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and more!

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Thanks to Our Sponsors:
Easter Celebration
Saturday, April 7, 10 am – 2 pm
An egg-citing event for children young and old that includes treat stations throughout the park, children’s activities, popular animal egg hunts, visits with the Easter Bunny and the Search for the “Golden Eggs” for a chance to win amazing prizes.

Daffodil Show
April 14 & 15

Tip-Toe through the Tulips Luncheon
April 18, 11am-1pm
Harold C. Schott Education Center at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden
Tickets - $75. Please call Allison Gibbs at (513) 487-3327 to make your reservation today!
Proceeds benefit the Zoo’s horticulture efforts.

April 5, 12, 19, & 26, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Enjoy FREE concerts by some of the hottest local bands in the garden every Thursday evening during Zoo Blooms.

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April 5 The Seedy Seed & The Newbies
April 12 Comet Bluegrass All Stars
Magnolia Mountain
April 19 TBD
April 26 The Turkeys
Jake Speed & The Freddies
ZOO EVENTS

2012 BARROWS CONSERVATION LECTURE SERIES

Lectures are held at the Cincinnati Zoo’s Frisch’s Theater in the Harold C. Schott Education Center. All lectures begin at 7 pm.

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Winifred & Emil Barrows Conservation Lectures series presents:
The Barrows Conservation Lecture Series is made possible by the ongoing support of the family of Winifred & Emil Barrows

Dr. Amy Dickman - Wednesday, March 21
Money, Myths, and Man-eaters: Resolving human-carnivore conflict in Tanzania’s Ruaha landscape

Dr. Amy Dickman, a Senior Research Fellow at WildCRU, Oxford University, and an award-winning conservationist, has over 13 years of experience working with large carnivores, including lions and cheetahs. Her current research focuses on carnivore ecology and conservation in Tanzania’s Ruaha landscape where human-carnivore conflict is a critical conservation issue. Dr. Dickman will discuss the implementation of innovative, interdisciplinary approaches to long-term conservation success.

Sharon Negri - Wednesday, April 25
Why Cougars Matter: An Ecological and Cultural Perspective

Dedicated to protecting wildlife and wild places, Sharon Negri founded the Mountain Lion Foundation in 1986 and served as its Director until 1990. Today, she directs WildFutures, a non-profit organization that works to bridge the gap between science and conservation, and promotes an understanding of large carnivores through education and community involvement. Sharon Negri was instrumental in the passage of the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, co-edited the book Cougar Ecology and Conservation, and co-produced the award winning film, “On Nature’s Terms; People and Predators Coexisting in Harmony.”

Dr. Shirley Strum - Wednesday, May 9
Darwin’s Monkey: Smart, Sophisticated, and Adaptable

University of California Professor of Anthropology, Dr. Shirley C. Strum, has studied baboons in Kenya for more than 40 years through the Uaso Ngiro Baboon Project (UNBP). Her long-term research has revealed how baboons use intelligence, flexibility, and social skills to manage their complex world. This adaptability is the key to their success. Dr. Strum will explain how understanding baboon behavior helped create innovative conservation and management techniques.

Dr. Shirley Strum is this year’s recipient of the Cincinnati Zoo Wildlife Conservation Award.

Sharon Matola - Wednesday, May 23
Thinking (and playing) out of the box: Conservation Strategies That Rock!

If you really want an audience to embrace biodiversity conservation, Sharon Matola, Founding Director of the Belize Zoo, believes that you need to engage people in fun and creative ways. Highly successful, Matola’s innovative techniques have made a significant impact throughout Belize. During her presentation, Sharon Matola discusses her creative planning process and shares some of her fun and engaging techniques.

LECTURE TICKET PRICING—Purchase Tickets Online at cincinnatizoo.org

Individual Tickets: Zoo Members/Volunteers: $10 Non-Zoo Members: $12
Lecture Series: Zoo Members/Volunteers: $38 Non-Zoo Members: $46
ZOO EVENTS

TOAST to the WILD!

Presenting Sponsor:

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A Toast to the Wild benefits the Lindner Center for Conservation and Research of Endangered Wildlife (CREW). This series is comprised of early evening events which increase the exposure of CREW locally and raise funds to support their groundbreaking research. Held in various locations throughout the park, each event features live music, animal encounters, and light fare donated from popular local restaurants. These events sell-out – reserve your spot today!

