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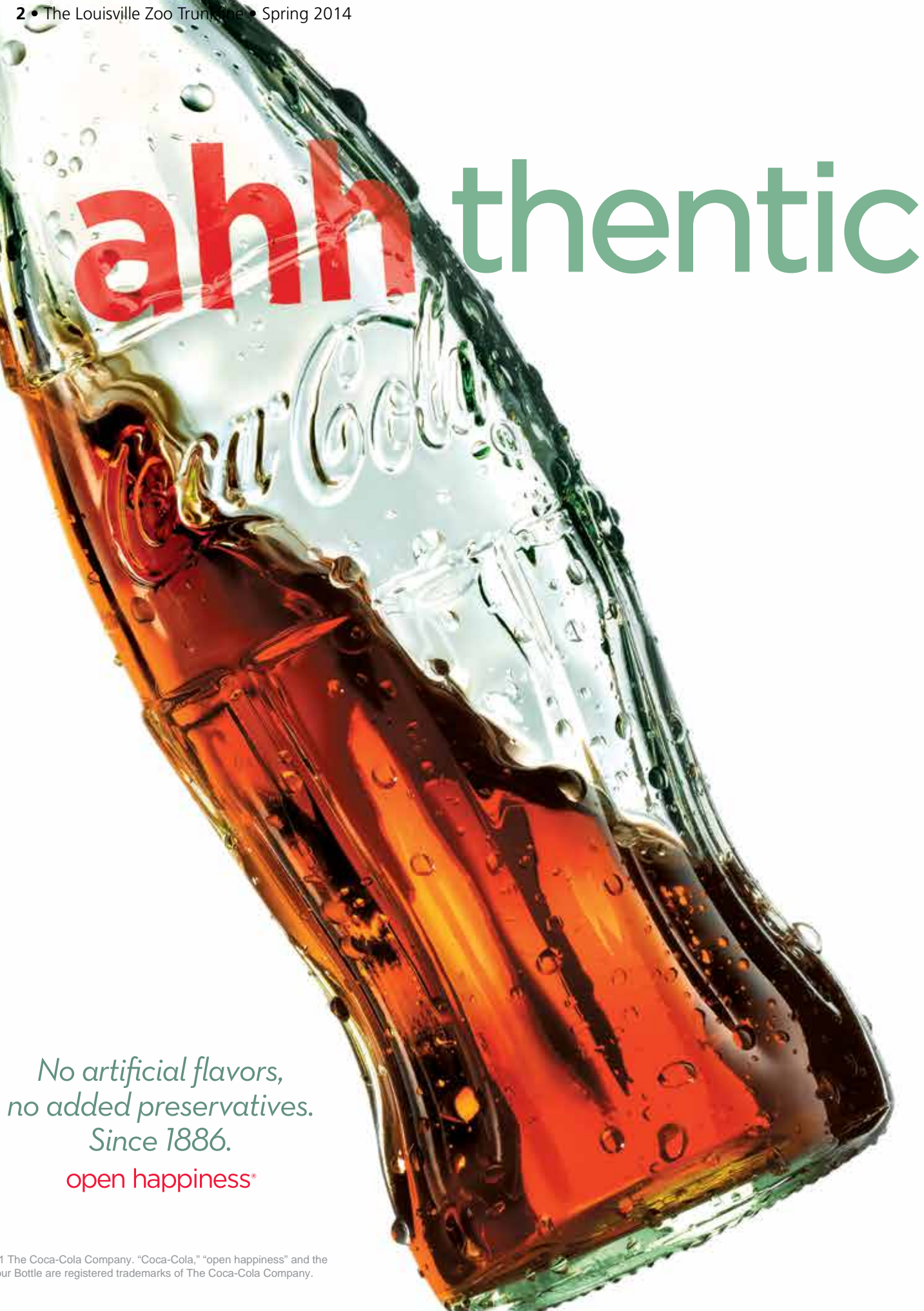
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MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

FROM THE MAYOR

Greg Fischer
Metro Mayor

I'm sure most of you join me in welcoming spring after a brutal season that brought the most cold, snow and ice in many years. Our beloved polar bears at the Zoo may be the only ones missing the winter of 2014.

However, even the weather didn't prevent an overflow attendance at Louisville's first Sustainability Summit in January, which was appropriately held at the Zoo, and co-hosted by our city's Office of Sustainability.



The Summit was designed to ramp up community engagement and give citizens an opportunity to contribute to our movement toward making Louisville a truly sustainable city. There was incredible energy and enthusiasm throughout the day as participants joined action teams focused on Green Building and Infrastructure, Green Economy, Transportation, Tree Canopy and Urban Heat Island, and Community Engagement.

With its mission of environmental stewardship and education, the Zoo is a critical player in our drive for sustainability and that is always evident during April's Party for the Planet: A Month-Long Celebration of the Earth powered by Louisville Gas and Electric

and Kentucky Utilities. This April, there will be sustainability events and activities every weekend, including the unique and fun Trashformation: Trash-to-Treasure Art Contest.

Last year, the contest had 150 entries from school students throughout Louisville and it was amazing to see the creative ways they created art from recycled and reused trash. It was both eye-opening and consciousness-raising about the importance of recycling and protecting our planet and its resources.

So, students: take up the challenge of this Trashformation homework assignment and outdo last year's creations – and add to the momentum as we build a city that is truly sustainable for generations to come.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

John Walczak
Louisville Zoo Director

The staff and I are privileged to work at your Zoo and provide a fun natural respite where you can escape the pressures of daily life, and enjoy a unique local experience with loved ones. Helping create fun experiences and fond memories is the heart of our mission. We also have the important responsibility of sharing conservation information with you, and providing you with opportunities to help you choose how you wish to live in balance with nature. I believe this responsibility is the soul of our mission. With this in mind, I would like to share two very important conservation issues in need of your help.

We recently announced our participation in "One Million Actions for Planet Earth," a program initiated



by Arctic Action Teams and myActions.org. This innovative program encourages you to share your green behaviors on the myActions Social Network for the Planet in hopes that combined efforts from around the country will total one million actions by Earth Day 2014. Plus, each action you share as a member of the Louisville team generates a small donation for the Zoo's conservation initiatives, shows your personal commitment, our combined efforts and the potential impact of each action. We hope to inspire and recognize sustainable actions that support conservation and help make the planet a healthier place.

As myActions.org, you can join the Zoo's team and select one of the Zoo's many causes to receive funds generated from your "green" efforts, or you can start your own team. The website also allows you to share photos, encourage others and invite friends and family to participate. Thanks to our Zoo staff, local educators, students, members and friends of the Zoo who have already signed up to participate.

How else can you help? Sadly, African elephants continue to be poached for the ivory of their tusks. Ninety-six elephants are killed every day for this reason. Our conservation partner and fellow Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) institution, the Wildlife Conservation Society, also known as the Bronx Zoo, is taking the lead against this activity that threatens the survival of the species. "96 Elephants" is a movement to inform the world of this illegal activity and to inspire change. Visit 96elephants.org to sign a petition asking our federal government to take further action to eliminate the trade of ivory and protect African elephants.

We are thrilled to be a part of these initiatives and hope you will join us. Sign-up at myActions.org/Louisville and make your first action to sign the digital petition for "96 Elephants" via the link on the myActions site. Your efforts can make a huge difference.

For more information on "96 Elephants," visit louisvillezoo.org/conservation.



G'DAY, MATE! GET READY TO VENTURE DOWN UNDER FOR A NIGHT OF AUSTRALIAN EXCITEMENT AND ADVENTURE AT THE WALLABY WATERING HOLE.

