

Zoo Tales

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MEET THE NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK!

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DEVELOPMENT CORNER



As we gear up for winter and the holiday season, it is time to reflect on everything we have accomplished in 2016 and to start setting goals for 2017. This year, we completed a new Master Plan for Peoria Zoo, giving us a guideline for future Zoo improvements and the tools we need to work in the coming year to develop our next project.

It is also the time when we think about giving gifts to our family and friends, as well as giving back to our community. There are many ways we can help you with that! For example, have you ever considered giving the gift of membership to Peoria Zoo? The Zoo is open 360 days of the year and a membership lasts for one year from the date of purchase, so this is a gift that will be enjoyed through all seasons. In addition to memberships, more gift ideas are included in our Holiday Gift Guide found on page 5 of this issue.

Another gift that could be appreciated for many days is your own parking spot at Peoria Zoo! Between now and December 31st, any gift of \$25 or more to The Power of Play Campaign qualifies you to be entered into a contest to win your own parking spot right outside our entrance. The more you give, the more times you will be entered into the contest.

Finally, we offer the option of giving to our Mission Fund. The Mission Fund supports Peoria Zoological Society and our efforts to grow Peoria Zoo. A donation to the Mission Fund can be made by contacting our office at (309)681-3500, or by mailing a check made out to Peoria Zoological Society to 2320 N Prospect Rd. Peoria, IL 61603.

Thank you for your generosity this year! The support of our members and donors allows us to be the world-class facility we are, right in the heart of central Illinois!

Brenda O’Russa, Development Director

P.S. If you haven’t been out to the Zoo recently to meet our four new Nigerian Dwarf Goats, we encourage you to come see them in our Contact Barn! Germ, Lolo, Mags and Gidget happily greet us every morning on our first walk through the Zoo. You can sometimes even see Germ try to catch a ride on the back of Osmar, our Llama. These new kids on the block are sure to make you smile with their antics!



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

"Do You Have?"



When answering the phone at the Zoo, the conversation is often the same "Peoria Zoo, may I help you?" "Are you open today?" "Yes we are, from 10-5." "Thank you." It would be easy to sound like a recording but some of the calls are unexpected and take some quick thinking.

This happened on a recent Monday holiday. Since a lot of people do call on these days to make sure we are open, I expected the standard conversation. Instead I got the question, "Do you have pandas?" I did not have to think about the short answer but I did want to tell the caller where she could see pandas. This took a little thought as there aren't many US zoos that have pandas. The caller sounded disappointed when I told her the nearest zoo was in Memphis but I hope that

she will consider it worth a 6 ½ hour drive to see one of the most unique species in any zoo in the world.

As a Peoria Zoo member, I know that many of you visit other zoos so I thought I would share my personal highlights of some nearby facilities. They all have so much more to offer than is listed that I hope you will visit or revisit them yourselves.

You can go to the Association of Zoos and Aquariums website, AZA.org, to get a complete listing of all accredited facilities. This will insure that the facility you visit meets the same vigorous standards of animal care, education and visitor amenities that you have come to expect from your Zoo.

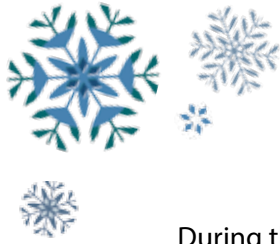
By the way, if you want to see a giant panda you can go to the Memphis Zoo, Zoo Atlanta, Smithsonian National Zoo and/or San Diego Zoo.