ZOOTINI March 29
Things will be "shaking" as guests enjoy Zoo-themed martinis.

WILD ABOUT WINE:
MAY 10
JUNE 21
AUGUST 16

Tasting Sponsors:

Taste a selection of wines as you stroll through the Zoo.

ZOO BREW OCTOBER 4

Fun is “on tap” at the Zoo for our annual beer tasting.

4-D SPECIAL FX THEATER

DON’T MISS OUR NEW 4-D ADVENTURES IN MARCH
Movies run daily. The 4-D Special FX Theater is open 11am-3pm on weekdays and 10 am-5 pm on weekends

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STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR FAVORITE ANIMALS!

Use your smart phone and a QR code reader application to scan this code to learn about all the ways you can stay connected with the Zoo!

Look for more QR codes around the Zoo for special insights into our exhibits and gardens!

Like us on Facebook
Enter photo caption contests, get animal and event updates, and interact with other animal lovers.

Get instant animal updates & links to photos/videos on Twitter
Tweet your questions and comments to @CincinnatiZoo and get a quick response. RT our tweets to help us spread information!

Witness remarkable moments on our YouTube channel!
See newborn animals moments after birth, get behind-the-scenes (and underwater) views of manatees rehabilitating in Manatee Springs, and learn interesting animals facts from Thane Maynard.

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Our blog is a collection of posts authored by our keepers, researchers, scientists, volunteers, educators, and other staff members. It includes condensed information and media that highlights noteworthy happenings at the Zoo. Look for frequent updates on animal pregnancies, including ultrasound photos and video interviews.

Enhance your visit with our FREE Droid and iPhone Mobile Apps
Our GPS-enabled apps make it easy to find exhibits and dining areas that are closest to you as you explore the Zoo. Learn more about the animals and plants that are right in front of you!

Sign up for Z-Mail,
Z-Mail, the Zoo’s e-newsletter, is packed with special offers, event information, and the latest news about the Zoo’s animals, research and conservation efforts.

Purchase your tickets at cincinnatizoo.org.

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**FULL DAY CAMPS**

Full Day Camps include a summer camp T-shirt, snacks (campers pack lunch), giraffe and lorikeet feeding, animal shows, train rides, a 4-D theater experience (except 4-5 year olds), live animal encounters, games hikes, and so much more!

**All sessions meet 9 am-4 pm, Monday-Friday**

**Cost:** Members: $210 / Non-Members: $225

Before Care session: 8-9 am- $25 / After Care session: 4:30 pm- $25

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**SUMMER CAMPS 2012**

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### 4-5 YEAR OLDS

**CATCH ME IF YOU CAN**

Do you think you can catch these critters? Discover what it means to be a predator or prey animal and how they use their adaptations to try and outwit, outrun, and hide from each other! Come and explore their wild world and help uncover their sneaky, stealthy secrets.

**Dates:**
- May 28-June 1
- June 4-8
- June 11-15
- June 18-22
- June 25-29
- July 2-6
- July 9-13

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### 6-7 YEAR OLDS

**ZOOPER HEROES**

Did you know that a certain bird can fly at speeds of 200mph? Animals can be out of this world when it comes to their super adaptations. Some can leap 12 feet high with a single bound! Discover these animals and their incredible super-powers. Each day, we will look at a superhero and see if our zoo animals can measure up.

**Dates:**
- June 4-8
- June 11-15
- June 18-22
- June 25-29
- July 2-6
- July 9-13

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### 8-11 YEAR OLDS

**CHOOSE-YOUR-OWN-ADVENTURE: MISSION- MONKEYING AROUND**

Have you ever wondered what monkeys, giraffes, apes or cats do all day long? In this choose your own adventure camp campers will be given missions to create enrichment items for different animals around the Zoo. All animals at the Zoo need enrichment items and your camper will get a chance to become part of the Zoo team by designing and providing these items. Once all their missions have been accomplished campers will be able to see what animals do with their creations.

