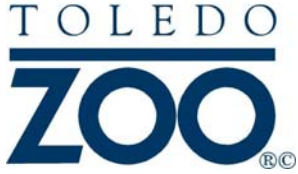




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This May May Be the Best Yet at The Toledo Zoo!

Toledo, OH—April showers bring May flowers, and April planning brings a slew of terrific events at your Toledo Zoo! **Visit our website, www.toledo zoo.org, for more information about these and other upcoming events.**

May 1 Bowling for Rhinos

The Toledo Zoo chapter of the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK) will hold its Bowling for Rhinos fundraiser at Interstate Lanes. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. Bowling for Rhinos is a continuing project on the part of AAZK to help protect the black rhino and other endangered species, and 100% of all proceeds will go directly to support this great conservation effort.

May 2 Safety Safari Day

When you work with lions and snakes, you'd better be up on your safety! On Saturday, May 2, the Zoo is your safety HQ. Learn about fire safety, make sure your car seat is installed correctly, and pick up some tips to make your home a safer place.

May 3 Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Our ninth annual celebration of Latino culture promises to be the most exciting to date! Join us for a family-friendly day featuring the music, dance and food that make Cinco de Mayo so special.

May 9 International Migratory Bird Day

The sky's the limit as we celebrate our fine feathered friends with activities and fun. Trace migratory bird paths and learn about ways you can make your own environment bird-friendlier.

May 10 Mother's Day Celebration and Lunch

Treat the special lady in your life with a trip to the Zoo! Moms receive *free* admission when they bring their kids to the Zoo. Tickets for a special Mother's Day Brunch can also be purchased in advance. For pricing or to place your reservations, please call 419-385-5721, ext 3092.

May 11 National Tourism Week Celebration

Lucas County residents receive free admission to the Zoo when they arrive on Mondays between 10 a.m. and noon. In honor of National Tourism Week, we are extending this benefit to non-Lucas County residents as well. *On Monday, May 11, between 10 a.m. and noon, mention "National Tourism Week" at the admission gate and receive free admission!* The day will also feature a Commissioner's Conference on Tourism from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

May 16 Dart Frog Dash

Get set and go to the Zoo for its 6th annual 5K race/walk and 1K kids run through and around the Zoo. Pre-registration for the race is strongly encouraged. Presented by St. Vincent's Mercy Children's Hospital.

May 16 Around the World in a Day

The Zoo is home to animals whose wild counterparts live all around the world. This event celebrates the human cultures that share a space with these creatures. Join the Zoo for music, dance, crafts and more! Presented by Fisher-Price.

May 17 Plant Sale

Beautiful annuals and perennials will be available for purchase at the Zoo's Anthony Wayne Trail entrance. Get perennials and exotic plants from local growers, and learn a few tips from master gardeners!

The Toledo Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily (10 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning May 1) and is located on the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 25), four miles south of downtown Toledo. For more information, please visit www.toledo zoo.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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