

# 2024 Toledo Zoo Donor Tours



## TOUR INFORMATION

- Refreshments will be served and each tour lasts approximately 90 minutes. Tours are limited in size for our guests' enjoyment and the welfare of the animals.
- Because alcohol is available, we request that no guests under 21 years of age attend unless the tour description indicates that it is appropriate for children.
- Director's and Conservator's Circle members, and donors of \$5,000+ can choose up to four tours; Platinum Circle members, \$2,500+ donors can choose up to three tours; Diamond Circle members, \$1,000+ donors can choose two tours; Gold Circle members, \$500+ donors can choose one tour.
- Tour reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis and can be made by contacting Tana Benford at 419-385-5721, ext. 3024 or tana.benford@toledozoo.org. Reminder call or emails will be made one week prior to the event. If you make reservations, but are unable to attend, please contact Tana Benford as soon as possible so another supporter may fill your spot.
- Tours will occur rain or shine. Please wear comfortable attire and walking shoes.

## BIRDS ON BROADWAY - FAMILY TOUR

**April 21, at 9:30 a.m. • Museum Great Hall**

Fly the coop after the long winter and enjoy a delicious breakfast and family-friendly bird walk with Zoo ornithologist and passionate birdwatcher, Jeremy Dominquez. Tour begins at 9:30 a.m. with breakfast in the Museum Great Hall, followed by a walk through neighboring Walbridge Park to experience some of northwest Ohio's resident bird species. A little birdy told me that you won't want to miss this tour! *Parking available in the Broadway parking lot.*

## A REALLY BIG TOUR! *Two options available.*

**April 24 and May 1, 6 p.m. • Tembo Trail**

Have you *herd*? The Zoo's elephant family is growing! This tour will be filled with tusks, trunks and an abundance of cuteness as you get up close with Twiggy, our new bull Ajani, mom Renee and of course our newest bundle of joy! Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. at Tembo Trail. *Parking available in the Broadway parking lot.*

## THE MYSTERY OF VENOM

**May 15, 6 p.m. • Museum**

Take a bite out of the misconceptions of venom as you visit our Komodo dragon, arthropod and venomous snake exhibits on the second floor of the Zoo's Museum of Natural History. Guests will meet the keepers who work with these fascinating creatures and learn about our protocols and anti-venom program. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. at the Museum. *Parking available in the Broadway parking lot.*

## THE CAT'S MEOW BIG CAT TOUR *Two options available.*

**May 22 and June 11, 6 p.m. • Museum**

It's all paws and claws on this tour as you visit our three big cat exhibits – Amur tigers, with our adorable cubs Ash and Ember, snow leopards and back again, our three female cougars. Meet their keepers, enjoy enrichment demos and learn more about our feline friends. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. at Tiger Terrace. *Parking available in the Broadway parking lot.*

## SAY CHEESE!

**June 25, 6 p.m. • Museum**

Tired of not capturing that perfect photo of your favorite Zoo animal? Make your memories picture perfect as you learn how to capture the moment with the Zoo's award-winning photographer, Corey Wyckoff. We will visit several animal exhibits and garden areas while learning photography and video tips of the trade. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. at the Museum Great Hall. *Parking available at the Broadway parking lot.*

## KODIAK RIDGE BROWN BEAR TOUR *Back by popular demand!*

**July 30, 6 p.m. • Tiger Terrace**

Opening last year, this new exhibit is unbearably popular! Get an up-close look with an exclusive training session and the opportunity to see our three bears enjoy enrichment in their new home. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. at Tiger Terrace. *Parking in the Broadway parking lot.*

## ZOO HISTORY ZOO TOUR

**August 20, 6 p.m. • Aquarium**

If these walls could talk! The Toledo Zoo has a rich history and the largest collection of WPA buildings located on one campus in the United States. Journey back in time on this first-ever tour led by Ted Ligibel, historian and author of the book, *The Toledo Zoo's First 100 Years*. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. at the Aquarium. *Parking available in the Broadway parking lot.*

## THE ROOT OF IT ALL

**August 27, 6 p.m. • Aquarium**

Did you know that there are hundreds of trees on Zoo grounds? They do more than provide shade for our guests and animals! On this special tour lead by our horticulture team, guests will learn first-hand about our unique browse program and gardens that provide food and enrichment for many of our Zoo animals. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. in the Aquarium. *Parking available in the Broadway parking lot.*

## KEEPER Q&A

**September 26, 6 p.m. • Malawi Event Center**

What is it like to care for an elephant, penguin, king cobra or sea turtle? Get the answer to these questions and more when you meet and chat with our passionate animal staff who care for, feed, and provide enrichment to our more than 16,000 Zoo animals. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. in the Malawi Event Center. *Parking in the Anthony Wayne Trail parking lot.*

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA *A favorite family tradition!*

**December 7, 10 a.m. • Malawi Event Center**

Start the holiday season off with some holly and jolly at what has become a tradition for many of our donor families – Breakfast with Santa. Guests of all ages will enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet, one-on-one time with the big guy from the North Pole, along other special treats, surprises and holiday characters. Be sure to have the kids bring their holiday wish lists and don't forget your camera to capture the moment! Breakfast begins at 10 a.m. in the Malawi Event Center. *Parking in the Anthony Wayne Trail lot.*

## TOLEDO ZOO CONSERVATION SERIES • OPEN TO PUBLIC • ADULTS ONLY

**COPPERBELLY WATER SNAKES** April 3 / 6 p.m. at the Great Hall in the Museum   **PIPING PLOVERS** Nov. 6 / 6 p.m. at Malawi Event Center  
*Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Adults only. Please contact Katherine Lonsbrough at Katherine.Lonsbrough@toledozoo.org to RSVP for either of the Conservation Series events.*