**Dates:**
- June 4-8  
- June 11-15
- June 18-22
- June 25-29
- July 2-6
- July 9-13
- July 16-20
- July 23-27
- July 30-August 3
- August 6-10
- August 13-17

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### 12-14 YEAR OLDS

**WORKING WITH WILDLIFE**

Animal keepers, field researchers, forensic zoologists, animal trainers…the list goes on and on when it comes to jobs that work with wildlife. We’ll meet some people who work with wildlife, some of the critters they work with, and tour some behind-the-scenes areas that help them do their job. This is a hands-on class, so be prepared to get knee or elbow-deep in exploration of some of the jobs and tools of the trade that come with a wildlife-related career! Participants will even get the opportunity to write and record animal-related podcasts that might be selected to be on the Zoo’s website!

**Dates:**
- June 4-8  
- June 11-15
- June 18-22
- June 25-29
- July 2-6
- July 16-20
- July 23-27
- July 30-August 3

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SUMMER CAMPS 2012

HALF-DAY CAMPS

A.M. sessions meet 9 am-12 pm, Monday-Friday
P.M. sessions meet 1-4 pm, Monday-Friday
Cost: Members: $100 / Non-Members: $115

Half Day Camps include a summer camp T-shirt, snacks, live animal encounters, games, hikes, animal feeding opportunities, keeper talks, and so much more!

4-5 YEAR OLDS
SENSATIONAL SENSES
Can you talk like an elephant or taste with your feet like a butterfly? Explore what sensory adaptations animals have and how these adaptations help them survive. We’ll spend the week looking at our five senses and seeing how they compare to other animals.
Dates:
- May 28-June 1 (am only)
- June 11-15
- June 25-29
- July 9-13
- July 23-27
- August 6-10

BRINGING UP BABY
Do other animals live in families like humans? Are all babies raised by their moms? During this camp, we’ll experience up close animal encounters, make crafts, and, of course, hike around the Zoo to learn about why it can take a mom, dad, pack, or no one at all to raise a baby animal.
Dates:
- June 4-8
- June 18-22
- July 2-6
- July 16-20
- July 30-August 3
- August 13-17

6-7 YEAR OLDS
GROWING UP
What do polliwogs, cubs, and owlets have in common? They’re all babies! Spend a week learning how animals change and grow from the time they’re born until they reach adulthood. Each day is packed with activities to help discover how insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals grow. Create animal art, tour the Zoo, meet live animals up close, and play some fun animal games in this exciting week at the Zoo.
Dates:
- May 28-June 1 (am only)
- June 11-15
- June 25-29
- July 9-13
- July 23-27
- August 6-10

ANIMAL CHATTER
Have you ever wondered what a lion was roaring about or a bird chirping about? This camp will explore animals and how they “talk” to each other. Join us for a fun filled week, where campers will discover what animals are communicating, through smell (gross), facial expressions and sound. Campers will be lead by our Zooper summer camp instructors as they voyage into the world of animal dialogue.
Dates:
- June 4-8
- June 18-22
- July 2-6
- July 16-20
- July 30-August 3
- August 13-17

8-11 YEAR OLDS
LEADERS OF THE PACK
During this week long adventure, campers will discover animal leaders of all kinds, from keystone species to alpha males and females! After getting acquainted with animal leaders, campers will meet our leaders in conservation here at the Cincinnati Zoo. Campers will then become leaders in conservation by the end of the week.
Dates:
- May 28-June 1 (am only)
- June 11-15
- June 25-29
- July 9-13
- July 23-27
- August 6-10

ZSI-ZOO SCENE INVESTIGATORS
Footprints…teeth marks…broken branches….and scat??? What can these clues tell us about the biology of wildlife and the events that occurred at the scene? Discover ways to study the evidence that animals leave behind as well as learn about ways that Zoo scientists are using science to help conserve wildlife.
Dates:
- June 4-8
- June 18-22
- July 2-6
- July 16-20
- July 30-August 3
- August 13-17

12-14 YEAR OLDS
OPERATION CONSERVATION
This program will explore the ins and outs of wildlife conservation. Through behind-the-scenes tours, animal encounters, hikes, and other activities, we’ll learn about real-life conservation research taking place at the Zoo, some of the tools researchers use to keep track of wild populations of species, and what we can do to help the wildlife in our own backyard.
Dates:
- June 18-22 (am only)
- July 9-13 (am only)
- July 30-August 3 (am only)

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SPRING SERIES

18-36 MONTHS

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Note: Due to the hands-on, interactive nature of these programs, siblings not falling within the 18-36 month age range cannot be accommodated. However, infant siblings are welcome on the dates listed as infant welcome.

