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For more in-depth instructions: please visit our website at  
[louisvillezoo.org/support/kroger](http://louisvillezoo.org/support/kroger)



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The Louisville Zoo, a nonprofit organization and the state zoo of Kentucky, is dedicated to bettering the bond between people and our planet by providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for visitors, and leadership in scientific research and conservation education. The Zoo is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) and by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).



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March 14 to September 27, 2015  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (stay until 6 p.m.)

**Twilight Hours**

June and July (Thursday – Saturday)  
10 a.m. – 7 p.m. (stay until 8 p.m.)

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## MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

### FROM THE MAYOR

Greg Fischer  
Metro Mayor

educated young people create a successful and thriving city; that's no secret. It's one of the reasons we set a goal to increase education attainment by 55,000 post-secondary degrees by 2020. We quickly discovered our work needed to begin at an earlier level. At-risk kids show up to kindergarten three years behind thriving kids. Too many of our youngest citizens — half in Louisville — fall into this category and rarely catch up. So, we created a new Cradle to Career initiative to recognize that we cannot think of education for our youngest as something unrelated to high-quality training

### FROM THE DIRECTOR

John Walczak  
Louisville Zoo Director

Sustainability is one of the deep drivers of your Zoo. I truly believe, and I've been here more than 30 years, that it is part of our DNA. While the heart of our mission has always been the privilege of providing a place for you to come relax, share life, and have fun with those closest to you — our soul is the feeling you experience seeing a polar bear nose-to-nose, the orangutans at play, or the flamingos nesting. Your Zoo works to inspire that spark of connection: when we all realize there are other forms of life on our planet, and they have claims to their habitat and lives just as we do. But how do we accomplish a balance so all creatures thrive?

We are headed into a pivotal year for environmental awareness as Louisville's Arts and Cultural Attractions Council

needed for those building a career.

One way we can achieve this is to increase non-school-based learning.

The Louisville Zoo, often referred to as a "living classroom," offers this kind of engaging educational experience in a fun place, encouraging children to interact with science and nature.

The Louisville Zoo has been inspiring young learners through its educational programming for over 40 years. Their award-winning School at the Zoo program has shown over and over that it can dial up enthusiasm for science and positively affect test scores. This year, they have added a new level of creativity to a variety of programs for toddlers and parents as well as K-12 students.

This season's enhancements are designed to support and further engage parents and students. New parental conveniences like curbside drop-off services, extended program hours and camp options for every child, every week, will allow busy parents more opportunities to expand their child's out-of-school edu-

cation. New family initiatives will allow those who are young, or young at heart, to experience the Zoo through captivating presentations, family classes and hands-on experiences in the MetaZoo. Exciting new topics like "To the Extreme" and "Zooper-Heroes" will provide children a fun and unique learning possibility. The newly expanded Safari Day Camp program will get parents and children excited about the world of educational opportunities only the Zoo can provide.

Creating a culture of lifelong learning is one of our top priorities. All of us need to work together to ensure our future generations have a solid foundation and eagerness to learn. Let's make sure our children have the tools they need to succeed. How can you emphasize the importance of education in your own household? Can you be a mentor to a young person in need or volunteer some time to read to a child in school? The time to focus on education is now — for the well-being of our community, our children and our future.

to treat its gifts in a more sustainable fashion. How do our actions here impact the habitat of the polar bears 4000 miles to the north or the elephants in central Africa? These incredible environments and species are facing endangerment and possible extinction because of the choices we make in our everyday lives.

I hope you are proud that your Zoo always aims to inspire and improve. We continually search for better processes and new technology to make your Zoo more sustainable. Whether it's adding green roofs to new exhibits or recycling cell phones, we're not going to rest on what we've accomplished. We hope to improve, innovate and inspire as well as support and recognize your efforts to help make our Earth a healthier planet.

As a member of the ACA board of directors and a past chair, I look forward to the opportunities Earth Month and the entire year provide to collaborate with our partners and be a stage for other participants in YES! Fest. I invite you to come share ideas and be inspired to help our planet — and I congratulate our ACA members and our community for pulling together to make this happen.

## ZOO NEWS

### WILD MEDICINE

Each Sunday from March 15 through Sept. 6, the Louisville Zoo will host discussions with licensed Veterinary Technician Jamie Huber to share what happens behind-the-scenes at the Zoo and to answer some of your burning questions.

Come learn about Zoo animal vaccinations and why you should vaccinate your animals too. Look at real x-rays and ultrasounds of Zoo animals; see the equipment we use and hear why regular checkups are important. We'll discuss the types of things our Zoo animals eat and the ways nutritional health affects their overall health. You'll have the opportunity for open discussion about the things you want to know about most — from recent medical cases to questions about our animals.

Every week we will host a different discussion, so make sure you don't miss out! For more in-depth information, check our website: [louisvillezoo.org/events](http://louisvillezoo.org/events)



### ZOO ENHANCEMENTS & ALTERED PATHWAY

From February through the beginning of May 2015, the Zoo will begin creating some new enhancements for our animals and visitors. Expect to see upgrades to the elephant exhibit plus improved viewing areas and amenities. During this early spring period, the pathway from the far side of the bongo/addax area to the African Outpost will be temporarily closed to allow crews to create their magic while keeping you safely away from construction.

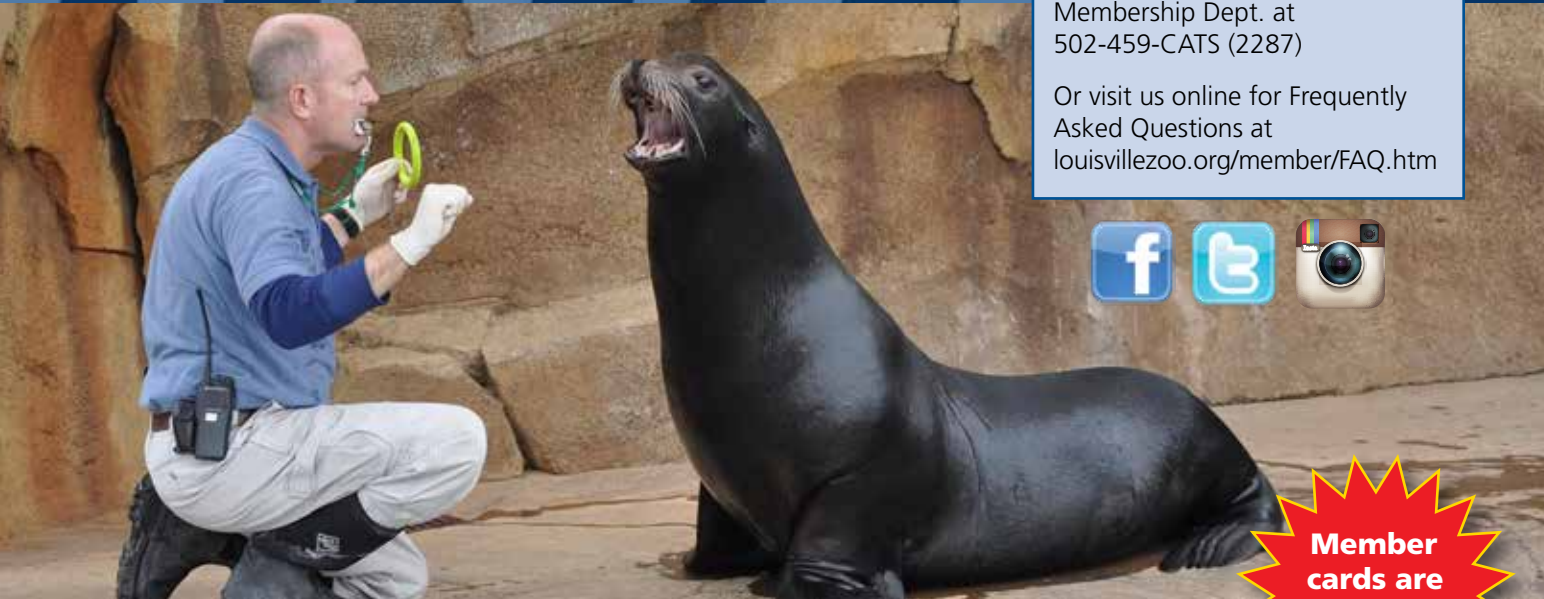
You will be able to see most exhibit areas and access the petting zoo and restaurant from an alternate pathway (noted in red below). For this short time, the lion and camel exhibits and the giraffe feeding station will not be accessible. You may still have long-distance views of lions and camels across other exhibits. Signage will be on the pathway to help direct you.

