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# Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden Volunteer Connections



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## Calendar of Events for September & October

<b>Date / Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mon. Sept. 11 - 6:30 pm	<i>Continuing Education for ALL Volunteers- Mike Dulaney: Sitting Zoo Tour (Potluck)</i>	<b>Frisch's Theater</b>
Fri. Sept. 15 - 6:30 pm—12 am	<i>Zoofari</i>	<b>Entire Zoo</b>
Sat. Sept. 23 - 9 am—1 pm	<i>Native Plant Sale</i>	<b>Bowyer Farm</b>
Sat. Sept. 30 - 5—10 pm	<i>Bowling for Rhinos</i>	<b>Newport, KY</b>
Thurs. Oct. 5 - 6:30—9 pm	<i>Zoo Brew</i>	<b>Entire Zoo</b>
Mon. Oct. 9 - 6:30 pm	<i>Continuing Education for ALL Volunteers - Deb Zureick: Horticulture</i>	<b>Frisch's Theater</b>
Tues. Oct. 17 - 5—8 pm	<i>Volunteer Celebration</i>	<b>Peacock Pavilion</b>

## Nature Events Around Greater Cincinnati

Sept. 25-29 **The Harper Quilt Show** @ Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve / Ellenwood Nature Barn from 11 am—4 pm

Oct. 7-8 **2017 Sunflower Festival** @ Gorman Heritage Farm

Oct. 15 **Autumn Color Walking Tour** @ Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum from 1—3 pm. Registration opens Sept. 16!

Oct. 28 **Bird Walk at Rowe Woods** (Cincinnati Nature Center) from 8—10 am. Tickets required! Visit Cincinnati Nature Center for more information.

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

### **Festival of Lights (FOL) Help—Light Stringers**

The incredibly hardworking Maintenance team is looking for assistance with stringing up lights for FOL. They are in need of individuals from 9—11:30 am & 11:30 am—2 pm, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from now until November 16th.

Stringing up lights is physically taxing work but great appreciated. If you are willing and able, please sign up for shifts on MVP and help bring the magic of the Festival of Lights to life!

### **HallZOOween Candy Help**

During the weekends in October the Zoo is “haunted” by tiny vampires, superheroes, monsters, and more! The Zoo fills with children, young and old, to experience the spookiness of the Zoo in fall. Please come help us spread the spirit of HallZOOween to the little ones by passing out candy at one of our many candy stations.

Shifts run from 12—2:30 pm or 2:30—5 pm, Saturdays and Sundays, through October. If you are interested, please sign up for shifts on MVP.

## Education Programs for Fall 2017—Spring 2018

### Zoo On The Move

#### THE ZOO COMES TO YOU!

Looking to add something wild to your classroom or event? We will bring the Zoo to you during these close encounters with the Zoo's animal ambassadors. We will travel up to 30 miles from the Zoo to schools, birthday parties, scout meetings, nursing homes, libraries, community events and festivals, and so much more!

Please visit the [Zoo's website](#) for more information or to register.

### Zoo Troop

These 4 week long, age-appropriate classes for toddlers through 8th graders are designed to develop curiosity, create empathy, encourage healthy social skills, and grow self esteem. Participants will be immersed in fun, educational, wildlife rich experiences designed to develop knowledge and life skills.

Join the club and hang with the Troop! Programs start September 26th. For more information or to register for fall programs please visit the [Zoo Troop website](#).

### Adult Programs

For adult wildlife enthusiasts our in-depth adult classes & events provide thought-provoking learning along with a good time. From our photography classes to garden "how to" programs, come discover the wealth of knowledge and experiences that await you.

Fall programs include:

- How to Train your Dragon: A Beginner's Animal Training Workshop
- Fall Wildlife Photography
- Zoo-Kemon Go! (Participants must be 21+)
- Paint and Wine Night (Participants must be 21+)

Please click [here](#) for more information or to register.



### Advance Inquiry Program

#### Make the Zoo Your Campus!

In collaboration with Project *Dragonfly* at Miami University, the Zoo offers a master's degree program that combines courses at the Zoo with coursework in a web-based learning community.

Applications for admission into the next cohort of the Advanced Inquiry Program (AIP) open in October 2017, with a deadline of February 28, 2018 and courses beginning that summer.

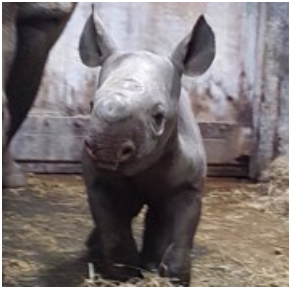
For more information or to apply, click [here](#).