Sign up for individual classes or for the entire series and save! No charge for accompanying adult.

Cost per Class: Members: $10 / Non-Members: $14
Cost for Series: Members: $24 / Non-Members: $36

CREATURE FEATURES

What body parts do we have in common with the Zoo animals? Noses? Feet? Eyes? Come to the Zoo and we’ll take a stroll to learn which creature features we share with the Zoo’s animal residents.

Dates: March 10, 13, 16, 17, or 24:
9:30-10:15 am or 11-11:45 am
Infant Siblings Welcome: March 20 or 23:
9:30-10:15am or 11-11:45am

COLOR QUEST

Bright, vibrant flowers are blooming; green leaves and grass are all around…Spring is a great time to learn about colors! We will take a stroll through the Zoo, look closely, and let nature help us to learn our colors.

Dates: April 10, 13, 14, 21, or 28:
9:30-10:15 am or 11-11:45 am
Infant Siblings Welcome: April 17 or 20
9:30-10:15 am or 11-11:45 am

SHARING SHAPES

Round stones, triangular animal ears, oval turtle shells…Wow, nature sure takes on a lot of shapes! We will take a stroll through the Zoo on a shape scavenger hunt where we’ll use our eyes and our hands to find and explore the different shapes of nature.

Dates: May 5, 8, 11, 12, or 19
9:30-10:15 am or 11-11:45 am
Infant Siblings Welcome: May 15 or 18
9:30-10:15 am or 11-11:45 am

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SPRING SERIES

3 YEAR OLDS

Sign up for individual classes or for the entire series and save! No charge for accompanying adult.

Cost per Class: Members: $11 / Non-Members: $15
Cost for Series: Members: $27 / Non-Members: $39

TAILS, TAILS, TAILS

What would you look like if you were the fastest animal on land and had a tail like the cheetah? We’ll discover why tails are so important to animals by trying on some different animal tails and meeting some special animal guests with unusual tails. We’ll even make a tail that you can wear home!

Dates: March 3, 7, or 8:
9:30-10:15 am or 11-11:45 am
March 9, or 10:
9:30 – 10:15 am, 11 – 11:45 am or 1-1:45 pm
March 14 or 15: 11-11:45 am

BE A LITTLE BUGGY

Insects live all around us and come in many shapes, sizes, and colors. Learn about some of the insects you can find at the Zoo as well as some you may see in your own backyard as we build a bug, sing a song and create your own buggy craft to take home. Who knows, some animal guests that are guaranteed to “bug” you might drop by for a visit!

Dates: April 7, 11, or 12:
9:30-10:15 am or 11-11:45 am
April 13, or 14:
9:30-10:15 am, 11-11:45 am, or 1-1:45 pm
April 18, or 19:
9:30-9:11:45 am

ANIMAL TEXTURES

Whether it’s prickly quills, a smooth turtle shell, or soft fluffy fur, animals are covered in a variety of textures that do everything from keep the rain out to keep the animal warm! With the help of some animal friends that you can touch, we’ll discover what different animals feel like and discover whether their texture is a good raincoat or a winter coat for the animal!

Dates: May 5, 9, or 10:
9:30-10:15 am or 11-11:45 am
May 11 or 12:
9:30 – 10:15am, 11–11:45 am, or 1 – 1:45 pm
May 16 or 17:
11– 11:45 am

FAMILY ZOO YOGA

4-10 YEAR OLDS

Roar like a tiger. Fly like a bird. Move as slowly as a sloth. Explore the world of animals and plants in a fun new way - through yoga! Your child will discover more about animals and plants through the practice of yoga. This fun and active program is a beginner/mid-level level class for your child and can serve as a great foundation for developing an interest in wildlife and fitness that can last a lifetime. Parents are welcome to participate with their children. Afterward, explore the Zoo on your own or together with others from the class. Yoga mats are provided. Please bring a bottle of water and wear comfortable clothing.