Please bear with us and stay tuned for some nice improvements.





## MEMBER NEWS



Questions about your membership? Contact the Membership Dept. at 502-459-CATS (2287)

Or visit us online for Frequently Asked Questions at [louisvillezoo.org/member/FAQ.htm](http://louisvillezoo.org/member/FAQ.htm)



**Member cards are no longer mailed**

**M**embers can enjoy all the new adventures of the Zoo this spring with **UNLIMITED** admission during regular hours. Members can also take advantage of discounts on camps, classes, gift shop purchases, rides and attractions.

Members receive the following benefits:

- **UNLIMITED FREE** admission for 12 full months from purchase date including Papa John's Splash Park (seasonal attraction) every time you visit during regular hours
- **PARKING** during regular Zoo hours is included in all membership levels (excludes select after-hours special events)
- **SPECIAL** discounts on education classes and camps
- **DISCOUNTS** on regular general admission for extra guests, ride/attraction packages, and gift shop and concession purchases
- **SPECIAL PRICING** to select events including "The World's Largest Halloween Party!" presented by Meijer and Santa's Safari (limited tickets available per day)
- **ZOOBUCK COUPONS** in Trunkline magazine valid for discounts on admission, concessions, and select rides and attractions as well as community activities

- **DISCOUNT** admission to 125 reciprocal zoos and aquariums. See full list at [louisvillezoo.org/reciprocal](http://louisvillezoo.org/reciprocal)
- **SPECIAL OFFERS** to Newport Aquarium and other partner attractions (visit [louisvillezoo.org/member/specials](http://louisvillezoo.org/member/specials))
- **E-NEWSLETTERS** with information and events plus **SPECIAL OFFERS**
- Memberships are **TAX-DEDUCTIBLE** to the extent provided by law
- **NEW** Virtual Membership Card/App

### Spring Break is Almost Here — Renew Early This Year!

Spring break for students this year ranges from March 21 – April 12 with JCPS dates falling April 4 – 12. It's just around the corner! Spring break is always an extremely busy time for Zoo membership staff which means slower response times to calls and longer lines at the Zoo. So get a jump on spring and renew now.

There are three ways you can renew:

- Visit the Zoo and purchase in person.
- Order online at [louisvillezoo.org](http://louisvillezoo.org)
- Call the membership office at 502-459-CATS (2287) to charge by phone with Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

### Important Membership Reminders

If you choose to renew online or by phone, be sure to stop by the Membership Office on your next visit to the Zoo to have your photo taken (all named adults) and pick up your membership cards. **Avoid the peak times** and lines by taking advantage of those surprisingly sunny winter days to update your card and take a walk through your Zoo! There's never a better time to visit.



**Hot Tip**  
**Times to Avoid**

We encourage you to stop by on our less busy days: during the week or on weekends when the temperature is under 50 degrees.

Try to steer clear of our Spring Break period for area schools (March 21 – April 12).

### More Renewing Hints!

- Renew early! Your new membership becomes active once your current membership expires, so you DON'T lose any time by renewing early.
- Until you have a photograph on file, you'll need your current membership card and a photo I.D. for any adult members named on the card. All guests covered on your membership card must be accompanied by an adult named on the card.
- Additional guests accompanied by a member can purchase a discounted admission ticket at the cashier window.
- Dependent children ages 3–18 are covered on your membership card. The number of children depends upon your membership level.
- Children age 2 and under receive free admission during regular hours.
- Zoo memberships are not valid for school group visits, corporate picnics or meetings.

### Hours

The Zoo will be open an hour later starting March 14.

#### September – March 13

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (stay until 5 p.m.)

#### March 14 – Sept. 27

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (stay until 6 p.m.)

#### Summer Twilight Hours

Thursday – Saturdays in June & July  
10 a.m. – 7 p.m. (stay until 8 p.m.)

### New Virtual Membership App

Our new app lets you store your Louisville Zoo membership card electronically on your iPhone or Android device. If you have a current membership, go to the Apple or App Store or Google Play Store and download the free Louisville Zoo membership app. On your next visit to the Zoo, check in at the Membership Office to receive your verification code. Once activated, we scan the barcode on your mobile device to validate your membership. See more details at [louisvillezoo.org/virtualapp](http://louisvillezoo.org/virtualapp).

### Members-Only Prowl & Play

This April 26, June 14 and Aug. 2, the Education Department will be offering an exclusive program just for Louisville Zoo members. Enjoy hands-on experiences, walks and activities for children Pre K – 6th grade. Prices and more information on page 20.



### Get Healthy Walking Club

Keep your New Year's Resolution and walk your way to better health! March 1 kicks off the Norton Healthcare Get Healthy Walking Club at the Zoo! Members can walk the Zoo daily from March 1 – Oct. 31, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and during Twilight hours in June and July from 6 to 8 p.m. (Excludes June 6 for our annual fundraiser, Zoofari!) (Friendly reminder: animal exhibits open at 10 a.m. and members may enter until 7:30 p.m. during Twilight Hours with non-member tickets sold until 7 p.m.)

To register, or for more information on Norton Healthcare Get Healthy Club activities, call 502-629-1234.





# NATURE CONNECTS

**LEGO® Brick Sculptures**  
April 10 – July 5

**Y**ou likely have fond memories of building your own masterpieces with LEGO® bricks when you were a child. You may even have built a new masterpiece with your own skilled young builder during the recent holidays. LEGO bricks are everyone's favorite toy — timeless and just as popular now as ever before!