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Saturday • June 7, 2014 • 7:30 p.m.
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Tickets \$75

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To purchase tickets visit zoofari.eventbrite.com

For more information, call the Zoo's Development Office: 502-238-5615.



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MEMBER NEWS

Welcome to Spring – Almost!

For existing and all new members: remember you can enjoy **UNLIMITED** Zoo admission and free parking during regular hours all year round plus discounts on camps, classes, gift shop purchases, rides and attractions. If you take advantage of all these discounts, you will increase the value of your membership ten-fold.

Zoo Hours

We'll be open an hour later starting Saturday, March 15.

The Zoo is open daily year-round.

Now through March 14

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (stay until 5 p.m.)

March 15 – September 30

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (stay until 6 p.m.)

Spring Break Camp

March 31–April 4

Sign up now for spring and summer camps and spring classes. Members receive a discount! See page 24 for details.

Spring Break Alert

Spring break this year will be busy with JCPS and some Indiana school breaks falling the same week, March 31–April 4. Remember to renew your membership or purchase tickets in advance for visits here or to other zoos. Keep in mind that most zoo membership offices are extremely busy at this time and response times may be slower than usual. Here are some helpful tips:

- Avoid the lines and last minute hassles by renewing early! The good news is that your membership expiration extends a year from your current expiration date even if you renew early. Order

online at louisvillezoo.org

and print out a temporary pass to use until your permanent cards arrive in the mail. Other options are to renew by phone at 502-459-2287 or visit us during Zoo hours. Or simply return your renewal form in the mail – but remember to mail early and allow a few weeks for your new cards to arrive!

- For free member admission, bring your current membership card with photo I.D. for adult members named on the card.
- Additional guests accompanied by a member can purchase a discounted admission ticket at the cashier window (suggest your guest purchase their own membership so they can visit all year too).
- Your dependent children ages 3-18 are covered on your membership card (the number of children depends on level purchased).
- All guests covered on your membership card must be accompanied by an adult named on the card.
- Children under age three receive free admission during regular hours.
- Zoo memberships are not valid for school group visits.

Visiting Reciprocal Zoos

The Louisville Zoo participates in a program with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums that allows members to receive discounted admission to over 125 reciprocal zoos and aquariums. The Louisville Zoo participates at a 50 percent discount level (off regular admission). For a list



of participating zoos for 2014, visit louisvillezoo.org/member/reciprocal. We suggest calling ahead before your visit to double-check entry policies.

Are You in the Know?

- **Time Warner customers** with insightbb.com e-mail addresses. Time Warner has extended the deadline to early summer for changing your e-mail to an address with the twc.com extension. If you have not provided us with your new e-mail address, you can submit it through our website at louisvillezoo.org/member/news, stop by the Membership office, call us at 502-459-2287 or email Patty.Raggard@louisvilleky.gov.
- **Sign up for E-mail News**—This is a great way to receive timely information, offers, alerts and news from the Zoo. To subscribe, visit louisvillezoo.org/member/news.
- **Visit louisvillezoo.org**—The Zoo's website is one of the best ways to keep informed of the latest Zoo news! We will be redesigning our website this spring, so watch for a whole new look.
- Are you getting your quarterly **Trunkline Magazine**? We may not have your correct address—especially if you received your membership as a gift! Call our office at 502-459-2287 and we'll update your information.
- Follow us on **Facebook** and **Twitter**.

Attraction News

Closing: The 4-D Theater left the Zoo February 12. Although it has been a popular attraction, it is very expensive to lease and has not provided us with enough revenue to cover expenses.

Opening: The new Ropes Course will be a blast for adults and kids. Visit our website for photos and details. Members receive a discount.

- Sky Trail® Navigator—Members \$11
- Sky Tykes™—Members \$5

Member Discounts

Gift Shop and Concessions:

Members will continue to receive a 10 percent discount at the Zoo's permanent gift shops and concessions through our new partner, Service Systems Associates (meet SSA on page 14.) You must show your current member I.D. card to receive your discount.

Ride Packages: Purchase a one day ride package starting mid-March at the Train/Tram Station that includes the train and carousel. Visit louisvillezoo.org for member pricing.



ZOOBUCKS

The Louisville Zoo is pleased to offer members quarterly coupons for various Zoo offers 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.

ZOOBUCKS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS IN PRINT VERSION

Get the MOST out of your membership this year!

- **UNLIMITED FREE** admission and parking for 12 full months during regular Zoo hours
- **FREE or DISCOUNTED** admission to select Zoo special events
- **DISCOUNTED** admission to 125 reciprocal zoos and aquariums
- 10 percent **DISCOUNT** at permanent concession stands and Zoo gift shops
- **DISCOUNTS** on education classes and camps
- **ZOOBUCK COUPONS** in *Trunkline* magazine valid for discounts on admission, concessions, select Zoo experiences as well as community activities
- **SPECIAL OFFERS** to Newport Aquarium and other partner attractions (visitlouisvillezoo.org/member/specials)
- **DISCOUNTS** on one-day ride packages
- Memberships are **TAX-DEDUCTIBLE** to the extent provided by law

Questions about your membership. Contact the Membership Dept. at

502-459-CATS (2287)
Patty.Raggard@louisvilleky.gov

Or visit us online for FAQs at louisvillezoo.org/member



ANIMAL NEWS

Diamonds in the Rough

The Louisville Zoo recently added three red diamond rattlesnakes to its collection. Characterized by a deep brick-red or orange ground color, the red diamond rattlesnake possesses white spots on its back that help create the infamous diamond pattern. The latter part of this snake's scientific name *Crotalus ruber* refers to the red color. It is a denizen of Baja California which is a Mexican peninsula off southern California.

In California, the snake is designated as a "Species of Special Concern" due to its limited distribution there. At the Zoo, you can see the red diamond rattlesnakes in the HerpAquarium.

Fun Facts:

- Average length is 2 ½ to 4 feet, and can sometimes grow up to 5 feet long.
- Its triangular-shaped head is about twice the size of the snake's neck.
- Fangs, a matching pair, are each about ½" in length and unfold from the roof of the snake's mouth to deliver a bite.
- Interestingly, snakes were responsible for only eight percent of the 714 human deaths attributed to venomous bites and stings by the Centers for Disease Control from 1999 to 2007.



An All Nighter

Since the passing of our beloved maned wolf, Savannah, our large maned wolf exhibit space has remained uninhabited. Now, a new maned wolf named Rocko, a beautiful one-and-a-half-year-old male has joined our animal ambassadors. Rocko came to Louisville from the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. He will be on exhibit daily, weather permitting.

Fun Facts:

- Maned wolves live in central and southeastern Brazil, Paraguay, eastern Bolivia and northern Argentina.
 - The tallest of wild canids, the maned wolf's long legs might be an adaptation to see above the tall grasslands in its native habitats.
 - It's omnivorous — eating small mammals, insects, reptiles, birds, bird eggs, fruits and vegetation.
- Habitat destruction is its main threat in the wild.



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This Cat's Got Bite

In the last issue of *Trunkline*, we introduced you to the Zoo's new jaguar LeBron, named for famed NBA star LeBron James. Now we are excited to welcome Jared, a four-year-old male jaguar that recently joined our collection from Sedgwick Zoo in Kansas.

Jared joined us in December 2013 and cleared his quarantine in January. You will either see LeBron or Jared when you come to the Zoo, never both together because jaguars are solitary animals. In fact, in the wild, the male and female only come together during breeding season. The jaguar exhibit is located in the same stretch of the Zoo as the macaw, ibis, stork, snow leopard and maned wolf.

