

2018 Zoo Donor Tours



Tour Information:

- Refreshments will be served and each tour lasts approximately 90 minutes.
- Director's and Conservator's Circle members, Zoo PAL and Conservation donors of \$5,000+ can choose up to four tours; Platinum Circle members, \$2,500+ Zoo PAL and Conservation donors can choose up to three tours; Diamond Circle members, \$1,000+ Zoo PAL and Conservation donors can choose two tours; Gold Circle members, \$500+ Zoo PAL and Conservation 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 calls or emails will be made one week prior to the event.
- 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.
- Tours will occur rain or shine.
- Please wear comfortable attire and walking shoes.
- If you make reservations, but are unable to attend, please contact Tana Benford as soon as possible so another supporter may fill your spot.
- Free parking for all tours is available in the Anthony Wayne Trail parking lot.

Diamond, Platinum, Conservator's and Director's Circles / \$1,000+ Zoo PAL and Conservation Today donors

Vet Hospital and Commissary Tour – June 20

Meet some of our animal care staff and see first-hand where food is prepared for our more than 10,000+ animals, along with where they go when in need of medical care. Guests will be amazed by this behind-the-scenes facility and what it takes to keep our animal family healthy. Tour begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in Tembo Trail.

Gold, Diamond, Platinum and Conservator's Circles / \$500+ Zoo PAL and Conservation Today donors

Big Bears Tour

June 6

Bears, bears, and more bears! On this tour you will meet our adorable new spectacled bear, along with our two female grizzly bears and male Kodiak, and then top it off with a stop at the polar bears. Get an up-close look at these wildlife ambassadors and learn fun facts from the staff that care for them. Tour begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres outside of Tembo Trail.

Big Cats Tour

July 11

back by popular demand!

This tour is the cat's meow and purr-fect for anyone who loves the Zoo's big cats! Tour begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Tiger Terrace followed by a visit to our four cat exhibits – tiger, cougar, snow leopard and cheetah.

Aquatic Birds Tour

July 25

Birds of a feather swim together? Not all birds fly the friendly skies, some Zoo residents – penguins, ibis and an array of waterfowl – love the water just as much. Meet some of these fascinating birds and learn about their unique features from our Aviary staff. Tour begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the Beastro.

Lake Sturgeon Conservation Tour

August 15

Conservation is at the core of the Zoo's mission and we are actively making an impact right here at home. Learn first-hand about our new local initiative – rearing sturgeon on the banks of the Maumee River. Currently, Ohio doesn't have a reproducing lake sturgeon population. That could all change as the Zoo collaborates with the Ohio Division of Wildlife and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to begin releasing young sturgeon back into the river. Guests will take a short walk to our new rearing facility to see this exciting project up close! Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. in the Aquarium.

Formal Garden Tour

August 21

You don't have to have a green thumb to love this tour! Come and discover one of the Zoo's hidden gems – the Formal Garden. Nestled between the greenhouses and the Kingdom of the Apes, this tranquil garden features a variety of colorful flowers and unique plantings. Zoo horticulturists will lead the tour and be available to answer all your gardening questions. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. in the garden.

A Swinging Good Enrichment Breakfast August 25

Kid-friendly tour!

Bring your children and grandchildren and create yummy treats for some of your favorite Zoo swingers – our small primates. Guests will enjoy a light breakfast, followed by enrichment treat making with the Zoo's animal behaviorist. Once you've made your treat, you'll see first-hand why our small primates love enrichment items and why enrichment is beneficial to their physical and mental health. Tour begins with breakfast at 9 a.m. at the Beastro.

Beautiful Birds

September 12

Hummingbird and Fruit Dove Tour

Be one of the first to see our new hummingbird and fruit dove breeding facility. Housed in the former Keet Retreat, this off-exhibit area will open in early September and be home to tiny colorful hummingbirds and elegant fruit doves. Guests will get to see these beautiful birds up close and meet the Aviary staff who care for them. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. in the garden.

Breakfast With Santa

December 1

A Family Favorite!

A holiday tradition for many of our donor families, guests will enjoy a special kid-friendly breakfast, along with some one-on-one time with the big guy from the North Pole. Be sure to have the kids bring their holiday wish lists and don't forget your camera to capture the moment! Guests will also meet animals from the Zoo's Education department, make take-home wildlife enrichment treats, play fun games, and enjoy holiday entertainment. Breakfast begins at 10 a.m. in the Malawi Event Center.