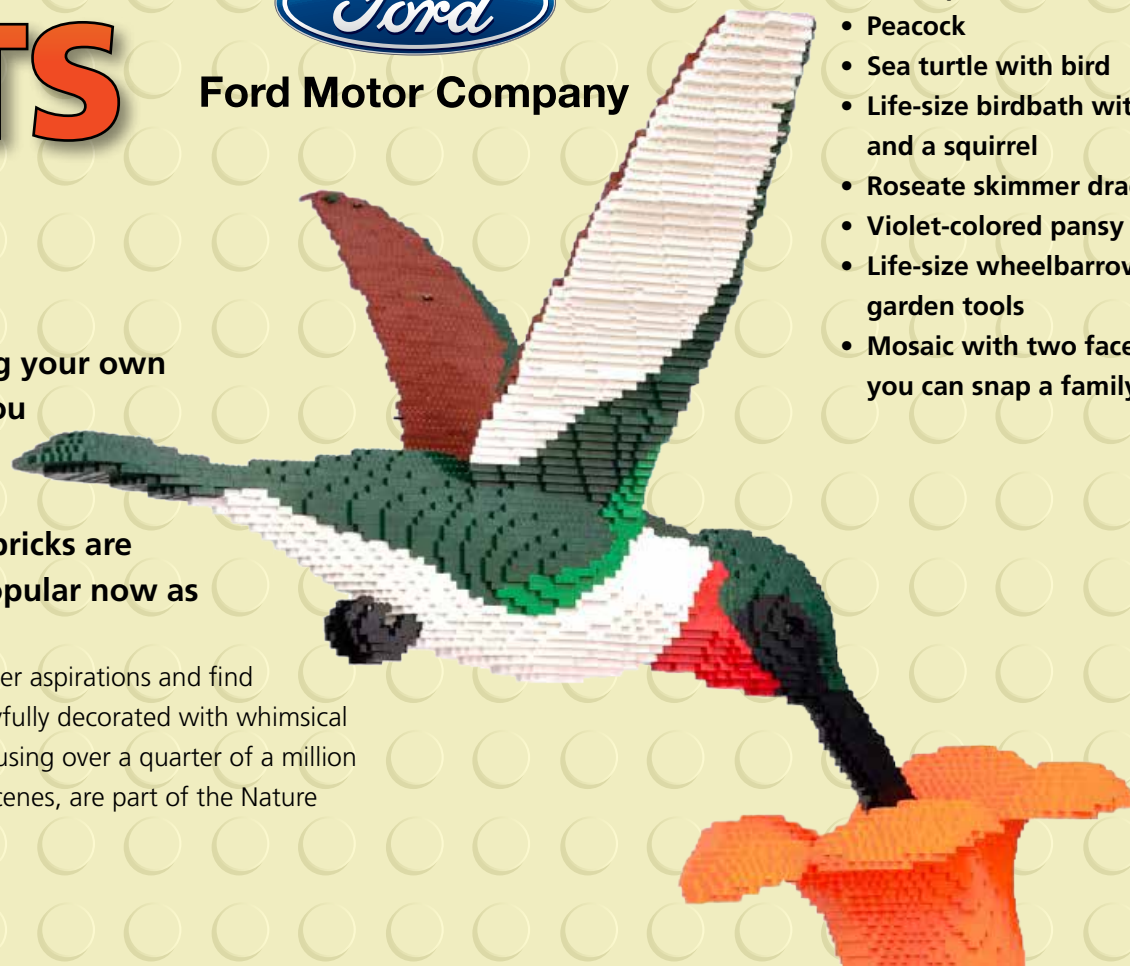
We invite you to revisit childhood, challenge your master builder aspirations and find fresh connections with nature this spring. Come see the Zoo playfully decorated with whimsical LEGO brick sculptures inspired by nature and wildlife — created using over a quarter of a million LEGO® bricks. Thirty sculptures, set within over a dozen nature scenes, are part of the Nature

[LOUISVILLEZOO.ORG/LEGO](http://LOUISVILLEZOO.ORG/LEGO)

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Connects exhibit, designed and built by the first-ever certified LEGO artist in the world, Sean Kenney. "The toy immediately connects with so many people on such a personal level," states Kenney in his artist statement. "Each sculpture touches people as both a reflection from their childhood and as a sculpture piece of art."

In nature, all things connect to create life and intricate design. Nothing demonstrates the power of connection like a colorful 7-foot dragonfly, a stunning 6-foot hummingbird hovering over a trumpet flower or a pixelated life-size peacock — all made with thousands of LEGO bricks. Signage at each installation will help visitors learn more about the construction of the sculptures as well as the wildlife scenarios they depict. Most of these sculptures have never been seen before — be among the first to enjoy them!

## Our Brick Sculptures

- Monarch butterfly on milkweed
- Hummingbird on trumpet flower
- Life-size gardener with grandchild
- Bonsai trees
- Deer family
- Corn spider on a wire
- Peacock
- Sea turtle with bird
- Life-size birdbath with birds, bees and a squirrel
- Roseate skimmer dragonfly
- Violet-colored pansy bloom
- Life-size wheelbarrow with garden tools
- Mosaic with two face cutouts so you can snap a family photo!



## Your Turn to Play!

**Stay tuned for more details:**

- A LEGO Brick Bash: May 30 – 31
- LEGO Brick Building Challenge for families
- Stay and play in our LEGO Brick Yard
- LEGO brick-themed summer camps on page 22
- Be sure to visit our website at [louisvillezoo.org](http://louisvillezoo.org) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter for details.

## Can You Guess?

1. How many LEGO bricks do you think it takes to make a giant sea turtle sculpture that is 36" X 30" X 24"?
2. How many LEGO bricks do you think it takes to make a peacock sculpture that is 18" X 48" X 60"?

Answers Below



Answers: 1) 9,868 bricks 2) 19,735 bricks



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

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One day isn't enough to celebrate the wonder of our Planet and promote the need to protect it — so the Louisville Zoo is hosting a month-long party. During the month of April, enjoy weekend activities and cool displays by our Eco-Partners to learn how you can do your part to help our planet. Plus, there will be ZooPoopyDoo compost and mulch sales, special appearances by the Easter Bunny, fun contests and more. Here is a look at Earth Month events:

## Monday, April 13, 20, and 27 Fun Day Mondays

Enjoy \$5 general admission on Fun Day Mondays in April with special zoo keeper talks and appearances by LG&E and KU's "Louie the Lightning Bug."

## Saturday, April 4, 11, 18 and 25 ZooPoopyDoo Compost and Mulch Sale 7:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Get your garden ready for spring with our unique, high-quality ZooPoopyDoo compost and hardwood bark mulch. Compost is \$40 per scoop. Mulch is \$19.50 per scoop, which covers 17.8 cubic feet. Purchase instructions and options at [louisvillezoo.org/zoopoopydoo](http://louisvillezoo.org/zoopoopydoo)

## Saturday, April 4 Eco-Partner: Bernheim Forest 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join our MetaZoo Education Department along with the Children at Play Initiative at Bernheim Forest as they offer a Free-Play Day with Zoo admission.



## Sunday, April 5 EGGstravaganza 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

This is one EGGciting day! Come learn about the Zoo's wonderful egg-laying animals and then find some eggs of your own in the Zoo's Easter Egg Hunt. Remind your little chicks to bring their Easter baskets — eggs are redeemable for a prize following the hunt. The Easter Bunny will be hopping in so keep your camera handy!

## Saturday, April 11 Eco-Partner: KY Herp Society 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Stop by the Zoo's front plaza and visit with the Kentucky Herp Society and some of their amazing creatures. The KHS promotes conservation and quality care of all wildlife, herpetofauna in particular, in every possible way.

## Sunday, April 12 Arctic Ambassadors Day Featuring Tundra & Griswald 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

We can "bearly" contain our excitement as Zoo mascots, Tundra and Griswald, return to make appearances throughout the day in Glacier Run. Staff members from the MetaZoo Education Department will share fun bear biofacts and information. Be sure to bring a camera!

## Saturday, April 18 Eco-Partner: Louisville Zoo Docents 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Louisville Zoo educators will be on hand to help you learn how to do your part to help our planet.



For more information on Earth Day Events, visit [louisvillezoo.org/earth](http://louisvillezoo.org/earth). Keep up to date by following us on FaceBook, Twitter and Instagram

## Here's to keeping inspiration burning bright.

You are more than customers. You are friends, neighbors and family. As a sixth-year sponsor of The Louisville Zoo's Earth Month, we're proud to help enrich the lives of our community. Our energies go to serving you.



## Sunday, April 19 Earth Day Celebration \$8 Admission 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Stay until 6 p.m.) Eco-Partner Displays: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day featuring special keeper talks, Trashformation student art contest winning displays and half price Zoo admission all day courtesy of Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities Company. Plus FREE parking!



## Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26 Eco-Partner: Kentucky Science Center 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Kentucky Science Center staff will be on hand to help you learn how to do your part to help our planet.