– Yvonne Strode,
Director, Peoria Zoo



Zoo	City, State	Travel Distance	2016 Reciprocal	Yvonne's Highlights
Miller Park Zoo	Bloomington, IL	¾ hour	50%	new flamingo exhibit, red wolves , snow leopards (3 cubs born in 2016)
Henson Robinson Zoo	Springfield, IL	1 hour	100%	wolverine, red wolves (5 pups born in 2016), African wild dogs
Scovill Zoo	Decatur, IL	1 ½ hours	50%	cheetahs, penguins, carousel
Niabi Zoo	Rock Island, IL	1 ½ hours	100%	gibbon, train, koi feeding
Cosley Zoo	Wheaton, IL	2 ½ hours	100%	duck feeding, bobcats, Blandings turtle (recovery plan participant)
Brookfield Zoo	Brookfield, IL	2 ½ hours	n/a	Tropics World (with primates and birds), dolphins shows, The Swamp
Lincoln Park Zoo	Chicago, IL	2 ½ hours	Free zoo; 10% off in gift shop	Regenstein African Journey (with armadillos and orb spiders), great ape house, beautiful original buildings repurposed
Shedd Aquarium	Chicago, IL	2 ½ hours	n/a	Oceanarium (with beluga whales and sea otters), flashlight fish, octopus
St. Louis Zoo	St. Louis, MO	2 ½ hours	Free zoo; 50% off safari pass	Rivers Edge (with elephants and hippos), insectarium, aviary from 1904 World's Fair

FUNDRAISERS & MEMBER NEWS



Winter Warming Member Event



During this open-house style event, members will experience the Zoo in winter and the warmth of the Zambezi River Lodge's fireplace. Members can also enjoy activities and light treats.



Sunday, December 11th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Zambezi River Lodge, Peoria Zoo



As always, please bring your membership card(s) and photo ID. Enter through the main entrance, The Barton Pavilion at Glen Oak Park. The Lodge will be open during the event only.

Please RSVP by December 1st to (309) 681-3500 or pzs@peoriaparks.org

SPECIAL THANKS

ZOOREW *and* WINE TOO!

Thank you to all who attended our last fundraising event of the year, *Zoobrew and Wine Too!*, on October 20! We had a lovely evening full of beer and fine wine tastings, excellent appetizers, dessert and live music. A very special thanks is extended to our chair, Rhonda Milburn, and our generous sponsors and vendors:



2016 Zoobrew and Wine Too! Sponsors & Vendors:

Autohaus of Peoria	Barrack's Hospitality Group
Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano	Edge
Ginny & Dave Gill	Granite City Food & Brewery
Growing Smiles Pediatric Dentistry	Hearth Restaurant
Heaven on Earth	Heeren Event Rentals
Hometown Community Banks	Hometown Wine and Spirits
Johnny's Italian Steakhouse	Kelleher's Irish Pub & Eatery
Mackinaw Valley Vineyard	McMahon's Pints & Plates
The Publik House	Noir Tapas & Rendezvous Lounge
Skin Dimensions Day Spa	96.5 ESPN-FM 98.5 KISS-FM
99.9 WWCT-FM 101.1 JACK-FM	

Our next fundraising event will be Zootini, in Spring 2017!

Membership reminders:

- As members, it is more likely that you will stop by for a quick visit toward the end of the day. Remember that last admission is at 4:30 p.m.
- Members can now get their photographs taken for our membership software. Doing so would not require a photo ID for entrance. If you are interested in sending in, or having your photograph taken, please contact the Membership Office.
- To make the best of each Zoo visit, remember to always have your membership card and photo ID for entrance into the Zoo. A photo ID is required for each cardholder to access the Zoo unless your photograph is in the membership software.
- Do you need replacement membership card(s)? Contact the Membership Office. *Card processing can take up to 30 days.*

PZS Membership Office Contact Information

Phone: (309)681-3500

E-Mail: pzs@peoriaparks.org

HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

A.D.O.P.T. An Animal

Our A.D.O.P.T (Animals Depend On People Too) program is a great way to show your support of Peoria Zoo. For a special, limited-time only, you can adopt a sloth or tiger for \$50 and receive a free plush while supplies last! To receive this special offer, sign up in the Safari Gift Shop!

