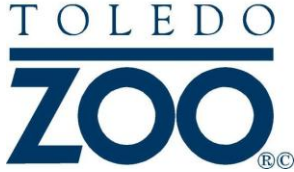




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## **The Big Feed—The Zoo’s Snack-tacular Returns!**

Toledo, Ohio—It’s a fact: The Toledo Zoo’s animals are even more fun to watch when they’re eating! That’s why the Zoo is proud to present The Big Feed, Saturday, September 26. It’s a great chance to see some of your favorite Zoo animals chow down, with lots of feeding and enrichment demonstrations taking place all day throughout the Zoo.

Along the way, you’ll see some of your favorite Zoo animals, from tigers and orangutans to vultures and crocodiles, as they enjoy species-appropriate treats. You’ll also learn about the many ways that the Zoo provides enrichment for animals, stimulating their senses and giving them opportunities to make choices as their natural behaviors are encouraged. It’s great for the animals, and it’s a lot of fun to watch, too. A complete schedule of feedings and demos can be found at the Zoo’s website, [www.toledozoo.org](http://www.toledozoo.org).

For folks who want to get even closer to the feeding action, there are paid feeding opportunities that let you feed some of the animals, including ducks, goats and seals. There’s also an opportunity to help set up enrichment in the elephant habitat and get a first-hand look at the elephants’ daily bath. Visit [www.toledozoo.org](http://www.toledozoo.org) to see which pay-to-feed opportunities are still available, and then call (419) 385-5721, ext. 3092 to reserve your place. Hurry, though—spaces are filling up fast!

The Toledo Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located on the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 25), four miles south of downtown Toledo. For more information, please visit [www.toledozoo.org](http://www.toledozoo.org) or call (419) 385-4040. Lucas County residents are admitted free of charge each Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. ID showing proof of residency is required.

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