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Celebrate Mother's Day at the Toledo Zoo

TOLEDO, Ohio — Let mom explore and enjoy all the wild wonders at the Toledo Zoo this Mother's Day. All moms receive *free Zoo admission* when accompanied by at least one child on Sunday, May 14.

In addition to mom's free admission, the entire family will enjoy a whole zoo's worth of fun, including the unique vocalizations of the Tasmanian devils, beautiful birds from across the globe in the award-winning Aviary and the swinging acrobatics of our primates. Don't forget to stop by and celebrate with our animal moms: Yaz, the orangutan; Fanta & Fresca, the ring-tailed lemur twins and Renee, the African elephant.

An optional add on to your all-about-mom-day is the Zoo's full-service Mother's Day Brunch! This scrumptious meal is prepared by the Zoo's award-winning catering staff and served buffet-style in the historic Lodge. Seating times, pricing, registration and all the delicious menu details are available at toledozeo.org/mothersday or by calling 419-385-5721 ext. 6001. Seating for this bountiful brunch is limited and advanced reservations are required. Zoo member discounts apply.

This Mother's Day the Zoo is also celebrating in support of M.O.M., Missing Orangutan Mothers, an orangutan outreach organization. Each year more and more orangutans (including moms and babies) are killed or left homeless as their native rainforest habitat is cleared for palm oil plantations. To help raise awareness for the protection of these amazing creatures, orangutan keepers and staff will be on hand to educate visitors and facilitate hands-on activities to help everyone learn more about the threats and how our small actions can make a big difference for Yaz and Wakil's wild counterparts.

Make your mom feel extra special at the Toledo Zoo this Mother's Day!

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 toledozeo.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.

The Toledo Zoo is committed to inspiring others to join us 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](http://AZA.org)), 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. Submitted by: Kim Haddix

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