Fun Facts:

- Jaguars have strong jaws! In fact, they have the strongest jaw structure of any feline and the second strongest of any land carnivore.
- Scientifically known as *Panthera onca*.
- A patient hunter: they will wait by the water's edge, occasionally hitting the surface of the water with their tail to attract fish. As fish approach the shore, the jaguar swats at them, spearing the fish with its claws



Courtesy of Sedgwick Zoo

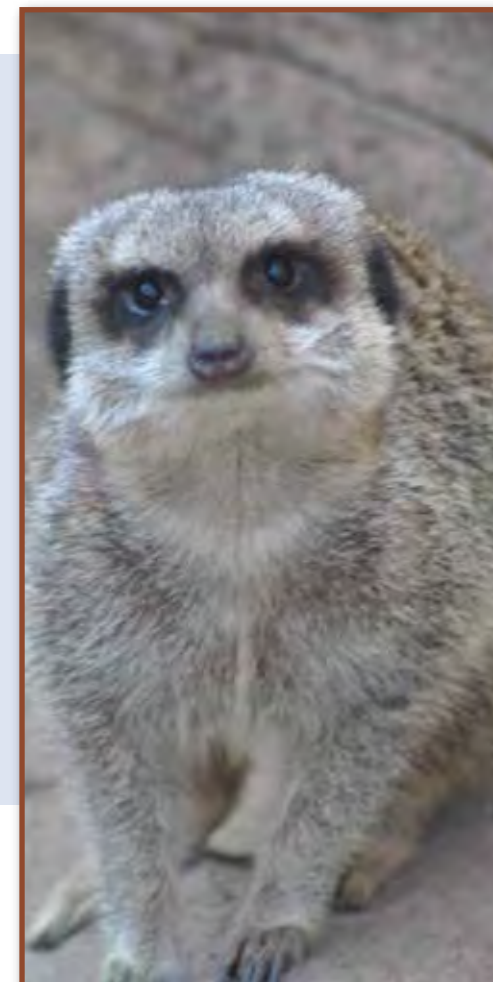
Meerkat Mob

Four new male meerkats, Sheldon, Leonard, Howard and Rajesh, joined female meerkat Penny in late winter. The group includes one father and three of his year-old off-spring that came to Louisville from Gladys Porter Zoo in South Texas.

A group of meerkats is called a "mob." This new group is extremely active, running between their outdoor and indoor exhibit areas located next to the African Outpost Café.

Fun Facts:

- A member of mongoose family, meerkats are known for their unique upright posture.
- Meerkats are team players from hunting to rearing babies. A few will serve as lookouts while the others search for food, and the father and siblings all play a role in teaching the young survival skills.
- These charismatic creatures were the focus of their own Animal Planet show, *Meerkat Manor*.



Animals Depend On People To Survive.

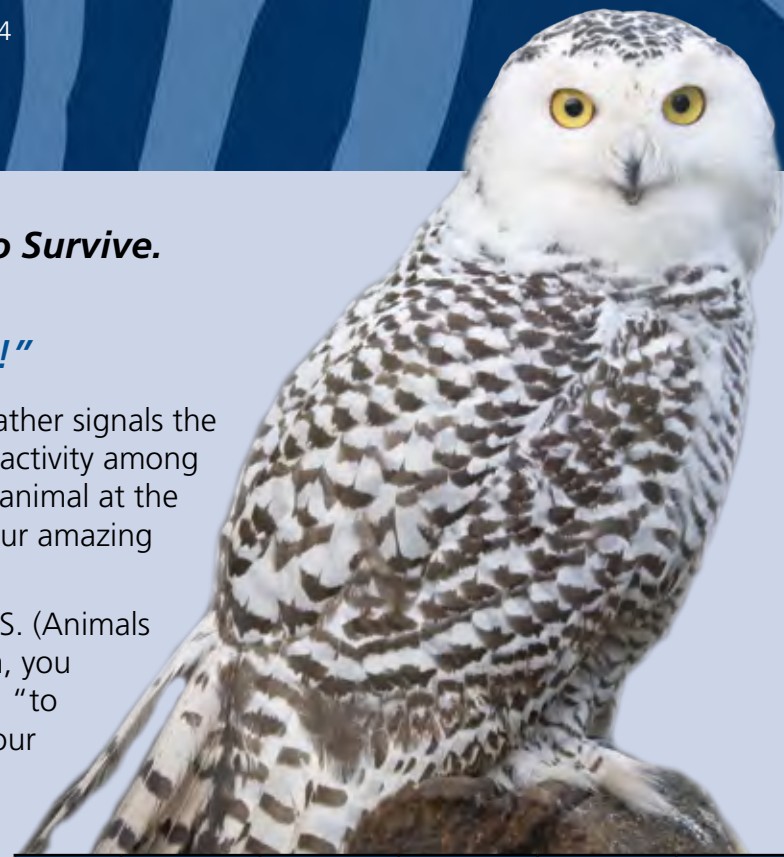
"Adopt a New Friend Today!"

As spring approaches, the warmer weather signals the end of winter and a time for renewed activity among a lot of our Zoo animals. Adopting an animal at the Zoo is a great way to support one of our amazing animal ambassadors.

When you participate in the A.D.O.P.T.S. (Animals Depend on People to Survive) program, you become a partner in the Zoo's mission: "to better the bond between people and our planet." Whether you are adopting an animal for yourself or someone else, the adoptive parent receives a personalized gift packet and their name listed on our website.

All funds received through the A.D.O.P.T.S program go directly toward feeding and caring for our Zoo animals.

To adopt an animal, visit us online at louisvillezoo.org or call 502-238-5389.



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\$50	●	●	●	●	
\$75	●	●	●	●	●

PNC recognizes that learning in a child's early years is essential for their long-term success. That is why we are pleased to support the Louisville Zoo and the opportunities it presents for the region's children and their families to experience the wonders of nature and the animal world. Whether at the zoo or in a neighborhood park, here are a few tips on how everyday moments become learning experiences for young children.



ZOO: Use math words to play a game of "bigger or smaller." Ask your child, "What animal do you see that is bigger than you? What do you see that's smaller?" Comparing words like "bigger or smaller" are math ideas, and you'll be giving your child math practice by using them.

HOME: Ask your child to look out the window to find three red objects. Then ask for three objects that are other colors. It's a fun way to help children learn colors and numbers.

HOME: Let your child see that you write shopping lists, "to do" lists, phone messages and directions. It lets children know that writing is important in everyday life.

Through *PNC Grow Up Great* – a 10-year, \$100 million initiative in early childhood education – PNC provides the leadership, advocacy, funding, tools, and volunteers to help educate parents, caregivers, and communities on how to prepare young children for success in school and life.

For more information, please visit pncgrowupgreat.com.



VOLUNTEER NEWS

Volunteer Spotlight: Craig Mikel

Alan (Craig) Mikel began volunteering at the Zoo at age 13 and went on to become a Zoo staff member, currently in the role of Keeper III in the Bird Department. Along with his daily responsibilities, Craig volunteers every night of the Zoo's 15-night Halloween event. In fact, the Zoo's Foundation recognized him at their January 2014 Board Meeting with its Foundation Award, given to an individual Zoo staff member or a group of staff members for exemplifying the Zoo's service culture and mission. Here is a little about Craig.