Adoptive Parents Will Receive:

- Certificate of Adoption
- Animal Fact Sheet
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Name on A.D.O.P.T. board at Peoria Zoo
- Plush sloth or tiger while supplies last!

Membership Promotion

Looking for perfect gifts for your friends and loved ones? Buy a Peoria Zoo Membership as a holiday gift today! Your gift of a membership will last all year long. Gift purchases may be made by mail, phone, online or at Peoria Zoo's Safari Gift Shop.

Purchase a membership at the Safari Gift Shop between now and December 31 and receive a **FREE PLUSH GIRAFFE** while supplies last!



THE GIVING TREE



Ah, the holiday season... Are you struggling to find the perfect gift for the animal lover in your life who has everything? Consider giving the gift of enrichment to the Zoo animals in their name. The Giving Tree is located in Peoria Zoo's Tropics Building and online at www.peoriazoo.org.

The Giving Tree is filled with ornaments, each requesting a specific toy or other item for the animal pictured on the front. The ornaments are categorized into many different price levels, from under \$10 for a bird toy, to around \$15 for a plastic branch that a snake can hide inside, all the way up to \$200 for a giant, indestructible ball for a lion or tiger to play with.

The Giving Tree is a way that Zoo visitors can directly provide toys and other fun items for the animals. The Giving Tree is available year-round and is a great alternative for birthday and holiday gifts or for any time!

amazon.com[®] Wish List!

The Peoria Zoo animal staff has developed an Amazon "wish list" - a list of items needed to enrich the lives of the animals and enhance the guest experience. Similar to the physical "Giving Tree" located at the Zoo, this online database offers a hassle-free way to support the animals at Peoria Zoo.

Wish List Link:





amzn.com/w/2RW919UX3CSG2

SAFARI GIFT SHOP

Come check out all of the great holiday gifts for sale at Peoria Zoo! Find a collection of candles, mugs, unique ornaments and so much more. We are currently making way for 2017 inventory, so come see all our great deals! Stop in and shop with us today!

Remember, Peoria Zoo members receive 10% off regular priced merchandise in the Safari Gift Shop!



December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Peoria Zoo Hours</p> <p>Remember the Zoo is 360 days of the year from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. with last admission at 4:30 p.m.</p>				1 RSVP Deadline for Winter Warming WMBD - 6:20 a.m.	2 	3 Critter Christmas 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
4  Member Morning 9:00 a.m.	5	6	7 Homeschool 10:00 a.m.	8	9	10 <i>Leo, White Rhino</i>
11 Winter Warming Member Event 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	12 	13	14 WEEK - 5:50 a.m.	15 WMBD - 6:20 a.m.	16	17
18 <i>Snappy Tom, Gila Monster</i>	19	20 Homeschool 10:00 a.m.	21	22	23	24 Zoo Closed
25 Zoo Closed <i>Suka, Elephant Shrew</i>	26 	27	28 WHOI - 6:20 a.m.	29	30	31 Zoo Closed

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Zoo Closed	2 Member Morning 9:00 a.m. 	3	4	5 WMBD - 6:20 a.m.	6	7
8	9	10	11 WEEK - 5:50 a.m. Homeschool 10:00 a.m.	12	13  <i>Cruz, Blue and Gold Macaw</i>	14 Frogwatch 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
15	16	17	18	19 WMBD - 6:20 a.m.	20	21
22  <i>Tana, Colobus Monkey</i>	23  <i>All Peoria Zoo Boa Constrictors</i>	24	25 WHOI - 6:20 a.m.	26	27	28 Year of the Rooster 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
29	30 Homeschool 10:00 a.m.	31	<p>Safari Gift Shop</p> <p>Come check out all of the great gifts for sale at Peoria Zoo. Find a collection of candles, mugs, plush and so much more! Stop in and shop with us today.</p> 			