Dates: March 3:
10-11 am
April 7:
10-11 am
May 5:
10-11 am

Cost per Class: Members: $7 Adult/$7 Child
Non-Members: $11 Adult/$11 Child

Cost for Series: Members: $15 Adult/ $15 Child
Non-Members: $27 Adult/$27 Child

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### SPRING SERIES

#### 4-5 YEAR OLDS

**Sign up for individual classes, or for the entire series and save! No charge for accompanying adult.**

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#### NIGHTTIME NEIGHBORS

Did you know that when you go to sleep, many animals are just waking up? We'll meet some nocturnal neighbors and learn about what senses they use to move around while you're sleeping!

**Dates:**
- March 3: 11am-noon
- March 9: 1-2 pm
- March 13: 10-11 am or 1-2 pm
- March 16: 1-2 pm or 4:30-5:30 pm

#### ANIMAL GIANTS

Growing up giant-sized is hard work! From elephants to polar bears, finding enough food and space can be a challenge! Discover what it takes to be a giant as we meet some giant animal friends in the classroom, then search the Zoo for other giants!

**Dates:**
- April 7: 11am-noon
- April 13: 1-2 pm
- April 17: 10-11 am or 1-2 pm
- April 18, 19, 21: 9:30-10:30 am, 11am-noon or 1-2 pm
- April 20: 1-2 pm or 4:30-5:30 pm

#### REPTILE ROMP!

If you're interested in scaly ectotherms – do we have a program for you! With the help of some reptilian friends, discover the similarities and differences between snakes, alligators, turtles, and lizards. From boas to snapping turtles, come find out why reptiles have what it takes to survive!

**Dates:**
- May 5: 11am-noon
- May 11: 1-2 pm
- May 15: 10-11 am or 1-2 pm
- May 16, 17, 19: 9:30-10:30 am, 11am-noon or 1-2 pm
- May 18: 1-2 pm or 4:30-5:30 pm

### SPRING SERIES

#### 6-7 YEAR OLDS

**Sign up for individual classes, or for the entire series and save! No charge for accompanying adult.**

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#### ARTHUR THE AARDVARK

What do aardvarks, anteaters, and tenrecs have in common? They're all insectivores! While Arthur may be the most famous one, there are lots of other animals that love to eat insects! Explore the world of insectivores as we figure out how they catch and consume their food with some games, live animal encounters, and a hike in the Zoo.

**Dates:**
- March 22: 11am-noon
- March 16 or 23: 4:30-6 pm
- March 17: 1-2:30 pm
- March 24: 9:30-11 am or 11:30-1 pm

#### LIZARDS’ TAILS AND SCALES

Leapin’ lizards! Come out and take a close look at one of the fascinating groups of reptiles – lizards! We'll go on a search to find the species of lizard that holds the title for “longest lizard in the world” and if you think it’s a Komodo dragon, you just might be surprised!

**Dates:**
- April 26: 10-11:30 am
- April 20 & 27: 4:30-6 pm
- April 21: 1-2:30 pm
- April 28: 9:30-11 am or 11:30-1 pm

#### DIGGIN’ IN THE DIRT

Explore the world of animals that live under our feet! From earthworms to naked mole rats to insects, discover how your life changes when you spend all your time burrowing in the dirt.

**Dates:**
- May 24: 10-11:30 am
- May 18 or 25: 4:30-6 pm
- May 19: 1-2:30 pm
- May 26: 9:30-11 am or 11:30-1 pm

### AT THE ZOO!

Sign your 4-11 year old up for full day camps, from 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday at the Zoo during Spring Break.

#### 2012 SPRING BREAK CAMP

**2012 SPRING BREAK CAMP**

**AT THE ZOO!**

**Cost:**
- Members: $210 / Non-Members: $225

#### 4-11 YEAR OLDS

**Beauty and the Beast**

Some animals are more than meets the eye. In this camp, participants will learn why, when it comes to living things, there are just as many reason (if not more) to love the beasts and the beauties. From beautiful butterflies and peacocks to beastly bearded dragons and bats, we’ll see why looks can be deceiving. By the end, you may find that these beasts are beautiful after all.

**Blend, Bolt, or Bite**

Animals are incredible when faced with danger! Animals have adapted many ways to keep themselves safe. They can: blend in, bolt out of sight, or turn and bite! Discover the tricky ways animals stay safe.

