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## Cincinnati Zoo Delivers “OOHS” and “AAAHS” with Zoo Babies

*Zoo Babies, May 10 – 25 at the Cincinnati Zoo*

**CINCINNATI - Zoo Babies**, sponsored by National City and Toyota, celebrates the newest arrivals at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden and features an exciting lineup of popular children’s entertainment each weekend from **May 10 - 25**. From adorable hatchlings to cute chicks to irresistible infants, Zoo Babies is sure to deliver a bundle of “OOOHS” and “AAAHS.” This year, six-foot-tall pink and blue stork statues displayed throughout the Zoo will lead visitors to all of the cutest little baby faces, including a bearcat, gorilla, Sumatran rhino, potto, takin, cheetah cubs and many more.

Throughout the park, visitors will be invited to attend “**Baby Talks**” to learn about the Zoo’s newest adorable additions from the Zoo’s animal care staff.

### **Baby Talk Schedule:**

<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Sumatran Rhino</b>	<b>Wildlife Canyon</b>
<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Takin</b>	<b>Wildlife Canyon</b>
<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Bearcat</b>	<b>Children’s Zoo Nursery</b>
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Golden-Headed Lion Tamarin</b>	<b>Nocturnal House</b>
<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Buff-Cheeked Gibbon</b>	<b>Jungle Trails</b>
<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Potto</b>	<b>Nocturnal House</b>
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Western Lowland gorilla</b>	<b>Gorilla World</b>
<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Tayra</b>	<b>Cat House</b>

The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Zoo Babies celebration also offers an exciting lineup of **award-winning children’s musicians**. These entertainers will perform LIVE concerts, and visitors can also enjoy meet & greets with some of children’s most adored characters. Don’t miss **Zak Morgan**, **Miss Lori**, of Miss Lori’s **CAMPUS** and Host of PBS Kids, **Roger Day**, and meet and greets featuring **Curious George**, **SpongeBob and Patrick**, **Max the Bunny**, **Mr. Redlegs** and **Gapper**.

This year, musical entertainment from **Miss Lori**, of Miss Lori's CAMPUS and Host of PBS Kids, everyone's favorite monkey, **Curious George**, and **Max the Bunny**, will kick off Zoo Babies on May 10 & 11. **Sponsored by PBS Nature and Toyota**, children can meet & greet with Curious George and Max the Bunny from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Miss Lori's CAMPUS will have three LIVE shows, featuring dance, drama, improv, music, and fitness, each day at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. In honor of Mother's Day, Moms receive FREE admission on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> ONLY.

The following weekend, May 17 & 18, Grammy-nominated Cincinnati **Zak Morgan** will be performing three LIVE concerts each day at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Equal parts folk musician, stand-up comic, and the best grade school teacher you ever had, Zak Morgan is a successful children's entertainer whose recorded music and live performances appeal to kids of all ages. Children can meet & greet with two of television's most adored characters – **SpongeBob and Patrick** – from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Visitors can also experience **SpongeBob SquarePants 4-D** in the Zoo's 4-D Special FX Theater, where SpongeBob desperately pursues a runaway pickle in his heartfelt desire to serve the perfect Krabby Patty.

The final weekend of Zoo Babies, May 24 & 25, will feature the high-energy, pre-school and parent favorite, **Roger Day**, along with meet and greets, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, with Cincinnati Reds mascots' **Mr. Redlegs** and **Gapper!** Roger Day will take the stage LIVE each day at Noon and 3 p.m. with smart and interactive music that encourages kids to SING LOUD, JUMP HIGH, and DREAM BIG! The lyrically and melodically inventive sound will appeal to little and big ears, alike.

Do the Zoo! Zoo Babies kicks off May 10 and runs through May 25. Concerts are FREE with regular Zoo admission. Admission prices are \$13/adults, \$8/children (2-12), children under two are free and parking is additional. The 4-D Special FX Theater shows begin daily at 10 a.m. and run every half hour. Show admission is \$6 for Non-Zoo Members and \$4 for Zoo Members. Tickets are available online. The Zoo opens daily at 9 a.m. For more information, call (513) 281-4700 or visit [www.cincinnati-zoo.org](http://www.cincinnati-zoo.org).

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*The world famous Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden was rated the #1 attraction locally and one of the top zoos in the nation by Zagat Survey. It has also been recognized by Child Magazine as one of "The 10 Best Zoos for Kids." Over one million people visit the Zoo's award-winning exhibits, and more than 500 animal and 3000 plant species annually. The Zoo is an accredited member of the American Zoo & Aquarium Association (AZA) and the American Public Gardens Association (APGA), is internationally known for its success in the protection and propagation of endangered animals and plants, and engages in research and conservation projects worldwide.*