

# 2019 ZOO DONOR TOURS



## Tour Information:

- 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](mailto:tana.benford@toledozoo.org). Reminder calls/emails will be made one week prior to the event.
- Tours are limited in size for our guests' enjoyment and animal welfare.
- Free parking for all tours available in the Anthony Wayne Trail lot.
- Refreshments will be served and each tour lasts approximately 90 minutes.
- Because alcohol is available, we request that no guests under 21 years of age attend unless the tour description indicates appropriate for children.
- Tours occur rain or shine.
- Please wear comfortable attire and walking shoes.
- If you are unable to attend your reserved tour, please contact Tana Benford as soon as possible so another supporter may fill your spot.

- 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**.

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

### BIG CATS TOUR – MAY 15 (fills up quickly!)

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

## Tours below open to all donors listed in box above

### MUSEUM SNEAK PEEK TOUR

APRIL 24

It's still a work in progress, but guests will enjoy seeing the transformation of the Zoo's former museum of science to the ProMedica Museum of Natural History. Set to open late May, this WPA building now features Ohio 13,000 years ago, live animals, a two-story sensory-rich tropical greenhouse and a 24X larger than life oak forest! Tour begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the Aquarium.

### KOMODO DRAGON TOUR

AUGUST 21

Get up close with one of the most magnificent reptiles in the world. Known for being the largest species of lizard, our two new residents can be found in the ProMedica Museum of Natural History along with an array of venomous snakes and other creepy crawlies that will fascinate and delight. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. in the Museum's Great Hall.

### MUSEUM CONSERVATORY TOUR

JUNE 25

Immerse yourself in the lush plants found in our two new greenhouses located in the ProMedica Museum of Natural History. This tour will be led by conservation coordinator Dr. Ryan Walsh and guests will visit the prairie greenhouse, filled with native plants and our two-story tropical greenhouse, featuring over 100 species of orchids. Tour begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the Museum's Great Hall.

### A CUB ENCOUNTER

AUGUST 27

Our new polar bear cub is adorable, but won't be small for long! Go behind-the-scenes to view the Zoo's newest bundle of joy and learn more about the efforts taking place to save this threatened species. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. in the Arctic Encounter.

### AVIAN BREEDING CENTER TOUR

JULY 9

It's all about the birds – but not the bees – as we visit this off-exhibit area to see first-hand where the magic happens for more than 150 species of birds that make the Zoo their home. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. in the Museum's Great Hall.

### BREAKFAST AT THE AQUARIUM NOVEMBER 2 *Kid-friendly tour!*

We'll feed you and then you can help us feed our fish! Guests will enjoy a light breakfast, followed by an Aquarium tour where you'll go behind-the-scenes to help feed exotic fish in the Reef tank. Tour begins with breakfast at 9 a.m. in the Aquarium.

### AFRICA!/ADVENTURE COURSE TOUR JULY 23 *Perfect for families with teens and young adults!*

Learn about the animals in our popular Africa exhibit and then zip over them in this exhilarating experience for adults and families with older children.\* Giraffe feed and train will also be available for those guests not wanting to participate in the Adventure Course. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. on the Africa! overlook.

\*Restrictions apply.

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA DECEMBER 7 *A family favorite!*

A popular 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 bring holiday wish lists and don't forget your camera! Guests will also meet animals from the Zoo's Education department, make take-home animal enrichment treats, play fun games and enjoy holiday entertainment. Breakfast begins at 10 a.m. in the Museum's Great Hall.

## Other events that may be of interest:

### TOLEDO ZOO CONSERVATION SERIES (open to the public, adults only)

- **Kihansi Spray Toads** – June 5 at 6 p.m. in the Museum's Great Hall
- **Lake Sturgeon** – September 18 at 6 p.m. in the Aquarium
- **Tasmanian Devils** – November 6 at 6 p.m. in the Malawi Event Center

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

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