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Celebrate Noon Year's Eve at the Toledo Zoo

TOLEDO, Ohio – Let the countdown to 2018 begin! Bring the entire family to the Toledo Zoo on New Year's Eve to ring in the New Year a little early... at noon!

Let's be honest; midnight is just too late for the younger party-hat wearers. To provide the same fun festivities during day-light hours for our pint-sized guests, the Zoo will celebrate Noon Year's Eve, sponsored by Meijer. This family-friendly event, focusing on making 2018 a greener year, will take place Sunday, December 31 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Together with family and friends, the Zoo will celebrate the stroke of noon with the rising of our recycling ball, a cascade of biodegradable confetti, apple juice toast and a chorus of 'Auld Lang Syne.' Throughout the celebration, guests can make their conservation reZOOlutions, enjoy craft time, an ice carving demonstration, animal feeds / enrichment, along with the Ice Slide and Bumper Cars on Ice in the Winter Village sponsored by Kroger. This is the perfect way for the whole family to send out 2017 with a bang!

Noon Year's Eve, sponsored by Meijer, is free with Zoo admission. The Zoo admission gates will be open on New Year's Eve from 10 a.m.—9 p.m. with *Lights Before Christmas* presented by KeyBank beginning at 3 p.m. and grounds closing at 10 p.m.

More information about Noon Year's Eve and all Toledo Zoo events can be found at toledozoo.org.

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 toledozoo.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), 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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