**New & Improved Dr. Zoolittle’s Animal Training Camp**

Discover how to “talk” to animals! Campers will be training NEW behaviors with a variety of Zoo animals including goats, chickens and other birds. Learn about animal behavior and motivation while applying training techniques taught by Zoo professionals. By the end of camp we will have the animals eating out of our hands, literally!

**Dates:**
- March 12-16: 9 am-4 pm
- March 26-30: 9 am-4 pm
- April 2-6: 9 am-4 pm
- April 9-13: 9 am-4 pm
YOUTH PROGRAMS

SPRING SERIES
8-11 YEAR OLDs

Sign up for individual classes, or for the entire series and save!

Cost per Class:
- Members: $12 / Non-Members: $16
Cost for Series:
- Members: $30 / Non-Members: $42

BFF (BEST FRIENDS FOREVER)
Celebrate the colorful tapestry of spring flowers at the Zoo as we examine the relationship between plants and animals. From monarchs and milkweed to bats and tropical plants, find out what relationship exists between some plants and animals.

Dates:
- March 10 or 24: 2:30-4 pm
- March 16 or 23: 4:30-6 pm
- March 17: 1-2:30 pm
- March 22: 10-11:30 am

THE INCREDIBLE INSECT
Although insects represent about 80% of all known species, they are some of the least known animals. Whether you see them as a food source, a nuisance, or an important link in the food chain, insects are fascinating. Come discover why we focus on the world of the insect!

Dates:
- April 14 or 28: 2:30-4 pm
- April 20 or 27: 4:30-6 pm
- April 21: 1-2:30 pm
- April 26: 10-11:30 am

MANATEE SPRINGS
Take a detailed look at one of the Zoo’s most popular exhibits, Manatee Springs, and its resident manatees. We’ll look at what it takes to care for our manatees as well as how manatees are introduced back into the wild.

Dates:
- May 12 or 26: 2:30-4 pm
- May 18 or 25: 4:30-6 pm
- May 19: 1-2:30 pm
- May 24: 10-11:30 am

12-14 YEAR OLDs

Cost: Members: $15 / Non-Members: $20

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
Feeding over 500 different species of animals is no easy feat! From insectivores to carnivores and newborn to elderly, every animal has its own special needs that must be met. Come and learn about how and where the Zoo holds, cooks, and divvies up the Zoo animal’s food and even get an opportunity to feed the goats a snack.

Dates: April 14: 1-2:30 pm

BACKSTAGE PASS JR
Is your 12-14 year old looking for a more in-depth, once-in-a-lifetime experience at the Zoo? These specially designed classes allow an opportunity for an up-close and personal look at some of the places the Zoo animals call home, and most even include an encounter with Zoo animals! All participants will receive a keepsake backstage pass nametag on a zoo-themed lanyard as a souvenir of their adventure. Note: Due to the nature of these programs, age limits must be adhered to. In addition, due to space restrictions, parents cannot be accommodated in behind-the-scenes areas, unless otherwise noted.

Cost: Members: $30 / Non-Members: $45

ANIMAL HOSPITAL
From anaesthetizing an aardvark to cleaning a tiger’s teeth, the Zoo’s vet hospital has to be ready to handle almost any animal’s medical need. Find out about these veterinarians’ tools of the trade and tour their high-tech workspace that helps them keep our animal collection in top shape. Please note that no animals or medical procedures will be viewed during this program.

Dates: April 28: 10-10:45 am

VIP BACKSTAGE PASS JR
Is your 12-14 year old looking for a more in-depth, once-in-a-lifetime experience at the Zoo? These specially designed classes allow an opportunity for an up-close and personal look at some of the places the Zoo animals call home, and most even include an encounter with Zoo animals! All participants will receive a keepsake photo and backstage pass nametag on a zoo-themed lanyard as souvenirs of their adventure. Note: Due to the nature of these programs, age limits must be adhered to. In addition, due to space restrictions, parents cannot be accommodated in behind-the-scenes areas, unless otherwise noted.

Cost: Members: $50 / Non-Members: $65

THE MAST FARM
What does the Zoo do with animals that are between exhibits or need privacy in order to successfully breed? Come visit the Zoo’s Mast Farm to find out! Don’t forget your camera, because during this program, you will get a behind-the-scenes look at rare animals such as the Zoo’s cheetahs and rare birds that call the farm home. You will also get the inside scoop on when there will be more baby cheetahs on the way!