## Sunday, April 26 World Penguin Day 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Waddle in and learn all about the Zoo's lively penguins. Visit hands-on interactive stations where you can discover more about penguins and what you can do to preserve their wild habitats. Keep your camera nearby; the Zoo's newest mascot will make his debut and have 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 won the inaugural 2013 Trashformation: Trash-to-Treasure art contest 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  
2015 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](http://louisvillezoo.org/trashformation). Entry deadline is March 20, 2015.



Winners will be notified by April 16 and **MUST** be present at a press conference on April 19 for the Zoo's Earth Day celebration! Remember, before you toss it: what could you create with a little imagination?



# MAY at the ZOO

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May 9, 2015 at 8 a.m.

## THROO THE ZOO 5K RUN/WALK

Dash on over to the Zoo to take part in Louisville's only road race that doesn't just go around the Zoo but actually "Throo" the Zoo. Enjoy an early morning adventure where you watch as the Zoo wakes up! All of the proceeds from the Throo the Zoo 5K help to fund Zoo operations.

### Advance Registration: \$30

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

### 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 in various categories.

Online registration and additional details at

**LouisvilleZoo.org/throozoo**

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## Sunday, May 10 MCDONALD'S® MOTHER'S DAY

Celebrate Mother's Day with free Zoo admission for moms courtesy of McDonald's® Restaurants of Kentuckiana. Enjoy zoo keeper talks featuring our animal moms, like Thelma, a reticulate python that is Mom as well as Dad! Find out what human and animal moms have in common and participate in a fun scavenger hunt.



## Saturday, May 30 – 31 LEGO® BRICK BASH

Hours: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join us in our new temporary exhibit, Nature Connects: LEGO Brick Sculptures, to discover how art, design and the world around us inspire creativity! Learn about our favorite animal builders in the MetaZoo. Learn how LEGO bricks are used as the foundation for engineering practices with the science experts from the Kentucky Science Center. Music, games, LEGO contests and more make this the place to kick off Summer! This event is FREE with Zoo admission and perfect for families!



# JUNE at the ZOO

## 2015 FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE SERIES

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

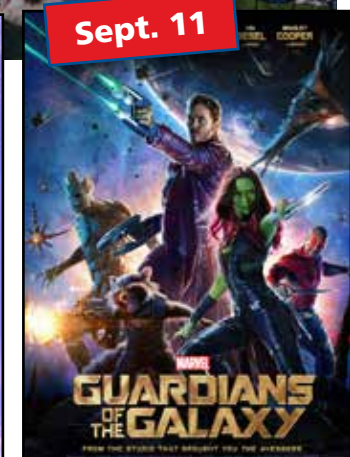
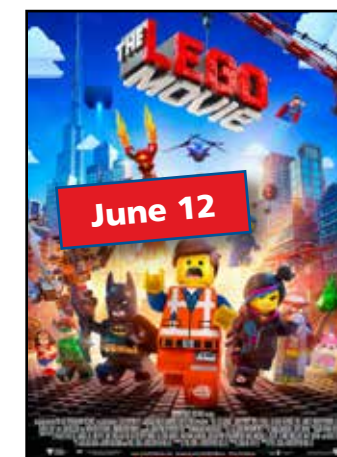
Enjoy a movie under the stars at the wildest theater in town. Watch your favorite movies on our giant inflatable screen. The Zoo Crew will provide free entertainment before the show. Snacks and other refreshments will be available for purchase. Don't forget to pack your blanket or lawn chairs.

Movie nights are FREE to Zoo members and only \$5 after 5 p.m. for non-members.

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Saturday, June 20

## 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/waky](http://louisvillezoo.org/waky) for details and concert lineup.



Sunday, June 21

## FORD'S FATHER'S DAY AT THE ZOO

Celebrate Father's Day with free Zoo admission for dads courtesy of Ford. Check out zoo keeper talks featuring our pygmy hippo dad Maji and his daughter Jahari.

(Animal activities subject to temperature requirements.)



For more information on all events, visit [louisvilleZoo.org/events](http://louisvilleZoo.org/events).  
Keep up to date by following us on FaceBook, Twitter and Instagram



# A Patron of Penguins: Dana Prior

Article and photos by **Heather Dishon**

**W**hen most people hear the word “island,” they think of a tropical paradise with palm trees and sandy beaches. However, travel past the shady walks of our bamboo garden and through the soothing balm of our award-winning Islands Exhibit and you’ll find a much frostier part of the Islands — Penguin Coast — a wintry paradise for the Louisville Zoo’s 17 rockhopper penguins. These penguins hail from a different sort of island: the chilly and mountainous Falkland Islands located near the bottom tip of South America.

Dana Prior is the primary keeper of the Louisville Zoo’s penguins. Though she’s been in the position since 2003, her career with the Zoo began in 1998. Like most keepers, a love for animals blossomed into a career path. “I have always, always loved animals,” she says. “How many people in the world get to be penguin keepers?”

*Dana Prior makes sure each penguin receives its vitamin fish.*

Her penguin charges range from 30 years of age (Pinky and Audrey) to only 4 years old (Clementine, hatched right here at the Zoo). Listed as one of the smallest penguin species, averaging about 20 inches in height, rockhoppers can be identified from other penguin species by their red eyes, pink feet and the spiky yellow feathers that adorn their heads.

“Each and every one is an individual, from the proper elderly lady to the troublesome teen,” Prior says. “It’s a different soap opera every day. You see pair-bonding

interactions and then aggressive “he stepped too close to me” pokes. They love to collect, whether it’s new rocks for nests or stealing lettuce out of the duck’s diet, and they like to take showers from the hose while we clean. Sometimes they do what’s called an “ecstatic display” but we call it the happy dance. It always makes me smile. My most memorable moment was seeing a penguin chase her own tail and catch it.”

It’s not all fun and games however. Caring for this bustling penguin colony makes for a full day of many

tasks: thawing fish and adding vitamins, ensuring each individual penguin receives its “vitamin fish,” two feedings daily, monitoring the number of fish each bird consumes, observing individuals for health issues, detecting social issues, and lots and lots of cleaning. “My, they are messy, messy birds!” Prior says.

“We hand feed our penguins which is a time investment for such a busy department but worth every minute. I can observe so much in that time.” It’s a labor of love for the longtime zoo keeper who doesn’t seem to mind the hard work. “Building relationships and trust with my animals is what I enjoy most,” she says earnestly. “I show up every day for them.”

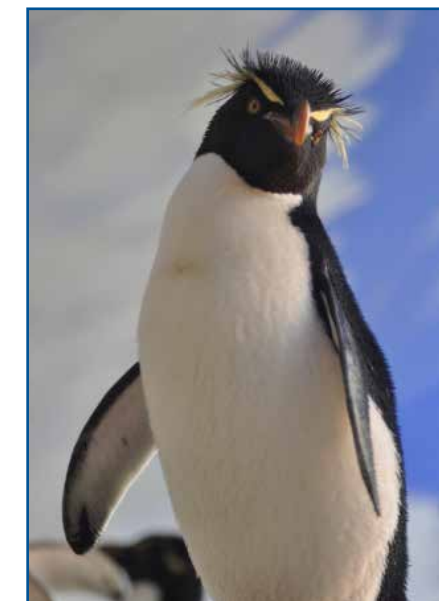
The Louisville Zoo colony is one of only five colonies of rockhopper penguins that remain in American zoos today. Rockhopper penguin numbers are in rapid decline. The IUCN has placed them on the Red List of Threatened Species as “vulnerable” due to the loss of 30 percent of their population over the past 30 years. The Falkland Island colonies in particular have lost 90 percent of their numbers due to commercial fishing, pollution and other factors.