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>New Homeschool Program! In February and March, come join us for our new Luthy/Zoo Homeschool! Learn more on Page 11!</p>			1	2 WMBD - 6:20 a.m.	3	4
5 	6 Member Morning 9:00 a.m.	7	8 WEEK - 5:50 a.m. Homeschool 10:00 a.m.	9	10	11 Romance at the Zoo 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
12	13	14	15	16 WMBD - 6:20 a.m.	17	18 Frogwatch 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
19	20	21  Female, Spotted Turtle	22 WHOI - 6:20 a.m.	23 Homeschool 10:00 a.m.	24	25
26	27	28 Homeschool 10:00 a.m.	<p>ZooCamp 2017 Registration for summer ZooCamp 2017 will begin on Wednesday, March 1st!</p>			

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Easter Egg Scramble Save the Date for our Easter Egg Scramble on Saturday, April 8th!</p>			1 ZooCamp Registration Begins	2 WMBD - 6:20 a.m.	3 	4 <i>Neo, Cotton Top Tamarin</i>
5 	6 Member Morning 9:00 a.m.	7	8 WEEK - 5:50 a.m. Homeschool 10:00 a.m.	9	10	11 Breakfast with the Lions 9:00 a.m. ZooTeen Open House 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
12 Breakfast with the Lions 9:00 a.m.  <i>Cody, Colobus Monkey</i>	13 <i>Pumpkin, Red River Hog</i>	14  <i>Patrick, Takin</i>	15	16 WMBD - 6:20 a.m. ZooTots 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	17	18 Remarkable Reptiles 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
19	20	21	22	23 Homeschool 10:00 a.m. <i>Vaska, Tiger</i>	24 	25 Behind-The-Scenes 9:00 a.m.
26	27  <i>Scraper, Armadillo</i>	28 Homeschool 10:00 a.m.	29 WHOI - 6:20 a.m.	30	31	

Axolotyl

Small and Weird, and Ready to Disappear

Cute little monkeys, majestic tigers and thundering rhinoceros are displayed at Peoria Zoo to help spread the message of animals disappearing from the face of the Earth. Due to the way they look and act, these species appeal to humans and encourage us to do more to make the planet a better place.

These species also bring people to the Zoo where they can see other species that are just as imperiled but don't have the same "charisma." One of these animals is the Mexican axolotyl that is housed in the Conservation Center. Also known as a Mexican salamander or Mexican walking fish, the axolotyl is a salamander that does not undergo metamorphosis. So instead of developing lungs and living on land as most amphibians do, adult axolotyls remain aquatic and have gills.

Unfortunately, axolotyls are critically endangered and are restricted to an area of less than 4 square miles in Xochimilco on the southern edge of Mexico City. This area was once the capital of the Aztec empire and today is home to 22 million people. In 1998, there were ~6,000 axolotyl/sqm. By 2008 this number had plummeted to 100 and in 2014 researchers found less than one/sqkm. The



causes for this drastic decline are urbanization, water pollution and invasive species like carp and tilapia. Although axolotyl breed



readily in captivity, effective recovery efforts cannot begin until enough suitable habitat is protected.

Due to their importance in medical research, axolotyl have been bred in laboratories for generations. In fact, the axolotyl that came to Peoria Zoo in 2008 were from a research group at the University of Kentucky. Eggs were laid in 2008, 2009 and 2012. Two eggs successfully hatched from the first clutch but unfortunately, they did not survive.

Fun facts:

- The Aztecs thought of the axolotyl as a god, the twin brother of their most important deity, the feathered serpent Quetzalcoatl.
- Axolotyls can regenerate limbs and organs, even parts of the heart and brain, making them a valuable research subject.
- The name comes from the native Aztec language and roughly translates to "water dog."
- The closest relative is the tiger salamander.
- Eggs hatch in 2-3 weeks and the young are immediately independent.