Years Volunteering at the Zoo: 13 years

Do You Volunteer Anywhere Else? In addition to working and volunteering at the Zoo, I volunteer my time with the Seneca High School Agriculture Department. I serve on the Agriculture Education Advisory Board and as a Seneca High School FFA Alumni. I also volunteer my time to the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and its programs. I serve on the Steering Committee for the Ratite Taxon Advisory Group as the Madagascar Teal Studbook Keeper, and am also the Nicobar Pigeon Species Survival Program (SSP) Coordinator and Studbook Keeper. And, of course, whatever Volunteer Coordinator Diane Taylor asks me to do around the Zoo.



Favorite Zoo Animal: I have several favorite animals, many of which I have the pleasure of working with on a daily basis including flamingos and other water birds, but flamingos take the cake. I love to watch them act as one and see the soap opera that takes place during breeding season.

Best Experience At The Zoo: I don't think I can remember one that would stand out as my favorite (there are just too many). Meeting my wife, meeting my best friends (who would become the groomsmen and best man in my wedding), being trained by the best animal keepers this country has to offer, being able to fulfill a dream that most abandon at a young age. The list goes on and on.

Hobbies: I love to work, but I love to hike, swim, fish, go field herpin with a close friend, garden, cook large meals, and watch my wife play softball.

Favorite Movie: *Jurassic Park*

Favorite Book: *Jurassic Park* (I don't read as much as I should)



Where Do You Currently Work:

I have always dreamed of working at the Louisville Zoo, and other than working for a friend at his landscaping business, I have only worked at the Louisville Zoo. I started as a volunteer and worked my way up to the Lead Keeper (Keeper III) in the Bird Department.

Do You Have Any Pets: Between my wife and me, we have several including lizards, Chuckwallas, a gecko, snakes, fish and a Rottweiler.

How Did You Get Involved With the Zoo? I had a science teacher in seventh grade who encouraged me, and she had a sister who worked at the Zoo. My teacher advised my grandparents how to get me involved. That's all it took.

Why Did You Volunteer At The Zoo? I volunteered at the Zoo because I knew and loved animals. It was also one of the few places where I fit in and the people understood me. I always felt welcome and useful.

Louisville Zoo Volunteers, 2013 was a great year! Thank you for all your continued support! Many thanks to those who volunteered during Santa's Safari, our last event of the year.

*DuPont Manual Key Club, Jennifer and Judith Lee
Photo by Diane Taylor*

The Louisville Zoo is BUGGING OUT!

Madagascan Sunset Moth

March 28 – Sept. 28

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Hear the buzz of a bee; see the movement of appendages like wings and tentacles – here is your chance to experience life from a bug's perspective when bugs of epic proportion invade the Zoo. Wind your way through the Zoo in search of 13 enormous ANIMATRONIC BUGS. From the honey-sweet Red-tailed Bumble Bee to the picnic-seeking Black Ants, these supersized wonders of nature featured in this exhibit are designed to enthrall, entertain and educate Zoo guests. Your bug encounter is included with general admission or Zoo membership.

What You Can See

- Black Ants
- Say's Firefly
- Stag Beetle
- 7-Spot Ladybird
- Emperor Scorpion
- Bombardier Beetle
- Orb Web Spider
- Grasshopper
- Red-tailed Bumble Bee
- Madagascan Sunset Moth
- Blue-Eyed Darnier
- Giant Devils Flower Mantis
- Mexican Red Knee Tarantula

Guest Interaction

Watch your child's amazement when they light up the Say's Firefly with a simple hand crank, or use a controller to make the Stag Beetle's antlers, head and body move. See the wings flutter on the Madagascan Sunset Moth and watch the Orb Web Spider move down its web. Feel the spray of the Bombardier Beetle (*no worries, it's water*), and hear the buzz of the Red-tailed Bumble Bee and the bustle of the Black Ants.

TAKE ACTION!

Learn about the wonderful world of bugs and how each one plays an important role in our ecosystem.

FUN FACT!
Largest Bug on Exhibit
25' x 33'

Female Mexican Red Knee Tarantulas usually live longer, up to 30 years, compared to their male counterparts that have a life expectancy of about 10 years.



Get a sneak peek at LOUISVILLEZOO.ORG/BUGS

Or register for our Giant Bugs Family Class and Summer camp which include a bug tour.



Grasshopper



7-Spot Ladybird



Red-tailed Bumble Bee



A New Take on Dining and Shopping

If you explored the Zoo's main gift shop this winter or had a bite to eat at the African Outpost Café, then you are aware of some exciting changes taking place in the Zoo's retail and concession areas. This is due to our new partnership with Service Systems Associates (SSA), an award-winning customer amenities company. The Zoo wanted a partner that would wow our guests and share our mission of bettering the bond with people and our planet. Here are just a few new experiences you can expect:

Innovative Design

The Zoo's main gift shop and Kentucky Canteen are being redesigned with an immersive, guest-

centered experience in mind. The Gift Shop will include a new visually exciting concept that should make selecting and purchasing your Zoo keepsake or gift easier and more fun. The redesign will include a new front entry way into the shop and an outside browsing area. SSA will be introducing new Fair Trade items and Zoo logo products plus the region's largest collection of plush. A revamped Kentucky Canteen will provide a more welcoming atmosphere to the Zoo Front Plaza including a covered area for guests to place their order, as well as an inviting outdoor seating area for al fresco dining or a meeting place for guests to relax.



Chef-Prepared Offerings

The idea of traditional attraction food fare has vastly changed with our guests expecting healthier food options and variety along with a better value and experience. The Zoo's new Chef John Bird will present some of the popular Zoo fare at the African Outpost Café but with a new twist, like hand-battered chicken tenders; he will also provide some new healthier food options. Chef Bird not only knows cuisine but he also knows the Zoo's guests, bringing experience from past positions at the Cincinnati Zoo and Ft. Wayne Children's Zoo. He has



already introduced Louisville guests to his "Fork and Knife Special" which is a daily plated creation that far surpasses the normal pizza or hamburger options. Specials range from a handmade calzone to a gnocchi pasta with pork confit. In addition there is a daily soup that ranges from cheeseburger to tomato bisque. But if gourmet fare isn't your thing, with options including grilled hamburgers, chicken, fresh salads and Kid's Meals, everyone will find something to satisfy their taste buds.

Outside of the daily Zoo cuisine, Chef Bird and SSA are ready to bring an enhanced catering experience to Louisville events. "Taste of the Wild," SSA's catering division, will be working hand-in-hand with the Zoo's Group Sales team to create memorable events with outstanding catering fare. If you are planning an event, let us take it to the next level. Contact marketta.townsend@louisvilleky.gov.



Wednesday, April 9

S A V E T H E D A T E !



KY GIVES DAY

Kentucky Gives Day is a 24-hour online fundraising event bringing charities and Kentuckians together for a powerful day of action. From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, supporters can go online to connect with causes they care about and make tax-deductible donations.

Plan now to support the Louisville Zoo on April 9!

For more information, visit Kygives.com

Happy Third Birthday Qannik!

How can it already be three years since Qannik arrived in Louisville; it seems like yesterday. On June 28, 2011, Qannik arrived via her UPS "Operation Snowflake" flight from Anchorage, Alaska, and our city was abuzz about this little wild-born orphaned polar bear cub that had made news around the world. The Louisville Zoo staff was bubbling with excitement; they were also fully aware of the tremendous responsibility associated with raising the first wild-born cub in a North American Zoo in 10 years. In three years, Qannik has progressed from a 67 lb. wild cub to a 394 lb. bear well adapted to her home at Glacier Run. Because

Qannik was found separated from her mother and sibling on Alaska's North Slope, her exact birthday is unknown. Officials from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service assigned January 10 as her birthday, and this year we invited guests and members of the media to help celebrate her third birthday on Saturday, January 11. Qannik enjoyed a few pieces of a "beary" special peanut butter cake donated by Heitzman Traditional Bakery and Deli. We couldn't give her the entire sheet cake at once – you know three year-olds and sugar – so her keepers put pieces of the cake in the bottom



of a large green bucket, a new enrichment toy that was a big hit. She carried the bucket around in her mouth, threw it in the pool and then later pounced on it. Birthday success!