“There’s been a call for more marine-protected areas to keep habitats from being degraded and to properly manage marine resources,” Prior says. Even at the Louisville Zoo,

upon entering the Penguin Coast, you can see a sign supporting Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch — a program that encourages people to consume fish only from sources that rely on responsible fishing practices. “Penguins need fish available in the areas where they nest,” Prior says. “They have to find fish and get back

before,” Prior says. “If you look at the numbers it’s startling to see the decline in some species. Polar bears are the endangered cold-weather icons of the north but penguins are in just as much trouble to the south. We need to educate as many people as possible and get them to care about the status of these penguins.”

Prior says some of her most rewarding moments are seeing people respond proactively to her keeper presentations — and knowing she was able to pass on her knowledge and passion about penguins. You can learn how to help penguins too! Be sure to visit the rockhopper penguins and learn about penguin conservation on your next visit to the Louisville Zoo.



to feed their chick in a limited amount of time. They won’t be successful in raising their offspring if they have to swim too far out for food. It is a good idea to look for the Seafood Watch cards to individually support responsible fishing as a consumer.”

“More penguin species are listed as being in trouble than ever



## WANT TO HELP OUR PENGUIN PALS?

Consider a donation for animal enrichment. The Louisville Zoo is looking for penguin enrichment items such as mirrors, wind chimes, dive sticks, sprinklers and CDs of bird calls. Visit our full online wish list at [louisvillezoo.org/wishlist](http://louisvillezoo.org/wishlist)





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# EDUCATION

Spring is in bloom and we're gearing up for an exciting season in the MetaZoo with more amazing opportunities for children of all ages! We're going wild with new hands-on experiences for families, more up-close encounters with our favorite animal ambassadors, an expanded Safari Day Camp program with new conveniences for caregivers and exciting new themes for your little ones. Whether your child enjoys learning about the planet's most extreme animals, investigating what's great about animal "grossology," discovering how LEGO® brick building can help them "connect" to their natural world, or exploring the science of animal health & wellness — we have a program for you!

All MetaZoo programs are designed to develop awareness about the natural world, and are designed to enrich, engage and entertain. We hope to see you this spring and summer!

## SPRING CLASSES

### Spring Break Camp 2015

*Ages 6 – 12*

Register for individual days of Spring Break Camp or all five days. Every day brings a fun and 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.

**Pricing — Individual day:**

**\$45 Members; \$55 Non-Members**

**Pricing — Five Days:**

**\$215 Members; \$275 Non-Members**

#### Animal Senses

**Monday, April 6: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

#### Zoo Careers

**Tuesday, April 7: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

#### Wild Water Wednesday

**Wednesday, April 8: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

#### Animal Grossology

**Thursday, April 9: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

#### Animal Conservation

**Friday, April 10: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### MetaZoo-Ventures

*Every Saturday, June – August*

**Audience:** General Public

**Hours:** 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Pricing:** FREE with Zoo Admission  
Every Saturday this summer, we're going wild in the MetaZoo! Stay for an hour or all afternoon for drop-in activities, animal presentations and up-close encounters with our favorite animal ambassadors.

### Family Night Safari

*June 5, 2015*

**Audience:** Families

**Hours:** Friday, 6 p.m. – Saturday, 8 a.m.

**Pricing:** \$35 per person

Have you ever wanted to wake up next to a Polar Bear? Join us for a family night like none other as we give you and your family a special behind-the-scenes look at what happens when the Zoo closes. Participate in animal encounters, take a night walk through the Zoo, and sleep in one of our most famed exhibits, Glacier Run.

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## HOMESCHOOL PRIDE PROGRAMS

### Animal Puzzles

*Ages K – 5*

The Louisville Zoo is offering education programs designed specifically to meet the needs of local families that are taking the responsibility for educating their children at home by using resources in the home and community. A series of science-based classes are being offered once a month with curriculum 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.

**Pricing: (one child & one adult)**

**\$15 Members; \$20 Non-Members**

#### Speed

**Tuesday, March 31: 2 – 4 p.m.**

#### Beaks

**Tuesday, April 28: 2 – 4 p.m.**



## TEEN TUESDAYS

*Weekly, concurrent Tuesdays, beginning June 9.*

**Audience:** 7th – 8th Grade

**Hours:**

**Drop Off:** 8 – 9 a.m.

**Program:** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Pick Up:** 4 – 5 p.m.

**Pricing:** \$43 Members / \$55 Non-Members

### Veterinary Visions

*June 9 or July 7*

Can tigers get an X-ray? How do you medicate a snake? A career in the field of veterinary medicine is always fascinating and challenging! From preventative care to dental exams to surgery, you will learn about caring for the health of endangered species at our Zoo and what it takes to become a Veterinarian or Vet Tech. Get a behind-the-scenes tour of our on-site animal hospital, meet one of our veterinary staff members, and touch some of our small education animals!

## CURIOUS KIDS

*First Saturday of every month*

**Audience:** 2 to 5-year-olds with adult

**Hours:** 9 – 10:30 a.m.

**Pricing:**

**Adults:** \$5 Members /

**\$10 Non-Members**

**Children:** \$15 Members /

**\$20 Non-Members**

Join us for this special program specifically designed for young minds! Each month, we'll explore a new topic and participate in activity-based learning to discover how little learners can make a big impact on our world! Each program will include circle time, a live animal presentation, and a short walk. Participants must register for this program in advance.

## Wild Service Day!

*June 16 or July 14*

Here is your chance to participate in some hands-on projects that benefit your Zoo and give you some service learning hours as well! Possible projects include planting, making enrichment items for animals, cleaning, and becoming biofact ambassadors to guests. We will also see some education animals up close, AND even include a behind-the-scenes tour to thank you for your hard work! Rain or shine, we will be busy. Please dress for dirt!

### Eco-Avengers

*June 23 or July 21*

Can recycling help save gorillas and their forests? Could carpooling protect polar bears and the tundra? Find the answers to these and other questions and become a true superhero for the planet! Everyday actions big and small will help us all to save endangered species and their ecosystems. Let's explore conservation together through activities, contact with education animals, and a behind-the-scenes tour. Get ready to go green!

## Survivor — Zoo Style!

*June 30 or July 28*

Did you know that certain lizards squirt blood at their predators, and one species of goose can flap to heights higher than the Himalayas as they migrate? Join us to learn about some of the weird and wacky ways animals have to survive. You will also see that the Louisville Zoo plays a key role in assisting the survival of many rare, exotic species. We'll include a couple of friendly team challenges, contact with a few education animals and a behind-the-scenes tour!

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## Let's Dig

*April 4*

Bring your spade & bucket and wear your old clothes because we'll be getting dirty exploring the wonders of dirt, the life that is connected to soil and what lives in it!

### Mothers & Babies

*May 9 (Second Saturday)*

A special Mother's Day edition! Join us as we investigate animal mothers and learn about the hard work of caring for little ones in the wild.

### Dedicated Dads

*June 6*

We know some dads who can do it all! Join us as we explore our favorite animal dads and investigate how they care for their young.

## Ants on a Picnic

*July 11 (Second Saturday)*

Oh no! Ants! Observe these small & mighty insects up close as we discover their importance to our ecosystem.

### Brilliant Bees

*Aug. 1*

Explore the wonders of buzzy, busy bees to discover how these little creatures are vital to the world we live in.





PAJAMA PARTIES

Last Saturday of every month  
**Audience:** 2 to 5-year-olds with adult  
**Hours:** 9 – 10 a.m.  
**Pricing:**

**Adults:** \$5 Members / \$10 Non-Members  
**Children:** \$15 Members / \$20 Non-Members  
Wear your jammies for an early morning stroll around the Zoo. See some of our animals as they're rising for the day; then join us for activities, coffee and a light breakfast! Participants must register for this program in advance. Strollers welcome.



