

2021 TOLEDO ZOO DONOR TOURS



TOUR INFORMATION

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

DIAMOND, PLATINUM, CONSERVATOR'S AND DIRECTOR'S CIRCLES / \$1,000+ DONORS

COOKING WITH THE ZOO'S EXECUTIVE CHEF

NOV. 9 & 11 *Choose from two dates!*

This intimate foodie experience fills up quickly! Join executive chef Eloisa Beltran, and sous chef Corey Wise, as they whip up delectable dishes to enjoy during class while learning about the Zoo's food sustainability practices. Program begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Malawi Event Center. Come hungry and sign up soon; space is limited!

GOLD, DIAMOND, PLATINUM AND CONSERVATOR'S CIRCLES / \$500+ ZOO PAL AND CONSERVATION DONORS

THE BIRDS WITHOUT THE BEES

JUNE 17

Love is in the air for the hundreds of beautiful birds that make the Zoo's historic Aviary their home. Lead by the Zoo's bird curator, this tour is sure to delight as guests learn about the mating habits, unique nest-building and nesting rituals that takes place at the Zoo. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. at the Bird Feeder.

GET WILD WITH WILD TOLEDO

JUNE 22

From native prairies to using native plants in our own landscaping, guests will get a behind-the-scenes look at our conservation greenhouse and learn more about the Wild Toledo initiative taking place in our own community. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. at the Malawi Event Center.

HIP HIP HOORAY FOR SECURITY

JULY 14

Ever wonder what it takes to keep 10,000 animals and hundreds of thousands of Zoo visitors safe each year? Now you can learn first-hand what goes on behind the scenes at the Zoo from our VP of security and safety. But, it wouldn't be the Zoo without seeing an animal – guests will also enjoy a special keeper talk and animal enrichment demo with our hippos at our first-of-its-kind Hippoquarium. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. in the Museum Great Hall.

REPTILES: BEHIND-THE-SCENES IN THE MUSEUM

JULY 20

One of the oldest buildings at the Zoo, the ProMedica Museum of Natural History is more than just displays, it is also home to variety of snakes and arthropods. However, very few visitors have seen some of the unique animals and activities that take place behind-the-scenes in the Museum basement. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. in the Museum Great Hall.

ALL THINGS ARCTIC TOUR

AUG. 17 & 18

We know this tour will fill up quickly so we are offering two dates to choose from! Meet the animals who make their home at our Arctic exhibit – our polar bears, seals and gray wolves. Guests will have the opportunity to go behind the scenes and to meet some of the staff who care for these magnificent animals. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. at the Malawi Event Center.

A WALK THROUGH THE ZOO'S AQUARIUM

SEPT. 1

Longtime Aquarium Curator Jay Hemdal will lead this special walking tour through the historic Aquarium, which was extensively renovated in 2015. You'll learn first-hand what it takes to operate a building that houses more than 3,000 aquatic animals in 178,000 gallons of water, while seeing beautiful fish, rays, and everyone's favorite – Tink the sea turtle. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. in the Aquarium.

NOCTURNAL WALK – FAMILY TOUR

OCT. 6

Grab the kids and join us as we explore the Zoo as the sun sets! This unique experience will provide guests with the opportunity to see and learn about some of the animals that come awake as the night falls. Tour begins with appetizers and refreshments at the Museum Great Hall.

BIO-FLUORESCENCE AT THE ZOO

OCT. 20

Things are aglow at the Zoo! Not only is it cool to look at, bio-fluorescence is a useful tool for our conservation biologists as well. Join Jake Schoen, Toledo Zoo biologist, as he explores this fascinating phenomenon found in a variety of plants and animals. Guests will also have the opportunity to visit our Tasmanian devils, the animal which Jake recently reported the first documented case of bio-fluorescence for this species. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. at the Museum Great Hall.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

DEC. 4

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 Great Hall.

TOLEDO ZOO CONSERVATION SERIES OPEN TO PUBLIC - ADULTS ONLY

DOVES / April 28 / 6 p.m. in the Great Hall at the ProMedica Museum of Natural History

TURTLES / Sept. 29 / 6 p.m. in the Great Hall at the ProMedica Museum of Natural History

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Please contact Katherine Lonsbrough at Katherine.Lonsbrough@toledozoo.org for more information.