here for you! Join us for a morning of learning the building blocks of great wildlife photography here at the Zoo. Zoo staff will walk you through animal behaviors to look for and times of day / seasons to watch out for different animals to get your best actions shots. Once you know what to look for in your subject, our friends from Murphy's Camera will walk you through the basics of framing a shot and how to take advantage of your light. Designed for teens and adults with little to no wildlife photography experience, this session will take you outside the classroom and around the Zoo! *Presented by Louisville Zoo and Murphy's Camera.*

More information at louisvillezoo.org/education/individuals-and-families

FAMILY & EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

SIPPY CUP STROLL

Cost per Participant (parent and child pairs) —
\$45 non-member / \$25 member / 2 and under are free

Total of 12 parent/child pairs per program
(24 total individuals)

Wednesday, Friday and alternating Saturdays/Sundays;
9:30 – 11 a.m. (See descriptions for specific dates.)

Join us for this program specifically designed for young minds! Enjoy an early morning guided walk through the Zoo while looking at animals related to the week's theme, followed by play time in the Cub House presented by PNC. This event includes animal information, free play, and other age-appropriate activities.



Playful Primates
April 10, 13 & 15
May 18, 20 & 21

Watch some playful primates while you enjoy some fresh morning air! Visit our gorillas, colobus monkeys and lemurs.

Big Bears
April 20 & 22
May 22, 25 & 27

It's time to be bear-y curious! Visit our polar and grizzly bears at Glacier Run and then join us for continued fun afterwards.

Beautiful Birds — May 29, June 1 & 3
Let's hang out with some colorful birds!

Seals and Sea Lions — April 24, 27 & 29
Flap your flippers and join us in watching the Zoo's seals and sea lions! Let's see if we can move like pinnipeds after visiting our pinniped friends at Glacier Run.

Cool Cats — May 4, 6 and 7
Get ready to wake up with a roar and learn about some fantastic felines! Visit our lions, Sumatran tigers and jaguar on our morning stroll.

Gentle Giants — May 8, 11 and 13
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Date and Time are scheduled at will but the program is designed to last 60 minutes

Join us for a private zoo experience customized for you that is ideal for groups with children. Meet Zoo educators at the Snow Leopard Cub who will introduce your group to two of our MetaZoo animal ambassadors. The activities and animal encounter will take 30 to 40 minutes with the remaining time given to free play (including the option for a craft) in the Cub House or on a playground. Full details on our website.

We recommend booking your meet-and-greet at least two weeks ahead to allow time for your educator to create a truly one-of-a-kind experience. This program is ideal for groups or families with young children and has a maximum group size of 6 per session.



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