**Arise with the Orangutans**  
**April 25**

**Go Go Gorillas**  
**May 30**

**March of the Bears**  
**June 27**

**Petting Zoo**  
**July 25**

**Wake up with the Wallabiess**  
**Aug. 29**

MEMBERS-ONLY PROGRAM

April 26, June 14 & Aug. 2  
**Audience:** Pre K – 6th Grade  
**Drop Off:** 12 – 1 p.m.  
**Program:** 1 – 4 p.m.  
**Pick Up:** 4 p.m.  
**Pricing:** \$25 Members

Prowl & Play

This special drop-off program is exclusive for Zoo members! Take the afternoon off while your children enjoy hands-on experiences, Zoo walks and activities in the care of Zoo educators. This program is for children in Pre K – 6th grade. Students will be grouped based on their age. Limit 30 students per program.



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Winter is rapidly disappearing and warmer weather signals the coming of spring. We invite you to help us celebrate by adopting an animal at the Louisville Zoo.

When you participate in the ADOPTS program, you become a partner in the Zoo's mission: "to better the bond between people and our planet." Adopting animals for the special people in your life presents an opportunity for everyone to feel good knowing they are helping provide for the welfare of our special animal ambassadors throughout the coming year. The adoptive parent will receive a personalized gift packet and their name listed on our website.

Funds received through the ADOPTS program go directly toward feeding and caring for the animals here at the Zoo.

Check our website for special upcoming adoption offers!

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SAFARI DAY CAMPS

Weekly, beginning June 8

Sign up early and save! Enroll before March 30 and enter the Promo Code **EARLYBIRD** online to save \$10 on your registration!

Safari Day Camps are back and we're gearing up for an exciting summer! Join us as we explore the wild side of animals large & small, discover the big, wide world of our own backyards, and investigate the science & art of LEGO® bricks! All camps include Zoo walks, large animal presentations, attraction rides and up-close encounters with live Zoo ambassadors!

This year, we're excited to offer **extended hours for parents** and a new convenient curbside drop-off service to take your Safari Day Camp experience to the next level!

Choose an option below based on what grade level your child will be entering in the fall or the last grade they completed. All programs are weeklong; parents should provide a lunch and snack for their child each day. Pre K – K programs are half day and can be combined to create a full-day option (programs must occur in the same week). Only a snack is needed for half day programs.

Want to know more? Join us for our Camp Showcase on Friday, March 13, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Meet our staff, try activities, and learn more about the program. This event is free for families. To sign up, email us at [Danita.Robbins@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Danita.Robbins@louisvilleky.gov) to receive your entry code.

SAFARI DAY CAMPS AT A GLANCE

	Pre K – KINDERGARTEN (A.M. and P.M. OPTIONS)	K – 2 <sup>ND</sup> GRADE	2 <sup>ND</sup> – 3 <sup>RD</sup> GRADE	3 <sup>RD</sup> – 4 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	4 <sup>TH</sup> – 6 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE
June 8 – 12	AM: Once Upon a Zoo/ PM: Show & Tell	Dino Mite	Nature Connects	Jaws & Claws	Zoo-Mazing Race
June 15 – 19	AM: Backyard Biologist/ PM: Farm to Feast	LEGO® Brick Adventures	Zooper Heroes	Art Safari	To the Extreme
June 22 – 26	AM: Whether it's Weather/ PM: Wonder of it All	That's Gross!	Insectigations	Polar Opposites	Animal Mythbusters
June 29 – July 2	AM: Animal Homes/ PM: From A to Zebra	Sprouts	Dr. Zoolittle	Jaws & Claws	Zoo Exhibit Design
July 6 – 10	AM: Once Upon a Zoo/ PM: Show & Tell	Dino Mite	Nature Connects	Art Safari	Zoo-Mazing Race
July 13 – 17	AM: Backyard Biologist/ PM: Farm to Feast	LEGO® Brick Adventures	Zooper Heroes	Animal Giants	To the Extreme
July 20 – 24	AM: Whether it's Weather/ PM: Wonder of it All	That's Gross!	Insectigations	Polar Opposites	Animal Mythbusters
July 27 – 31	AM: Animal Homes/ PM: From A to Zebra	Sprouts	Dr. Zoolittle	Animal Giants	Zoo Exhibit Design

HOURS

Full-Day Programs

Drop Off: 8 – 9 a.m.  
Camp: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Pick Up: 4 – 5 p.m.

Half-Day Morning Programs

(Pre K – K only)

Drop Off: 8 – 9 a.m.  
Camp: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Pick Up: Noon

Half-Day Afternoon Programs

(Pre K – K only)

Drop Off: Noon – 1 p.m.  
Camp: 1 – 4 p.m.  
Pick Up: 4 – 5 p.m.

PRICING

Full-Day Programs

\$215 Members  
\$245 Non-Members

Half-Day Programs

\$115 Members  
\$130 Non-Members

See our website for specific reduced pricing June 29 – July 2





## PRE K – KINDERGARTEN CAMPS

*Half day: programs may be combined  
(but must occur in same week.)*

### Once Upon A Zoo

**June 8 – 12 & July 6 – 10 (A.M. ONLY)**

Inspired by the beloved children's author Eric Carle, this camp will highlight some of his most well-known stories and the animals featured in them.

### Show & Tell

**June 8 – 12 & July 6 – 10 (P.M. ONLY)**

Discover the sounds and signs of animal behavior as we explore animal communication!

### Backyard Biologist

**June 15 – 19 & July 13 – 17 (A.M. ONLY)**

Explore the biology of your own backyard! Get messy with soil investigations, water explorations and backyard bugs.

### Farm to Feast

**June 15 – 19 & July 13 – 17 (P.M. ONLY)**

Where does food come from? It takes energy, time and some very special animals for food to grow. Learn about these processes and explore how food comes from the farm.

### Whether it's Weather

**June 22 – 26 & July 20 – 24 (A.M. ONLY)**

What makes the sky blue? Explore the science of shadows, wind, water and sunlight.

### Wonder of it All

**June 22 – 26 & July 20 – 24 (P.M. ONLY)**

Channel your inner scientist and explore the WONDERful world of learning in this camp that investigates nature's boldest colors, what's wild about water, and the world around us.

### Animal Homes

**June 29 – July 2 & July 27 – 31 (A.M. ONLY)**

In trees or under the ground, animals live in some unlikely places. Explore some favorite habitats and the animals who call them home.

### From A to Zebra

**June 29 – July 2 & July 27 – 31 (P.M. ONLY)**

It's Preschool with a zoo twist; campers will explore the alphabet, counting and colors.



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## KINDERGARTEN – 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE FULL DAY

### Dino-Mite-

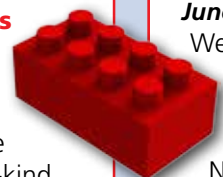
**June 8 – 12 & July 6 – 10**

It's a camp of Jurassic proportions! From fossils to footprints, explore the amazing creatures that once roamed our planet!

### LEGO® Brick Adventures

**June 15 – 19 &  
July 13 – 17**

Discover the art of LEGO® brick building while experiencing our one-of-a-kind new exhibit, Nature Connects: LEGO Brick Sculptures. Campers will build their own LEGO brick sculptures and discover nature has some builders of its own!



### That's Gross!

**June 22 – 26 & July 20 – 24**

Hold your nose and join us on an animal grossology adventure! Explore barfing frogs, stinking wolves and some of the most stomach churning animals on the planet to learn how their seemingly bad habits are a way of life!

### Sprouts

**June 29 – July 2 & July 27 – 31**

Explore the plants, flowers and trees that make our Zoological Garden a beautiful home for our animals. Get down and dirty with soil exploration, learn about the importance of Zoo Poo, and discover how animals use plants every day for food, homes and safety!