Follow Qannik's Twitter Feed @QannikthecubLZ for updates on her activities.



PARTY FOR THE PLANET: A MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION OF THE EARTH

One day isn't enough to celebrate the wonders of our planet and promote the need to protect it, so the Louisville Zoo is hosting a month-long party.

Saturday, April 5, 12, 19 and 26 Annual ZooPoopyDoo and Mulch Sale

See details on page 22.

Saturday, April 5 Eco-Partners: Feed the Dirt and Buddy Bat

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Community Composting and an appearance by Louisville Bats' mascot Buddy Bat.

Sunday, April 6 Featuring Tundra, Grizwald and Buddy Bat

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
The fun will be unbearably batty with Zoo mascots, Tundra and Grizwald, along with Louisville Bats' mascot, Buddy Bat.

Saturday, April 12 Eco-Partner: Louisville Water Company

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Explore how Louisville Water cleans the water you use every day and how water is used by our Zoo animals.

Sunday, April 13 Earth Day Celebration

\$3 Admission, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Stay until 6 p.m.)
Guests can enjoy \$3 Zoo admission, along with free parking all day courtesy of Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities Company. Eco-partner displays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Check out our Trashformation: Trash-to-Treasure Art Contest on page 19.

Saturday and Sunday, April 19–20 Eggstravaganza Weekend

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

This is one EGGciting weekend! **NEW** this year – an Easter Egg Hunt! Children will want to bring their



baskets—eggs can be redeemed for a prize following the hunt! Stay and learn about many of the Zoo's wonderful egg-laying animals. Bring your camera for photos with the Easter Bunny.

Saturday, April 19 Eco Partners: Green Gypsy Organics and The Kentucky Orchid Society

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
The Kentucky Orchid Society will display and sell beautiful orchids throughout the day. At 1:30 p.m.

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Carletta DeLonjay, a herbalist of Green Gypsy Organics, will teach a class on the many uses of medicinal herbs and then lead a walk around the Zoo.

Saturday, April 26 Eco-Partner: Kentucky Science Center

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
The Kentucky Science Center will help guests explore the impact humans have on the environment and animal habitats. Stop by to learn how you can make a difference.

Sunday, April 27 World Penguin Day

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Waddle in and learn about the Zoo's lively penguins. Visit hands-on interactive stations and enjoy Keeper talks where you can learn more about penguins and what you can do to sustain their wild habitats. Have your camera's ready, children's book character, Tacky the Penguin will make appearances throughout the day.




TRASH FORMATION

A TRASH-TO-TREASURE ART CONTEST FOR STUDENTS

Recycle Man—a green superhero made completely from plastic trash, an orange recycle bin like our Metro bins made from cardboard, and a snail made from old musical instrument parts. These are just three of the entries that caught our eye and won the inaugural Trashformation: Trash-to-treasure art contest last year as part of our Party for the Planet: a month-long celebration of the Earth powered by LG&E and KU. Now we are looking for creative entries for our 2014 Trashformation contest.



Trashformation is open to students from pre-school to grade 12. Students can submit individual entries or submit as a group. Download the Trashformation registration form at LouisvilleZoo.org/trashformation. Entry deadline is March 17, 2014.

Winners will be notified by April 10 and **MUST** be present at a press conference on April 13 for the Zoo's Earth Day celebration! Remember, before you toss it, what could you create with a little imagination?

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SPRING EVENTS



NORTON
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Saturday, May 10

THROO THE ZOO 5K RUN/WALK

8 a.m.

This is Louisville's most unique road event with a course that goes directly "throo" the Zoo!

Race Fees:

Advance Registration (by May 7): \$30

Late Registration (May 8–10): \$40

Day of Race Registration (May 11): \$45

Race fee includes a commemorative t-shirt, post-race refreshments, door prizes and FREE Zoo admission for the day. Proceeds benefit the Louisville Zoo

NEW FOR 2014 – Costume Contest

Let your imagination run wild and dress in your favorite animal costume! Runners with the most creative costume will receive a prize pack from our generous sponsors.

Team Registration

Gather all your friends, family and coworkers to compete as a team. Receive awards for largest team, fastest team, best team name and best dressed team. Visit louisvillezoo.org/events/throozoo.htm for details.

Online registration at louisvillezoo.org or in person at Fleet Feet Sports

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May at the Zoo

Sunday, May 11

MCDONALD'S MOTHER'S DAY

Celebrate Mother's Day with free Zoo admission for moms courtesy of McDonald's Restaurants of Kentuckiana. Enjoy zookeeper talks featuring our animal moms including Zebra Morena, and her one-year-old Ziva. Find out what human and animal moms have in common and participate in a fun scavenger hunt.



Sunday, May 18

STORYBOOK CHARACTER DAY

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Imagination comes to life as kids meet some of their favorite storybook characters including Little Critter, Wild Thing (*Where the Wild Things Are*), Geronimo Stilton, Skippyjon Jones, Curious George and Mouse (*If you Give a Mouse a Cookie*). McDonald's mascots Birdie, Grimage and Hamburgler will stop by too!



Pre-Race Party

May 8, 5–7 p.m.

Fleet Feet Sports

Don't miss your last chance to register for the \$30 early registration rate. You'll be able to pick up your race packet and your commemorative t-shirt.

Stop by and enjoy live music, Zoo animals, fun giveaways and more!



NORTON
HEALTHCARE

March 1–October 31,

NORTON HEALTHCARE GET HEALTHY WALKING CLUB

8 – 9:15 a.m. (9:30 a.m. exit)

Twilight Hours: June–July; Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 5 to 7 p.m. (stay until 8 p.m.) Sign-up for this free program by calling 502-629-1234.



June at the Zoo

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Saturday, June 7

ZOOFARI! 2014

ADVENTURE DOWN UNDER

6 p.m. – Midnight

Produced by Friends of the Zoo, special ticket required. Event details at louisvillezoo.org/zoofari

2014 FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE SERIES

Field opens at 6 p.m., movie starts at sundown

Join us on the second Friday of the month, June through September, to enjoy a movie under the stars at the wildest theater in town. Watch your favorite movies on our giant inflatable screen. The Zoo Crew will provide free entertainment before the show. Snacks and other refreshments will be available for purchase. Don't forget to pack your blanket or lawn chairs. Movie nights are free to Zoo members and only \$5 after 5 p.m. for non-members.

Friday, June 13: Despicable Me 2

Friday, July 11: Frozen

Friday, Aug. 8: The Croods

Friday, Sept. 12: Monster's University

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Sunday, June 15

FORD'S FATHER'S DAY AT THE ZOO

Celebrate Father's Day with free Zoo admission to all dads courtesy of Ford. Check out zookeeper talks featuring our animal dads including meerkat dad Leonard.



Saturday, June 21

WAKY ROCK N' ROLL REUNION CONCERT

Concerts begin at 1 p.m.

Take a trip back in time at the WAKY Rock N' Roll Reunion concert. Enjoy the best of 60s and 70s local bands when they get together for one huge concert. The concert is FREE with Zoo admission or Louisville Zoo membership. Visit louisvillezoo.org/events for concert lineup.

