2020 ZOO DONOR TOURS

Tour Information:
• Tour reservations are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis and can be made by contacting Tana Benford at 419-385-5721, ext. 3024 or 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 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, Zoo PAL and Conservation donors of $2,500+ can choose up to three tours.
- Diamond Circle members, Zoo PAL and Conservation donors of $1,000+ can choose two tours.
- Gold Circle members, Zoo PAL and Conservation donors of $500+ can choose one tour.

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

COOKING WITH THE ZOO’S EXECUTIVE CHEF – NOVEMBER 5
Back by popular demand, this intimate experience is sure to delight. Join executive chef, Eloisa Beltran, as she whips up delectable dishes to enjoy during class while also learning about the Zoo’s food sustainability practices. Program begins at 6 p.m. in the Malawi Event Center.
Come hungry and sign up soon; space is limited!

Tours below open to all donors listed above

AN EVENING WITH THE ZOO’S ANIMAL CURATORS MAY 20
Learn first-hand about the Zoo’s extensive animal collection from the four animal curators who oversee our mammal, aquatic, reptile and avian collections. You won’t want to miss the wealth of information that they will be sharing. Everything you ever wanted to know about the animals that you support and more! Come with questions and enjoy this one-of-a-kind opportunity. Program begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres in the Malawi Event Center.

BREAKFAST AT THE NEW PETTING ZOO MAY 30
Kid-friendly tour!
We’ll feed you and then you can feed – and pet – some of our new Petting Zoo animals! These aren’t your average pigs and cows so gather up the kids to see some of the newest animals to our Zoo family. Guests will enjoy a light breakfast, at 9 a.m. at the Beastro, followed by the tour.

MEET THE ZOO’S PHOTOGRAPHER/VIDEOPHOTOGRAPHER JUNE 25
Ever wonder what it takes to get that perfect photo at the Zoo? Now you can learn first-hand the dos and don’ts of wildlife photography from the person who has taken the thousands of photos that you see on social media and in Zoo publications and ads. Be sure to bring your camera! Not only will this program show you breathtaking photos and provide you with inside tips, you will also have the opportunity to photograph some of our animal exhibits. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres at 6 p.m. in the Museum’s Great Hall.

ALL THINGS AFRICA! TOUR JULY 15
Meet the tall and the small, some with hooves and some with feathers, as we explore the variety of animals found in this exhibit. Guests will also have the opportunity to feed a giraffe, go behind-the-scenes and meet some of the staff that care for these animals. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres at 6 p.m. on the Africal Overlook.

HORTICULTURE AT THE ZOO TOUR AUGUST 12
Not only are we home to 10,000+ animals, we are also home to thousands of beautiful flowers, shrubs and trees. Join Zoo horticulturists on a walking tour to discover the diverse plant life found throughout Zoo grounds and learn how to incorporate into your own landscape. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres at 6 p.m. in the Rose Garden.

APETITUDE TOUR AUGUST 26
What’s the difference between a large primate and a small primate? You’ll find out as we tour the Zoo’s Kingdom of the Apes and Primate Forest with the staff that cares for these magnificent animals. It is sure to be a swinging good time! Tour begins with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres at 6 p.m. in the Rose Garden.

A WALK THROUGH THE AVIARY TOUR SEPTEMBER 30
It’s all about the birds as you get an exclusive look at the hundreds of beautiful birds that make the Zoo’s historic Aviary their home. Lead by the Zoo’s bird curator, this tour is a bird-lovers dream! Tour begins with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres at 6 p.m. at the Bird Feeder.

TIGERS AND BEARS MASTER PLAN TOUR OCTOBER 7
Tigers and bears and more – oh my! President & CEO, Jeff Sailer, will lead this tour to discuss the Zoo’s master plan featuring new exhibits for our tigers and bear species. You’ll visit their current exhibits, enjoy an enrichment demonstration and learn first-hand about these majestic animals and why a new home is so important. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres at 6 p.m. at Tiger Terrace.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA DECEMBER 5
A Family Favorite!
A must-do holiday tradition for many of our donor families. Guests of all ages will enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet, 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 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)
• Exotic Snakes – September 9 at 6 p.m. in the Museum’s Great Hall
Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres will be provided.
Please contact Katherine Lonsbrough at Katherine.Lonsbrough@toledozoo.org or 419-385-5721 ext 2083 to make a reservation.