## 2<sup>ND</sup> – 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE FULL DAY

### Nature Connects

**June 8 – 12 & July 6 – 10**

We'll "connect" you to nature in a whole new way! Explore our one-of-a-kind new temporary exhibit, Nature Connects: LEGO Bricks Sculptures, to learn the art of LEGO brick building and explore your inner artist using nature as your inspiration!

### Zooper Heroes

**June 15 – 19 & July 13 – 17**

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a ... Zooper Hero! Investigate high flyers, speed racers and some of the strongest animals on Earth in this camp that focuses on animals that are in a league of their own!

### Insectigations

**June 22 – 26 & July 20 – 24**

Mission insect-i-gate! Become an entomologist and discover some of our favorite creepy crawlies! They will amaze you with their abilities —

some walk on water, some light up and they're everywhere!

### Dr. Zoolittle

**June 29 – July 2 & July 27 – 31**

Does a gorilla brush its teeth? Do our Zoo animals get medical check-ups just like people? Discover the ins and outs of animal health and learn how our hospital Zoo Docs take care of our animals every day!



## 3<sup>RD</sup> – 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FULL DAY

### Jaws & Claws

**June 8 – 12 & June 29 – July 2**

Explore the world's most ferocious creatures, big and small! Learn how the planet's most deadly predator is closer than you think!

### Art Safari

**June 15 – 19 & July 6 – 10**

The Louisville Zoo and Speed Art Museum are joining forces again to offer this unique camp experience! Explore the culture of some of the

world's wildest places and the animals that inspire their artistic expression. Discover different art mediums such as drawing and printmaking and design your own exhibition that will be displayed at the Louisville Zoo. This camp will take place entirely at the Zoo.

### Polar Opposites

**June 22 – 26 & July 20 – 24**

Bundle up for an exploration of the planet's coldest regions. Discover the techniques animals use to survive in harsh winter conditions, explore the differences of the Earth's poles, and discover how arctic explorers use technology, training and patience to journey to these untouched places.

### Animal Giants

**July 13 – 17 & July 27 – 31**

Did you know a newborn giraffe is larger than an average human or that the goliath tarantula is the largest spider on Earth (and is about the size of a dinner plate)? Think BIG as we explore the largest creatures in the animal kingdom and discover their fascinating features for survival.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FULL DAY

### Zoo Mazing Race

**June 8 – 12 & July 6 – 10**

This camp will include Zoo related clues and tasks based on the

reality TV show "The Amazing Race." Complete with detours and roadblocks, campers will race around the Zoo!

### To the Extreme

**June 15 – 19 & July 13 – 17**

Uncover the secrets of the animal kingdom's most extreme inhabitants. Campers will explore some of the most unforgiving places on the planet — from the deep, deep sea to the hot, hot desert! How do animals survive in these habitats?

### Animal Mythbusters

**June 22 – 26 & July 20 – 24**

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!

### Zoo Exhibit Design

**June 29 – July 2 & July 27 – 31**

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 the Louisville Zoo's award winning exhibits like Islands, Gorilla Forest and Glacier Run. Special tours are planned so campers will understand the complexity of zoo design.

**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](http://pncgrowupgreat.com).





## SPONSORSHIP THANKS

Every day, the Louisville Zoo welcomes visitors, supports conservation projects, creates once in a lifetime memories and cares for endangered wildlife. Just like our animals, corporate partnerships with the Zoo come in many shapes and sizes. Your business or organization can partner with the Zoo through many different opportunities including event or program sponsorships, group events and more! With attendance of over 880,000 this past year, your brand has the potential to reach a significant number of families in the region.

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## KIDS FOR CONSERVATION

# Spring into Wildlife Preservation

by Kathleen Johnson and Karen Maynard, MetaZoo Educators

Winter will soon be behind us and warm spring days are on the way! With the spring season comes new life and new opportunities to take better care of the wild creatures around us. Animals such as box turtles, snakes, frogs and chipmunks are all coming out of hibernation. Many songbirds are returning from their migration. Animals such as rabbits, gray squirrels and opossums are having babies and raising them.

Although we may enjoy seeing wildlife up close, there are ways to be helpful without being unintentionally harmful to our native friends. How can you turn your backyard into a more wildlife-friendly space? What do you do if you find baby animals? Should you keep wild animals as pets? It doesn't take a lot of money or time to take care of the world around us. Here are some tips and fun family projects that you can try during this spring season:

- Make your own birdfeeder. Include an assortment of food items such as fruit, berries, nuts, seeds and suet to attract a variety of birds. Birdfeeders can easily be made from pinecones, 2-liter bottles and milk cartons. Be creative!
- Wildlife needs water. You can provide water year-round by installing a bird bath — just remember to change the water often to prevent the growth and reproduction of bacteria and mosquitoes!
- Give the birds a hand by providing some nesting

material. Place materials that blow around in small baskets or mesh bags and hang them on a tree branch. Try small twigs, pieces of cloth or yarn, pet fur, moss, etc.

- Provide shelter for some winged creatures by building a birdhouse or a bat box!
- Plant new flowers or shrubs this spring. Try planting species that provide year-round shelter or food for our native wildlife. Trumpet creeper, serviceberry, viburnum, red raspberries, and butterfly milkweed are some examples of plants that animals love and they look pretty too!
- Many animals that seem to be abandoned are not. For birds, learning to fly is an experiment that involves falling/flying out of the nest. White-tailed deer and other animals such as rabbits leave their young for extended periods of time each day and return to take care of them. People have kind hearts and want to help but often end up doing more harm than good. If you find injured or orphaned wildlife, the best thing to do is to leave them alone. You could also contact a wildlife rehab agency to report an injured animal.
- Here at the Zoo, we get a lot of phone calls from people who want advice on how to keep wild animals as pets. People



don't always know how to properly feed them, veterinary care can be expensive, and diseases can be transmitted from wild animals to people. Keeping wild animals as pets (without a permit) is often harmful to the animal and is actually against Kentucky and Indiana state laws. It is best to leave wild animals in the wild or in an accredited AZA facility.

- Unfortunately, our own domestic pets can play a role in harming small mammals and birds. Domestic cats kill millions of birds, lizards, amphibians, and small mammals each year. Simply keeping your pet cats indoors can help in a huge way!

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Pick your favorite protein including beef, bison or even turkey burger — and top it off with delicious options like Beer Cheese, Green Chili Avocado Spread, Onion Bacon Jam or Mushroom & Swiss. Follow it up with crispy golden tater tots. There's something for everyone. Wild Burger will premiere at the Louisville Zoo before expanding to other zoos. Try it here first.

Stop in during spring of 2015!



## New Gift Shop and Toys

The Gorilla Forest Gift shop is undergoing a major renovation to become the new CONGO TRADING POST! Beginning Saturday, March 14, guests can expect to see some of our Wild Girl Collection in Pink and Purple featuring plush, apparel and accessories as well as our new "Wild Bunch" merchandise line in vibrant colors that include red, purple, green and blue. On the same day, the Glacier Run Gift Shop will be re-opening for those polar-themed souvenirs that are beloved by kids and parents alike.

The Main Gift Shop on the Zoo Plaza is open all Zoo hours and admission is not necessary if you are only shopping. This gift shop will feature a new merchandise line targeted to ladies called "Dream." Louisville Zoo custom t-shirts and hats will be available in tranquil pastel/earth colors and other accessories. You can also find great new merchandise to celebrate your infant or toddler's first visit to the Zoo with our "Leisure Zoo" merchandise line that will include apparel and accessories.



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## REMEMBERING JIM KING

### The Louisville Zoo Says Goodbye to Great Friend and Supporter



In January 14, 2015 the Louisville Zoo, along with the entire community, lost a great friend and leader Jim King.