HORTICULTURE



Annual ZooPoopyDoo and Mulch Sale

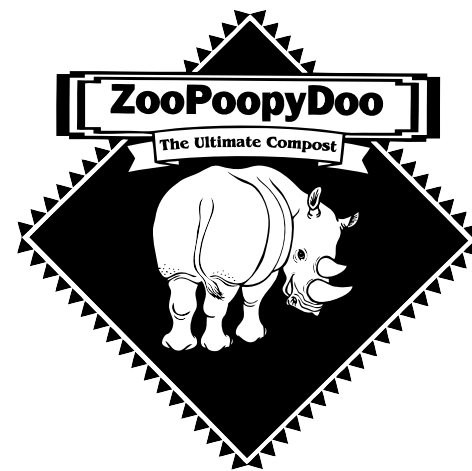
Every Saturday in April
April 5, 12, 19 and 26
7:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Get your gardens ready! This year you can reserve your ZooPoopyDoo in advance! Now you can purchase our unique high-quality ZooPoopyDoo compost and hardwood bark mulch online at louisvillezoo.org (credit card only). Or, you can also purchase in the Zoo's bus lot every Saturday in April while supplies last (cash or credit).

Compost: \$40 per scoop
Mulch: \$19.50 per scoop

- Scoop Guideline: 17.8 cubic feet per scoop
- Small Pick-up Truck (Ford Ranger): 1-2 scoops
- Full Size Pick-up Truck (Ford F-150): 3-4 scoops
- Trailer: Dependent on trailer size

Only open top truck beds and trailers will be loaded.



ROSE CLASSES

10 to 11 a.m.

The classes will take place at the Monty Justice Memorial Rose Garden located behind the lake near the Zoo's new Ropes Course and includes hands on experience and is FREE to Zoo members or with Zoo admission.

Saturday, April 19

Spring preparation of the rose garden

Saturday, June 21

Summer care for the rose garden

Saturday, September 21

Fall care and winter preparation of the rose garden

Presented by The Louisville Rose Society

KIDS FOR CONSERVATION

Speaking for the Trees

by **Karen Maynard**, Educator

If you've ever been to an Education Program at the Louisville Zoo, then you've probably seen or read *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss! It is one of my favorite books/movies because, although it is light-hearted, it is a cautionary tale about stewardship of the environment. If you haven't read the book or watched the movie, I highly recommend it because it is a great way to introduce kids to the idea of conservation. And who can resist those fun songs and rhymes about truffula trees and barbaloots?!

My job title here at the Zoo is "Educator" and I love teaching people of all ages about conservation. As part of my job, I'm also a member of the Zoo Green Team, the Louisville Metro Green Team and the Partnership for a Green City Behavior Change for Sustainability Team! These groups meet monthly to coordinate our efforts to create a culture of sustainability in the Zoo, in Metro Government and in Louisville. In my spare time, I collect the plastic-woven grain bags that some of the Zoo animal food is packaged in and make reusable totes out of them. When I sell them I donate the money to the Louisville Zoo Green Team.

What can you make from something you would normally throw in the garbage? Probably a lot more than you think! With a little creativity, anyone can help the environment by creating less garbage. So stop before you drop and ask yourself – can I reuse this for something else?

Most Zoo employees would say that they work here because they care about animals. But it goes far



beyond caring for a few species. The natural habitats of these species must be cared for, including resources that all living things need! You're never too young to "speak for the trees" like *The Lorax*! And as the Once-ler eventually said, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." With a little compassion for our planet and the living things on it, we can all help make the world a better place!

One way to start is by packing a waste-free lunch. This summer the Education Department will be initiating the Zero-Trash Challenge! When you attend an all-day Zoo

camp, we will be recycling and composting as much as we can and working to reduce the amount of garbage we collect at lunch time! As a reward for reducing our waste, the Zoo will be planting trees, bushes, or vegetables to be used for food and enrichment for our Zoo animals!

Be a conservation superhero!

With help from an adult, cut the front and sleeves off of an old t-shirt, leaving the neck band attached to the back. Decorate with fabric markers and you've got yourself a cape! Now you're ready to save the planet!



EDUCATION

With the winter we have experienced this year, there is little doubt that everyone is ready for spring. Register for one of the great classes below and plan a trip to the Louisville Zoo. Classes operate rain, snow or sunshine so please dress for cold or damp weather.

Education programs
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SPRING CLASSES

Two by Two

(Age 2 and an adult)

Squiggle and Wiggle

Thursday, April 10, 9–10:30 a.m.
Saturday, April 12, 9–10:30 a.m.

This playful class includes circle time, learning stations, a special animal guest and a guided walking tour around part of the Zoo.

Cost per session: Regular \$40; Members \$25, one adult and one child; additional adult \$10.

Two by Three

(Age 3 and an adult)

Let's Dig!

Thursday, April 10, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

You and your child will be exploring dirt. You will learn about plants, how they sprout and animals that dig and burrow. Fun, hands-on activities, story time, special animal guests and a short Zoo walk will keep everyone active! Be sure to wear your "DIRTY" clothes.

Cost per session: Regular \$40; Members \$25, one adult and one child; additional adult \$10.

ZOOper Kids

(Ages 3 and 4)

Worms for Dinner

Thursday, April 10, 1–2:30 pm
Saturday, April 12, 1–2:30 pm

This program includes a guided Zoo walk, "hands-on" activities, supervised contact with education program animals and lots of information about animals to satisfy the curiosity of young minds. Children will meet a few creatures that depend on creepy crawlies for food!

Cost per session: Regular \$30; Members \$15

Spring Break Camp

(Ages 6-12)

Register for individual days or all five days. Every day offers a fun educational program with a different theme. Each theme will include Zoo walks, close-up contact with educational animals, crafts and activities. Bring a sack lunch with a drink.

Tuesday, April 29, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: Regular \$55 per day or \$275 for all five days;

Member \$40 per day or \$200 for all five day

Let's Work Together

Monday, March 31

Enjoy team building activities as you learn about unlikely partners in the animal kingdom.

Animal Disguises

Tuesday, April 1

On April Fool's Day, learn how animals often "fool" each other with camouflage and other deceiving tactics.

Animal Puzzles

Wednesday, April 2

Animals have amazing ears, tails, noses, feet and eyes. They all play an important part in their survival.

Enrichment Day

Thursday, April 3

Help us enrich the lives of our Zoo animals by making special "treats" for them. Learn how the Zoo's enrichment and training programs make a difference.

Feeding Frenzy

Friday, April 4

Carnivores, herbivores, omnivores, oh my! Explore the Zoo and learn about the different things animals eat.

FAMILY CLASS

Experience the Zoo as a family and learn about the world around you. This program is for families with children four-years-old and up. Your instructor will meet you at the Zoo's Front Gate.

Cost per person:

Regular \$15; Member \$10

Family of 4:

Regular \$50; Member \$35

Giant Bugs

Saturday, May 10, 9–10:30 a.m.

The Louisville Zoo has a few visiting giant bugs! They are animatronic creatures, so fear not. So think BIG and bring the family to this program that includes lots of information about the world of invertebrates. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**REGISTER ONLINE AT
LOUISVILLEZOO.ORG**

HOMESCHOOL PRIDE PROGRAMS

The Louisville Zoo is offering education programs for families that educate their children at home. A series of science-based classes are being offered once a month for children in grades K–5. The curriculum chosen for the spring series is based on the new Next Generation Science Standards. Students will be encouraged to look at patterns and formulate answers to questions about the world around them. The "Animal Puzzles" series will make connections to different body parts and how these physical features help them survive.