Note: due to this class’ off-grounds location, one adult/parent driver accompanying each paying participant may also pay to participate. All visitors to the farm must be accompanied by Zoo staff at all times; therefore, drivers who do not choose to participate are not permitted to remain on farm-grounds during their child’s program.
We apologize for the inconvenience.

Dates: March 31: 9-10 am

IN DEPTH PROGRAM FOR 8-11 YEAR OLDS

Are you looking for a program that delves deeply into a specific animal, its ecology, biology and behavior? Look no further than our “In Depth” programs! These programs will transform your participant’s interest into expertise.

Cost: Members: $12 / Non-Members: $16

Red “Panda”monium
What exactly is a red panda? Join us as we discover this creature’s habitat, classification, adaptations and most importantly their conservation! This program will reveal the secretive lives of these spectacular animals.

Dates:
- March 3: 1-2:30 pm
- March 23: 4:30-6 pm

click here to register
FAMILY & ADULT

FAMILY PROGRAMS

These family-oriented programs explore wildlife through animal demonstrations and hikes though the Zoo as well as crafts or games in a manner that is sure to be fun for all ages.

HURRAY FOR MOM!
Many animals (including humans) have close relationships with their mothers. From the gentle jaws of an alligator to the comfy pouch of a wallaby, come and learn about our zoo moms as we prepare to celebrate all moms on tomorrow’s holiday just for them.

Dates: May 12:
Cost: Members: $7/Adult, $7/Child
Non-Members: $11/Adult, $11/Child

FAMILY NIGHT HIKE
Would you like to prow the Zoo after hours when the crowds have gone home? Well, come on down for these fun-filled, family-oriented evening adventures at the Zoo!

HEY BABY!
The Zoo babies are here and they sure are cute! Come and learn some information about them such as their name, birthdays, and what their family lives are like. With some animal visitors in the classroom and an after-hours Zoo hike, we’ll learn why each birth at the Zoo is cause for celebration and if there are any more babies on the way!

Dates: May 4, 5, 11, 12, 19, 25, or 26:
Cost: Members: $7/Adult, $7/Child
Non-Members: $11/Adult, $11/Child

FAMILY SING-ALONG
These programs, taught by Amanda O’Bannon of Miss Amanda’s Music Garden, are designed for families with children five years and younger. Classes involve singing, dancing, and dramatic play that is sure to get the whole family movin’ and groovin’ and live animal demonstrations that tie into the theme of the programs.

SING-N-SPRING
Flowers are beginning to bloom, birds are singing, and the earth is waking up from a long winter nap. We’ll use music and movement to move and sing like the plants and the animals and, just like them, shake off our winter blues and spring to life again! We’ll even get to meet some animal friends in the classroom.

Note: Due to the special nature of this program, siblings not falling within the 0-5yr age range cannot be accommodated

Dates: April 28:
Cost: $13 Child #1 (1-5 yrs old)
$11 Child #2 (1-5 yrs old)

Siblings under 1yr of age and adult (up to two), accompanying paying participant are free.

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ADULT PROGRAMS
Must be 15 years old and up to participate.

BACKSTAGE PASS
Are you looking for a more intimate, once-in-a-lifetime experience at the Zoo? Look no further than the Backstage Pass Programs! All programs include an up-close and personal look at some of the places the Zoo animals call home and most even include an encounter with Zoo animals. All participants will receive a keepsake backstage pass on a zoo-themed lanyard as a souvenir of your adventure.

SCALES, FANGS, AND FUN!
Highly specialized keepers are needed to care for some of the deadliest beauties in the Zoo. We’ll meet a keeper and get up close and personal with some of these amazing predators on a one-of-a-kind backstage tour of the Zoo’s Reptile House.

Cost: Adult Members: $45 / Adult Non-Members: $60
Dates: March 3: 10-11 am

VIP BACKSTAGE PASS
This program includes all of the perks of the Backstage Pass programs, but with special added experiences and a keepsake photo.

THE HIDDEN ZOO
Back by popular demand! Did you know that the Zoo has an off-grounds breeding facility to house animals that are between exhibits or need privacy in order to successfully breed? The Mast Farm is just that place! Don’t forget your camera, because during this program, you will get a behind-the-scenes look at rare animals like the Zoo’s cheetahs and rare birds that call the farm home. You will also get the inside scoop on when there will be more baby cheetahs on the way!