CONSERVATION CONNECTION

Cause for Concern: The Eastern gorilla has been listed as critically endangered by Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). It is estimated that only 5,000 individuals remain in the wild, a decline of ~70 percent over the past 20 years due mainly to illegal hunting. The western gorilla, along with the Bornean orangutan and Sumatran orangutan were previously listed as critically endangered. The remaining great apes, chimpanzees and bonobos, are currently listed as endangered.



Cause for Hope: Between September 24 and October 6, a meeting was held in Johannesburg to update the CITES. Over 3,500 people attended and 152 governments were represented. Species-listing proposals were submitted on 62 species: 51 proposals were accepted, 5 were rejected and 6 were withdrawn. Other notable outcomes include:

- rejection of all proposals to weaken protection of Southern African elephant populations
- decision to undertake studies in legal and illegal trade in lion bones and other parts and derivatives
- stricter monitoring and regulation of hunting trophies
- resolution on strategies to reduce the demand for illegally traded wildlife
- decisions on cybercrime and wildlife crime
- decisions on rural communities engagement, providing a greater voice for local people in managing wildlife

KIDS' PAGE

Winter is a season filled with coats, scarves, and snowmen!

Can you find the winter related words below in the word search?

ADAPT
COAT
DORMANT
FROST
HIBERNATE
MIGRATE
SCARF
SNOWFLAKE
TRACK
ICE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Special thank you to our
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SAVE THE DATE



Remarkable Reptiles

Saturday, March 18th

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

From snakes to turtles, don't miss your chance to find out more about the fascinating world of reptiles. We'll have animal encounters and talks throughout the day as well as a snake feeding at 1:00 p.m.

Free with Regular Zoo Admission

Critter Christmas

Saturday, December 3rd

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Experience Christmas, Zoo style! Enjoy a light breakfast and crafts with Santa in our lodge from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m., and then head out into the Zoo. Starting at 10:00 a.m., our animals will receive gifts. All of the animals, from meerkats, to lions, to tigers, will receive special treats throughout the morning.

Special thanks to the Ol' Dairy Barn Christmas Tree Farms in Trivoli for the Christmas trees.



**BUY TICKETS AHEAD OF TIME AND SKIP THE LINE!
COST: \$6/MEMBER, \$12/NON-MEMBER**

Blizzard Birthday Party

Available:

December 2016 - February 2017

Birthdays in the winter mean snowmen, snowflakes, and of course HOT COCOA!

Blizzard Birthday includes the Tropics Classroom for 2 hours, winter themed games, invitations, ½ sheet cake, hot cocoa, plates, cups, napkins, a visit from our animal ambassadors, a t-shirt for the birthday child, a tour of our Tropics Building, and a party coordinator to facilitate the party.

Packages start at \$225 and vary based on number of guests.

Call (309) 681-3559 for more details and information.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

All Classes and Tours listed on this page require advanced registration!
Please call (309) 681-3559 for questions or to make reservations.

Ed-Zoo-Cational Adventure

These 45 minute programs enhance any visit to the Zoo. With many topics to choose from, give your group a chance to meet animals up close! Call for pricing.

Zoo Adventure Combo

Come with us as we take you on a tour through the Zoo. Our Zoo Adventure Combo includes a 45 minute class on a topic of your choice with live animals, as well as a personal guide through the Zoo to tell you about the animals and answer your questions. This program lasts approximately 1.5 hours. Call for pricing.

Zoo Snooze

Ever had a giraffe peeking in your bedroom window? You now can when you spend the night at Peoria Zoo! Get a chance to sleep in *Africa!*, enjoy nocturnal tours, meet some animals up close and find out what the Zoo is like at night. Your group's adventure begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends the next morning at 9:00 a.m. Snack and breakfast are provided as well as admission into the Zoo the next day. This program is great for scouts, church groups and so many others! Must be five years old or older to participate; one chaperone required for every five children. Offered throughout summer and fall.

