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Jumping Pumpkins at The Toledo Zoo!

Toledo, Ohio—"What do you do with all those pumpkins?" It's a question that The Toledo Zoo hears each year after the fall-time fun of Pumpkin Path and Little Boo. The answer is simple: The pumpkins will provide enriching experiences for many Zoo animals on **October 30 and 31!** It's an event The Toledo Zoo calls **Jumping Pumpkins**, and it's a great opportunity to see some of your favorite Zoo animals enjoy gourd-y goodness throughout the weekend.

Animals from monkeys and meerkats to birds and even elephants will find pumpkins all around their habitats. Some of them will make a meal, and some of them will make a mess, but all of them will be interacting with their environments and engaging in naturalistic behaviors. It's part of The Toledo Zoo's overall program of enrichment, which the Zoo provides consistently to ensure the animals' well-being. Pumpkins are provided courtesy of Oldcastle Glass, Myer Farms, Fleitz Pumpkin Farms and Schweizer Farms. A schedule of events is as follows:

Saturday, October 30

10:15 a.m. Primate Forest
10:30 a.m. Rhinos
10:45 a.m. Elephants
1:45 p.m. Meerkats
2:30 p.m. Chimps and Orangutans

Sunday, October 31

10:00 a.m. Cheetahs
10:15 a.m. Gorillas
1:30 p.m. Wolves
3:30 p.m. New World Monkeys

In addition, there will be enrichment demonstrations in the Aviary throughout the day both Saturday and Sunday.

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 committed to inspiring others to join in caring for animals and conserving the natural world. As part of that mission, The Toledo Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), a leader in global wildlife conservation. AZA member institutions are dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for visitors and a better future for all living things.

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