Cost: Adult Members: $65
Adult Non-Members: $80
Dates: May 12 or 26: 8-9:30 am

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES
Applications are now being accepted for the Advanced Inquiry Program, a Master’s Degree program offered through Project Dragonfly at Miami University and focused on inquiry-based teaching and local community outreach. Become a member of a growing network of local educators dedicated to participatory education and local conservation. For more information or to apply by February 28, 2012, visit cincinnatizoo.org/aip

Earn graduate credit or your Master’s Degree while traveling the world! Applications for Earth Expeditions and the Global Field Program (GFP) are now being accepted. Earth Expeditions is a global conservation and education program supporting university courses, degree programs, and collaborative projects in Africa, Asia, Australia, and the Americas. Through Earth Expeditions courses, our mission is to build an alliance of individuals with firsthand knowledge of inquiry-driven, community-based learning for the benefit of ecological communities, student achievement, and global understanding. GFP is a Master’s Degree program that combines Earth Expedition courses with courses offered in online learning communities. As a GFP student, you will join a remarkable network of professionals who work collaboratively to affect change in local and global contexts. For more information or to apply by January 28, 2012, visit earthexpeditions.org

click here to register
In 2011, we added many new members to the Zoo’s animal family including the charismatic, ‘Wilhelmina’ and ‘Rinaldo’! The striking pair of Coquerel’s Sifaka are enjoying their new home as they await your adoption!

With a gift of $30 or more to the A.D.O.P.T. program, you can help us take care of Rinaldo and Wilhelmina during the chilly winter months. Your donation will help to cover the costs of care, food and enrichment toys.

Visit cincinnatizoo.org/support/adopt to learn more or to make your donation online OR call our A.D.O.P.T. hotline, (513) 559-7716.

**WILDLIFE COMES TO YOU**

**BRING THE WONDERS OF OUR WORLD TO YOUR BACKYARD!**

The Zoo will travel to festivals, birthday parties, nursing homes, libraries, Scouting events, and many more. A knowledgeable educator and four Zoo animal ambassadors will trek to your location. Examples of animals include reptiles, birds, mammals and/or insects. Each program lasts 45 minutes to one hour. This wild program is just what your next event needs!

Contact the Education Department at (513) 559-7767 option 7 or email registrars@cincinnatizoo.org

**BADGES/ACHIEVEMENTS OFFERED:**
- *NEW!* Brownie Girl Scout: Senses
- *NEW!* Junior Girl Scout: Animal Habitats
- Bear Cub Scout: Sharing Your World With Wildlife Achievement
- Webelos: Naturalist Badge

There is a 10-paying participant minimum per program (adults and scouts).

Cost: Scout: $13 / Non-Zoo Member Adult: $9

*Not all programs are available year-round.*

**NOCTURNAL ADVENTURES FAMILY OVERNIGHTS**

**FAMILY CAMP OUT**

Families with children 5 years old and up are invited to pitch a tent behind the Giraffe Ridge exhibit. Then we will prowl the Zoo for night creatures, cats, and crawlies. This program focuses on behavior and physical adaptations of animals, especially nocturnal animals. Bring your own tent and sleeping bag and camp out under the stars at the Zoo!

Dates: April 28 or May 19: 6 pm-9 am
Cost: $30/Member $35/Non-Member

**FAMILY SLEEP WITH THE MANATEES**

Families with children 5 years old and up are invited to welcome our resident manatees to the Zoo! During this overnight you will enjoy two sneak peaks behind the scenes, play games, and fall asleep with manatees swimming at your feet.

Dates: March 24, April 28, or May 5, 19: 6 pm-9 am
Cost: $30/Member $35/Non-Member

**PROJECT SAVING SPECIES**

**ANSWER THE CALL!**

**RECYCLE YOUR CELL PHONE AND SAVE A GORILLA**

Recycling cell phones reduces mining for coltan, an ore used in cell phones, in gorilla habitat and raises money for the Cincinnati Zoo’s Conservation Fund. Cell phone collection boxes are located at the Zoo’s main ticketing office and at the Gorilla World exhibit. *For more information, visit cincinnatizoo.org.*

Look for more information on the **GO BANANAS! Challenge** in 2012!