Cost: \$34/person

Age: 5 years and over

Min: 20

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Year of the Rooster

Join us as we celebrate the Chinese New Year and welcome the Year of the Rooster. Enjoy light snacks as we learn about these amazing animals, create a craft and even get a chance to meet some other Chinese Zodiac animals up close!

Member Cost: \$9/Adult, \$6/Child

Non-Member Cost: \$18/Adult,
\$12/Child

Min/Max: 5/25

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Date: 1/28

Frogwatch

Join the growing number of Citizen Scientists, learning how to count frogs by identifying their calls. Over the course of training we will teach you how to identify different frogs and toads, where and how to listen for them and how to report what you heard. Learn about these fascinating amphibians and help make a difference in the world around you!

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Date: 1/14 or 2/18

Romance at the Zoo

Join us as we look at the complicated, beautiful and sometimes bizarre courtship rituals of the animal kingdom. From videos, to meeting animals up close, this will give you a whole new perspective on relationships! Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Cost: \$15/person; \$25/couple

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Date: 2/11

Breakfast with the...

Our popular series is back, with new breakfast opportunities. Join us for a light breakfast while learning about the animal of the day. Then head down to their exhibit and see the featured animal enjoy their breakfast, too! This is perfect for the entire family and includes admission to the Zoo for the rest of the day.

Member Cost: \$9/Adult, \$6/Child

Non-Member Cost:
\$18/Adult, \$12/Child

Min/Max: 5/25

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Dates: 3/11 or 3/12: Lions

ZooTots

Join us as we learn about habitats and travel the globe. Through up-close animal encounters, crafts, and stories, you and your child can explore the amazing world of animals.

Cost: \$7/M or \$15/NM

(Adult/Child Combo)

Age: 2 – 4 (parents must attend)

Min/Max: 5/15

Time: 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Date: 3/16: "Brown Bear, Brown Bear"

Behind-The-Scenes Tour

How much do rhinos weigh? Where do giraffes sleep? All this and more will be answered during our behind-the-scenes tour. This hour long tour will take you into areas the public doesn't normally get to see so you can learn more about the animals and their care.

Cost: \$24/person – includes
Zoo Admission

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Dates: 3/25, 4/29, 5/20

Homeschool

Science has never been more exciting with up-close animal encounters, tours, experiments and more. Each month has a new topic and helps to meet state standards. Parents are welcome but not required.

Cost: \$6/M or \$12/NM

Age: 5 – 13

Min/Max: 10/30

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Formal Homeschool

- 12/7: What's Going on at the Zoo
- 1/11: Invasive Species
- 2/8: Inspired by Animals
- 3/8: Where do I belong- Animal Classification

Informal Homeschool

- 12/20: Rainforest
- 1/31: Animals to Zoo- Alphabet of the Animal World
- 2/28: Pachyderms
- 3/28: Who Left That- Animal tracks, scat, sheds and more

Luthy/Zoo Homeschool

This unique homeschool will bring together plants and animals utilizing both Luthy Botanical Garden and Peoria Zoo. One of a kind science based lessons that may include up-close animal encounters, tours, experiments and more.

- 2/23: Defenses
- 3/23: Pollinators

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Mission: To create connections that inspire an appreciation for the natural world.



Peoria Zoological Society (PZS) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting and realizing the vision for Peoria Zoo. *ZooTales* is a quarterly newsletter for the members of PZS.



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LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFT?

Check out page 5 for a list of great gift ideas!

Feel good about your holiday shopping by supporting Peoria Zoo!



Winter Warming Member Event

Sunday, December 11th
Zambezi River Lodge
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Learn more on Page 4!



Peoria Zoo has been an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) since 1976. Look for the AZA logo whenever you visit a zoo or aquarium as your assurance that you are supporting a facility dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for you, and a better future for all living things. With its more than 200 accredited members, AZA is a leader in global wildlife conservation, and your link to helping animals in their native habitats. For more information, visit www.aza.org.