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## **Happy Birthday Louie the Elephant!**

Toledo, Ohio—At seven years old, The Toledo Zoo's African elephant Louie is hardly a baby anymore, but his birthday is still a *huge* deal! On Saturday, April 24, your family will be able to make sure he celebrates in style as the Zoo throws a birthday party for Louie the elephant that you'll never forget.

The fun starts at 10:15 a.m. as Louie gets his morning bath. As you watch, you'll see first-hand the close relationship that he has with his keepers. That relationship is an essential part of The Toledo Zoo's elephant program, and it represents one more way the Zoo provides excellent care for these amazing animals. Then at 11:00 a.m. Louie will receive a special cake made up of his favorite treats. The cake will be made just for him by the Zoo's Catering Department and will feature a number of species-appropriate goodies.

Finally, what's a birthday party without presents? Of course Louie will receive some nifty gifts (we'd tell you what they are, but we don't want anything to spoil the surprise). In addition, one lucky winner will receive free Fisher-Price toys for a year! Kids can register to win on their way to the Zoo's African Savanna from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the winner will be drawn by Louie himself at 1:30 p.m. In addition to offering this prize, Fisher-Price also donated free toys for a year to Aurora House, a comprehensive housing and life skills program that empowers homeless women and their children to achieve self sufficiency and independence.

The Toledo Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends in May) 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.

*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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