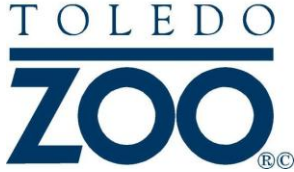




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Ring in the New Year at The Toledo Zoo!

Toledo, Ohio—It's always fun to welcome a New Year, but staying up that late can be tough for youngsters (and some not-so-youngsters). The Toledo Zoo has a perfect way to ring in 2010—**Noon Year's Eve, December 31!** Join the fun as the Zoo offers lots of cool crafts and activities, a New Year's toast (featuring our finest apple juice), and a ceremonial Ball Drop at the stroke of noon.

The Ball Drop takes place in the Zoo's Main Plaza, and the activities will take place in the African Lodge from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Children can make noisemakers from recycled products and take time to make some special New Year's ReZOOlutions, in which young people can pledge to take a few simple steps to conserve energy and resources in the coming year. And of course, your family can take time to explore Nature's Neighborhood, the fully interactive, year-round children's zoo!

Noon Year's Eve is a family-friendly way to ring in the New Year, and admission to the event is free with your regular Zoo admission. For more information visit The Toledo Zoo's website, www.toledozoo.org.

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 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.

The Toledo Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA). 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 building North America's largest wildlife conservation movement.

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