2 – 4 p.m.

Cost per class: Regular \$20;

Member \$15 (one child & one adult)

Animal Puzzles: Claws & Nails

Tuesday, March 25

Animal Puzzles: Teeth & Beaks

Tuesday, April 29

ADULT PROGRAM

(Ages 18 +)

Are you interested in finding out more about what's going on at the Louisville Zoo? Attend our Adult Education program which focuses on information related to animal husbandry, Zoo conservation efforts, and why do we do things the way we do. Spring's session will cover information on the Zoo's breeding programs like the Species Survival Plan.

Close Encounters

Saturday, May 10

9 – 11 a.m.

Cost: Regular \$25;

Member \$20

SUMMER CAMPS

Camps are created with "hands-on" and "minds-on" instruction designed to meet the specific developmental needs of children. Thus, children are placed in grade-level groups. Please select camp for the grade your child will be entering for the 2014 to 2015 school year. Groups are small so camp counselors can meet each camper's individual needs. Campers will learn about the world around them through experiences that include:

- Hands-on with animal biofacts
- Up-close encounters with appropriate animals and plants
- Arts and crafts activities
- Keeper training and enrichment demonstrations
- Games
- Inquiry-based activities
- Storytime
- Guided tours
- Giant Animatronic Bug tour

All campers receive a t-shirt. Camps are Monday through Friday (Camp will not meet on July 4). Children attending full day sessions from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. must bring a sack lunch and a drink.

Safari Day Camp

Cost: Half Day: Regular \$130;

Members \$115

Full Day: Regular \$275;

Members \$215

4-Day Camp: Regular \$220;

Members \$175

Animals Around the Clock

Grades 1 and 2

Do you ever wonder why some animals are awake at night and some are awake during the day? Discover how the rhythm of the day and night and the seasons throughout the year affect animal behavior.

Half-Day Sessions: 9 a.m. – Noon
June 9–13

June 23–27

July 28–Aug 1

Full-Day Sessions: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

June 30–July 3

(Camp will not meet on July 4)

July 7–11

Let's Eat!

Grades 1 and 2

Animals survive by eating a wide variety of foods. Campers will learn

about what animals eat in the wild and at the Zoo. A visit to the Zoo's Commissary where most of the animal diets are prepared will be one of the many special experiences.

Half-Day Sessions: 9 a.m. – Noon
June 2–6

July 14–18

Full-Day Sessions: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
June 16–20

July 21–25

August 4–8

Adventures in Adaptations

Grades 3 and 4

From camouflage to echolocation, all animals have special characteristics that help them survive in their habitat. Campers will discover wild and extraordinary survival techniques of the plant and animal kingdoms.

Half-Day Session: 9 a.m. – Noon
June 2–6

Full-Day Sessions: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
June 16–20

July 7–11

July 21–25

August 4–8

SUMMER CAMPS

Planet of Plenty**Grades 3 and 4**

Biodiversity is the variety of life on our planet – and there's plenty of it! Campers will learn about the wealth of habitats that house all life forms and the interconnections that tie us together.

Half-Day Session: 9 a.m. – Noon
June 9–13

Full-Day Sessions: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
June 23–27
June 30–July 3

(Camp will not meet on July 4)

July 14–18

July 28–August 1

Zoo Exhibit Design**Grades 5 through 7**

Have you ever wondered how zoo exhibits are designed? During this program, campers will learn all that is required to create a new exhibit and design their own! They will meet staff that helped create Louisville Zoo's award winning exhibits. Special tours are planned so campers will understand the complexity of zoo design.

Full Day Sessions: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
June 23–27
July 7–11
July 14–18
August 4–8

Animal Mythbusters**Grades 5 through 7**

The animal world is full of myths, legends, and sayings that are often not true. Campers will be busting myths all week during this fun and interactive program!

Full-Day Sessions: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
June 16–20
June 30–July 3

(Camp will not meet on July 4)

July 21–25

July 28–August 1

Track 'em, Smack 'em and Roar

The Louisville Nature Center, Louisville Tennis Center, and the Louisville Zoo will again be offering a week of non-stop fitness fun and nature exploration

for grades 4–7. Campers will track native wildlife at the Louisville Nature Center, learn basic tennis skills and good sportsmanship at the Louisville Tennis Center, and spend the afternoon visiting the wild creatures at the Louisville Zoo. All three sessions are identical. If your child has a tennis racket we suggest that he/she bring it. Each participant must bring a lunch, water bottle, and dress appropriately for outside play (tennis shoes are required).

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: Regular \$275; Member \$215
(Louisville Nature Center and/or Louisville Zoo)

Session 1: June 9–13

Session 2: June 23–27

Session 3: July 7–11

NEW! Animal Art Detectives**Grades 4–7**

The Louisville Zoo and Speed Art Museum are jointly offering this special program! Campers will become certified Art Detectives where they will investigate both animals and art through unique hands-on activities. They will explore different art mediums such as drawing and print-making while looking to the world of animals for inspiration. This interdisciplinary camp pulls in ideas from both the science and art realms to create a unique camp experience for your child. Campers will need to bring a sack lunch. This camp will take place at the Zoo.

July 14–18, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: Regular \$275; Members \$215

NEW! Teen Tuesdays**(Ages 13 to 17)**

Come explore some of the many functions and the fun of operating a Zoo. Through educator-led classes, activities, small animal contact and behind-the-scenes tours, you will learn about the careers and programs that Zoo staff members are so passionate about! Teens must bring a sack lunch

and drink. Please dress for the weather and wear close-toed shoes.

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: Regular \$55 per day or \$275 for all five days; Member \$43 per day or \$215 for all five days

Why Zoos?

June 10 or July 15

Zoos have come a long way since their origins. Modern, accredited zoos have very important roles in the 21st century. Why are zoos so crucial? What careers are required to operate a zoo? How do we care for our many animals? You will learn about how conservation, education, research and recreation are top priorities at the Louisville Zoo!

Wild Service Day!

June 17 or July 22

Here is your chance to participate in some hands-on projects that will benefit the Zoo, and give you service learning hours as well! Possible projects include working in our wetlands area, creating enrichment planters or other items for our animals. Rain or shine, we will be busy. Please dress for dirt!

Biodiversity Blitz

June 24 or July 29

The variety of life on Earth provides us with resources, and also makes our Earth livable. Learn about the basics of biodiversity and the fascinating connections that make it vital for us to protect. Through tours and activities, we will explore Zoo practices and our own values regarding our amazing, rich planet!

Veterinary Visions

July 8 or August 5

What do zoo veterinarians do each day? How do you study to become a veterinarian? Learn about the importance of preventive healthcare, and interesting cases our vets have handled! Tour our on-site animal hospital, and meet one of our veterinary staff members.

Reptiles and Amphibians

July 1 or August 12

What is the difference between reptiles and amphibians? How can you tell which ones are venomous? Which endangered reptile and amphibian species do we have at our Zoo? We will see and touch some interesting specimens, learn about myths and facts, and tour our HerpAquarium.

Two by Two

(Age 2 and an adult)

Activities for this program take into consideration that youngsters at this age are curious about the world around them and have the energy for lots of action! This program incorporates learning centers and free play to cultivate a child's connection to the natural world around them. Campers must be accompanied by an adult. All campers will receive a t-shirt.

9 – 10:30 a.m.

Cost: Regular \$105; Members \$90; one adult and one child; additional adult: \$10

Ears, Eyes and Noses, Oh My!

Children will use their comparative skills while they investigate the features of different types of animals.