Since 2003, Jim represented the Louisville Zoo's Metro Council District, District 10. In this role, as well as in his role as Metro Council President, Jim was a tireless supporter of the Louisville Zoo, which he considered to be one of the community's crown jewels. He was a regular fixture here, working to ensure that the Zoo was well-preserved, well-managed and maintained so that the nearly one million visitors annually had memories to last a lifetime.

Jim's contributions to the Zoo are countless — he was instrumental in securing support for the Glacier Run Capital Campaign, funding the Trevilian Way boulevard redesign, as well as providing \$500,000 in funding for the elephant encounter renovation, and leading a Metro Council funding drive to renovate several Zoo facilities. He helped design innovative capital funding mechanisms to help the Zoo through the recession and he hosted numerous fundraisers for the Zoo including Roarchestra and Zoofari, as well as helping sponsor our

Halloween festivities.

Support of the Zoo was a King family affair. His wife, Debbie currently serves as a Zoo board member and recently completed her term as chair of the Louisville Zoo Foundation Board; and Jim was a strong advocate of Debbie's leadership and support of the Zoo and our many programs and activities.

"Jim was an excellent public leader because he was able to balance the bigger vision for the entire community with the specific needs of his district, and he and his wife Debbie loved the Louisville Zoo and totally understood how valuable it is to the quality of place and economic development of the 10th District and all of Louisville," said Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer.

Always a friend to the neighborhood, Jim worked closely with our neighbors and the parks department in an effort to bring us all together for the single purpose of providing an incredible experience for our visitors.

Jim saw the real value of a place where people could experience the beauty of nature and animals in their glory — guiding new generations of school children, families, and out of town visitors to establish new and memorable experiences here. Next



Jim King



Debbie and Jim King at the Louisville Zoo's 2011 Zoofari!

time you visit the Louisville Zoo, be sure to remember Jim's many contributions. We will be forever grateful to him.

**The Louisville Zoo is incredibly honored and grateful to The King Family for including us as one of four organizations to which expressions of sympathy could be made in memory of Council President King.**

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## VOLUNTEER NEWS

### SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH BOARD

by **Heather Dishon**, Communications Coordinator

This year marks the 22nd year that the Louisville Zoo Youth Board has been changing the lives of teens 13–18 years old. Founded in 1993, it began as a 30-member board to provide an opportunity for youth to develop leadership skills and to create a forum for youth to be actively involved with the Louisville Zoo.

Headed by Coordinator of Volunteers Diane Taylor since 1997, the Board currently has more than 50 members. The volunteers start at age 13 and depart after their senior year of high school. These dedicated individuals work long and demanding hours for the Zoo — fundraising with face painting and sand art while also aiding the Zoo with miscellaneous events and activities.

Having completed an astounding \$20,000 pledge for Glacier Run early in 2012, the Youth Board has moved on to a new focus. This year, the Board voted to raise money for elephant exhibit enhancements. Board President Noah Barnes, an 18-year-old from Frankfort High School, expressed his enthusiasm about the endeavor. "It's going to be awesome. I've seen all the sketches for it," Barnes said.

Barnes has spent much of his time volunteering with the Louisville Zoo elephants — and he's not the only one. Board Vice President Cassandra Perkins, a 17-year-old from Dupont Manual High, has also volunteered in the elephant area. "I've volunteered with the elephants for the past three years," she said. "I had a blast. Every time I walk by the exhibit, I stand there and talk to Mikki and Punch."

96 Elephants (96elephants.org) — a conservation effort to stop elephant poaching and ivory trafficking — is near and dear to them. "When

you hear that 96 elephants are killed every day for their tusks, you just want to step in and stop it," said Perkins. "I've seen how amazing these creatures are and how devastating poachers are to their native habitats," Barnes said.

However, a love for animals isn't the only thing drawing these young people to the Youth Board.

Board Secretary Emma Brown, an 18-year-old from Christian Academy of Louisville, said the reason she joined the Youth Board was that she enjoyed volunteering and wanted to make friends. "I was hesitant to join at first, but when I got there I felt so at home. Everyone was so welcoming," she said.

"It changed my life," Barnes said. "It was hard for me to make friends when I was younger. I came here and everyone was accepting of me. I've made lifelong friendships here."

"You never feel alone," said Perkins. "I've busted out of my shyness shell completely. I would tell anyone thinking of joining to just do it. You'll make some amazing friends and have great experiences. You'll also know that you helped support all sorts of different exhibits."

"We raise a lot of money and we do a lot of good," Barnes said. "You realize your full potential and how much you can accomplish simply by going to a meeting once a month. It really is spectacular what we've accomplished."



2014-15 Youth Board Officers (left to right): Emma Brown, Cassandra Perkins and Noah Barnes

"I feel like we've made a difference," Brown said.

To date, the Louisville Zoo Youth Board has raised \$100,000 for the Zoo. In 2011, they were awarded the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy award by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Greater Louisville Chapter.

"The Louisville Zoo has a fine group of volunteers, past and present, who have always been and always will be a part of the Zoo's mission statement 'To better the bond between people and our planet,'" said Diane Taylor. "They have proven themselves, and I think of them as the next generation of Zoo leaders."

*To become a member of the Louisville Zoo Youth Board, you must be part of the summer teen program. Recruitment is Jan. 1 through March 1 each year. Must be 13 years of age by June 1 of the application year.*



## SUPPORT YOUR ZOO!

### With Gratitude, From the Louisville Zoo

by **Kelly Grether**, Director of Development

Thank you for being a donor, member, friend, advocate and all-around fan of your Zoo.

Your commitment to our mission helps maintain award-winning exhibits, sustain education programs and beautify walking paths — and in doing so provides a place for families to explore, learn and create lifelong memories. Your support also allows us to provide both the everyday and the critical specialized care needed to thousands of vulnerable, threatened and endangered animals such as the rockhopper penguin and polar bear.

We wish to express our gratitude by sharing a success story with you.

Many have fallen head over heels for our polar bear “Qannik” since she arrived at the Louisville Zoo four years ago. When she landed in Glacier Run, she was approximately six months of age. Before her trip to Louisville, Qannik had made national headlines when she was found underweight on Alaska’s North Slope, separated from her mother and sibling. After several days of observation with hopes that she would reunite with her mother, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) decided to attempt a rescue operation. It’s extremely rare for animals to be removed from their native habitat like this, but the USFWS felt it

was necessary to save the cub. After a brief stay at the Alaska Zoo, she headed to Louisville.

The energetic and playful Qannik that you see swimming and hiding toys in Glacier Run developed a lameness in one of her hind legs in June 2013. Keepers noticed changes in her behaviors and eating habits and Zoo Veterinary staff placed her on a medical treatment plan. When it was determined she was not healing, the decision was made to place her under anesthesia to determine the root cause of her problem.

After careful examination, she was diagnosed with a systematic life-threatening fungal infection, blastomycosis. Curator of Mammals, Jane Anne Franklin, who had worked with Qannik closely from the moment of her arrival, was the only person from whom Qannik would take medication; and she was picky about how the medication was administered. For example, she preferred medicine be given to her in spoonfuls of mayonnaise; she wasn’t interested in her usual treats. Under close watch and expert care, her health, behavior and eating habits gradually improved. Today, we’re happy to say she is free and clear of any trace of the infection and completely back to her normal self.



With fewer than 25,000 polar bears remaining in the world and the species listed as threatened since 2008, Qannik’s health is vital to the future of the polar bears. She was placed in an accredited, managed zoo system to assist with future breeding which will help to diversify and strengthen the genetic pool for her species.

Thank you for caring about your Zoo, our animals and our planet. You make it possible for us to work with scientists, conservationists, members of the medical community and Zoo colleagues all across the world to ensure that the earth and the animals that live here — like the polar bears — will thrive for generations to come.

*We are extremely grateful for you.*

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