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Note: Please [click here](#) for pictures of the lanterns.

Luminous Nights, New Event at the Toledo Zoo

TOLEDO, Ohio— Be a light to the world! Your Toledo Zoo is doing our part with the debut of a new autumn event, Luminous Nights at the Toledo Zoo. This fall festival of lights, featuring illuminated hand-crafted Chinese lanterns in the shapes of animals and botanicals, runs from September 29 – October 29 on both sides of the number one zoo in the nation!

Each lantern is hand-crafted by Chinese artisans and is made of a welded metal frame, artistically and painstakingly covered with pieces of silky cloth and illuminated with LED lights to reveal intricate flowers, birds, butterflies and more! Individual lanterns can be upwards of 19 feet tall and approximately 50 feet long. In the Chinese culture, lanterns are symbolic of illuminating the future and the reunion of family. *Lantern vignettes sponsored by Taylor Automotive Family & Ohio Council of Community Schools.*

In addition to the lanterns, the Zoo will also have several on-grounds events including an outdoor movie night, community scarecrow building showcase, pie eating contests, family pumpkin carving nights, woodcarving demonstrations, games, crafts and much more! All events are included with Luminous Nights' admission and more information can be found at toledo zoo.org/luminousnights.

The Zoo has also moved its annual beer tasting, Zoo Brew, to be a part of Luminous Nights on Friday, October 6. Guests must be 21 or over with valid ID to enter. Separate fee applies. More information is available at toledo zoo.org/zoo-brew.

To keep the wild spirit aglow, Expedition Africa Aerial Adventure Course presented by Mercy Health will have extended hours on weekends throughout Luminous Nights! The Sky Bridge and Zipline will be open Friday – Sunday from 6 – 8 p.m. Please visit toledo zoo.org/aac for registration, pricing, restrictions and more.

Luminous Nights runs from Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 29 at your Toledo Zoo. The cost for Toledo Zoo members is \$14 for adults and \$11 for seniors and children. The cost for non-members is \$17 for adults and \$14 for seniors and children. The admission gate hours are 6 – 9 p.m. Sunday - Thursday and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. *The park will stay open for one hour after admission gates close to allow guests to complete their visit.*

Let your light shine at the Zoo's newest event, Luminous Nights, from September 29 – October 29!

The Zoo is open daily at 10 a.m. and is located on the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 25), four miles south of downtown Toledo. For more information, please visit toledo zoo.org or call 419-385-4040. Lucas County residents are admitted free of charge on non-holiday Mondays from 10 a.m. - noon. Valid ID showing proof of residency is required. *Submitted by: Kim Haddix*

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