Session 1: June 2 – 6

Session 2: June 9–13

Session 3: June 16–20

Session 4: June 23–27

Body Basics

Ever wonder why elephants have a trunk or why zebras have stripes? Children will explore many special animal characteristics and discover what makes them so unique.

Session 1: July 7–11

Session 2: July 14–18

Session 3: July 21–25

Session 4: July 28–August 1

Two By Three

(Age 3 and an adult)

This program takes into consideration that youngsters at this age are curious about the world around them and have the energy for lots of action! It incorporates learning centers and free play to cultivate a child's connection

to the natural world around them. All campers will receive a t-shirt.

10:30 a.m.–Noon

Cost: Regular \$105;

Members \$90; one adult and one child; additional adult: \$10

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Session 4: July 28–August 1

ZOOper Kids

(Ages 4 and 5)

ZOOper Kids will enjoy Zoo walks, crafts, snacks, closely supervised contact with education animals and story times. All campers receive a t-shirt.

9 a.m.–Noon

Cost per child: Regular \$130;

Members \$115

Ani-motion!

Snakes slither, birds fly, fish swim animals move in many different ways. Children will investigate and make

comparisons about how animals move.

Session 1: June 2–6

Session 2: June 23–27

Session 3: July 14–18

Session 4: August 4–8

Classification

What makes a lizard a reptile? Do all birds hatch from eggs? Children will investigate how animals are grouped together by comparing similar and different traits.

Session 1: June 9–13

Session 2: June 30–July 3

(Camp will not meet on July 4)

Session 3: July 21–25

The Five Senses

How does a snake "hear"? Why do cats have whiskers? Children will be introduced to the five senses and how animals need these senses to survive.

Session 1: June 16–20

Session 2: July 7–11

Session 3: July 28–August 1

REGISTER ONLINE AT
LOUISVILLEZOO.ORG

**Zero Trash Challenge**

This summer we're inviting our full day campers to be a part of our ZERO TRASH CHALLENGE! Three bins will be set up in the lunch area – one for trash, one for compostables and one for recyclables. At the end of lunch, the trash bin will be weighed. For every ½ pound of trash that the camp decreases, a leaf will be added to the Zero Trash Challenge Tree. For every ½ pound of trash that increases, a leaf will be taken off the tree. When the tree has 10 leaves on it, the Zoo will plant a tree, bush, herb or vegetable that will serve as food for our Zoo animals!

Are you up for the CHALLENGE? Pack a waste free lunch! For ideas and tips, check out wastefreelunches.org.

WISH LIST

The Louisville Zoo is seeking the following items for donation. New or gently used items are accepted. All donations can be delivered to the Zoo, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Arrangements can also be made for delivery on the weekend. Items of most need include:

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| 1. Box fans | 7. Cordless drills | 12. Commercial, 4-drawer, metal filing cabinet |
| 2. 2-drawer file cabine | 8. Small, electric space heater (new only) | 13. Other items needed on an ongoing basis: boomer balls (various sizes); 5-gallon buckets (new); poly-tarps (various sizes). |
| 3. Lightweight, portable plastic tables (6'x30") | 9. Aquarium thermometers | |
| 4. Heavy duty ShopVac (various sizes) | 10. Chain saw with protective chaps and ear muffs | |
| 5. Fiberglass ladders (4', 6' and 8') | 11. Backpack leaf blowers | |
| 6. Wheelbarrows | | |



The Zoo's Animal Hospital needs your help to achieve their MyActions! goal of finding energy-e ficient ways to transport themselves and their equipment around the Zoo. Our veterinary staff are in need of 2 (new) medium-sized mountain bikes or hybrid bikes, 2 men's and 2 women's (new) bike helmets, 2 bicycle bells, and 1 (new) cargo trailer. Items will assist staff as they check on animals, conduct medical treatments and exams and deliver medication.

Please contact Kelly Grether at (502) 238-5615 or Kelly.Grether@louisvilleky.gov if you wish to make a donation.

*The Zoo reserves the right to evaluate the condition of an item before accepting a donation.

To view the Zoo's full wish list, please visit louisvillezoo.org/support/wishlist.htm

2014 Polar Bear Adventure OCTOBER 28 – NOVEMBER 3, 2014

Join Zoo Director John Walczak on an ultimate and intimate polar bear adventure in the heart of polar bear country! Your Churchill, Manitoba adventure includes:

- One pre- and one post-hotel night in Winnipeg
- One night in a Churchill hotel
- Three nights at the Tundra Buggy Lodge (Weather permitting, the Lodge is an ideal place to view northern lights!)
- Three excursions on the Tundra Buggy offering plenty of photography and wildlife watching opportunities
- A dog sledding excursion hosted by a local resident and dog sledding expert
- A visit to the Eskimo Museum
- A tour of Churchill's historical points of interest
- Free time to shop and explore the town of Churchill



Price per guest: \$6,000*

**Flights from Winnipeg to Churchill are included. Flights from Louisville to/from Winnipeg are not included. Louisville Zoo trips are safe, well organized, exciting and reasonably priced.*

**plus taxes, based on double occupancy*

**\$425.00 single occupancy supplement*

**rates subject to change*

Space is limited! Please contact the Development Office for reservations at (502) 238-5615 or kelly.grether@louisvilleky.gov

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A Donation From The Heart

by **Robert Micou**, Director of Development

Taking care of the more than 1,500 animals that call your Zoo home is an essential part of our mission. In fact, the Zoo's Veterinary Department oversees the medical care for all of these animals, and with the help of many veterinary and human specialists who graciously volunteer their time, the Zoo's two full-time veterinarians, three veterinary technicians, and hospital keepers work tirelessly to keep these wonderful creatures healthy. In 2013 alone, hospital staff

administered 322 vaccines, wrote more than 1,500 prescriptions, performed 164 exams with anesthesia, processed over 1,700 laboratory samples, and compiled nearly 4,000 pages of medical notes. Much of this is a part of their focus on preventive medicine, which is why your Zoo animals receive regular check-ups, vaccines, and blood work.

With this impressive record, I would like to take the opportunity to say that while **there are many ways to support your Zoo, I can think of no better way to directly impact the daily care of our animals**

than by making a gift to our Annual Fund.

Occasionally specific items are needed for our hospital. Recently one donor, Dr. Ann Swank, made a pledge which allowed hospital staff to purchase a portable ultrasound machine. By buying the M-Turbo, Zoo vets are now able for the first time to perform procedures that would have been nearly impossible before. Specifically, the M-Turbo provides high-resolution imaging typically found on only the most powerful ultrasound systems, and weighing only eight lbs., it is both durable and portable. In addition, our Zoo vets have purchased two probes for use with the machine: the first is a multi-purpose, general use probe that is good for many things including abdominal scans and pregnancy monitoring; and the second is designed to ultrasound trans-rectally. Our vets have already used the machine on several animals including a hippo, goats, elephants and

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camels. There are a myriad of ways in which the machine may be utilized to enhance the care and treatment of our animals including imaging the eye to assist with the diagnosis of cataracts, retinal detachment, and other trauma; the imaging of internal organs to support diagnosis and treatment plans; and advanced cardiac ultrasonography.

We are very grateful to Dr. Swank for her generous gift. "The Louisville Zoo and the animals and staff have a special job to do every day, and if there is any small way that I can help them do their job, I am honored to do so." Our animals depend on the love, generosity and dedication of the community and region and individuals like Dr. Swank. We simply could not be the best Zoo without loyal donors and friends. From all of us at the Zoo, thank you! We count on your continued support.

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