**For information on all our Education Programs, please call 513-559-7767**

## Animal News

### **Black Rhino Baby:** *CINCINNATI, OH (August 7, 2017)* –

Eastern black rhino calf Kendi, born three weeks ago, and his mom, Seyia, are now making brief appearances in their outdoor habitat at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden.



Eastern black rhinos, native to Eastern and Central Africa, have two large horns made of keratin that they use for defense, intimidation, and feeding. An adult can weigh anywhere between 1,760 and 3,080 pounds, and newborns (calves) weigh between 73 – 121 pounds.

The species is Critically Endangered due to poaching and habitat loss. Fewer than 5,000 black rhinos remain in the world.

Dad, Faru, is out daily in his neighboring yard. Black rhinos are solitary animals, so there are no plans to unite the three. Look for updates on the calf's progress on Cincinnati-Zoo.org and on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat.

**Lemur Lookout:** *CINCINNATI, OH (August 1, 2017)* – Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden's ring-tailed lemur population just doubled after two young females, sent to the Zoo last year on a breeding recommendation from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' (AZA) Species Survival Plan (SSP), gave birth within days of each other. Five-year-old Izze gave birth to a single pup on Friday afternoon, July 28, and three-year-old Willow produced twins late yesterday.

Both first-time moms are doing a great job with their babies. Visitors can see, if they're patient and pay careful attention, the whole troop, including first-time dad Ivan, at Lemur Lookout.



### Zoo Babies

Black Rhino

Red Panda

Flamingo Chicks

Colobus Monkey

Ring-tailed  
Lemurs





**Hippo News:** For Fiona updates please visit the Zoo's website or [click here](#).

"We don't know what the sex is because we don't have hands on until the cub is 8 weeks old," said senior Wildlife Canyon keeper Lissa Browning. The zoo leads the world in red panda births for the fulgen *Styani* subspecies. "Visitors can see it when it comes out in September..."

Read more [here](#)

**Red Panda:** WCPO Excerpt from WCPO contributor- Christine Charlson: *It's official: The Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden's cuteness factor just went up another notch with the announcement of its newest baby red panda. On June 25, mother Lin gave birth to the cub, which is the 86th born at the facility.*



## Zoo Trippers'– Adventures 2017—Judy Stewart

After 33 Zoo Trippers settled on the Croswell bus before 7 a.m., June 19, we were off on our 2017 trip. One never knows all that lies ahead. This trip contrasted our zoo with eight others.

Peoria Zoo, our first destination! Like CZBG, elk were part of the original animal collection. This now 14-acre zoo, owned by the Peoria Park District, opened in the late 1800's. Marlin Perkins served as its advisor at one point. In 2009, the Africa exhibit opened, featuring the Zambezi River animals displays meandering near the boardwalk. The Australian Walk About reminded many trippers of the summer of '95. Do you remember the emu chicks snatching rice cakes and flinging baby bottles in Children's Zoo? Amur tigers, Chinese muntjacs and an elegant Sichuan takin pair populated the Asian Trail. A New Caledonian giant gecko, Asian forest scorpions, and black-handed spider monkey inhabit Tropics Building. Spacious habitats, familiar and new animal species—a new zoo for us!

Boarding the bus in Waterloo, Iowa, Tuesday morning, we journeyed to the outdoor trials of the Minnesota Zoological Garden, open since 1978. After lunch, gracious docents walked us through the zoo, sharing their expertise in answer to our questions. Hawaiian monk seals and weedy seadragons were Discovery Zone (Sound familiar???) residents. Russia's Grizzly Coast featured Amur leopards, sea otters and wild boar---of course, grizzly bears. We walked through Kangaroo Crossing (reds, Bennett's wallabies, and emu) and past the pronghorns.



## Zoo Trippers' (cont.)

Among familiar landscapes at Medtronic Minnesota Trail were Canada lynx, caribou, coyotes, fishers and wolverines. Rock hyrax, Sri Lankan junglefowl, De Brazza's monkeys, a baboon, a Malayan tapir and Matschie's tree kangaroos illustrated rainforest biodiversity along Tropics Trail. The flights of the Harris' hawk and a king vulture captivated the Bird Show audience. The Japanese macaque troop with lots of little ones entertained at our exit point. This zoo provides a quick look at many parts of our world and a detailed view of Minnesota wildlife.

Near the Minneapolis Hampton Inn, the renovated Mall of Americas provided an array of activities. Shopping attracted some; Sea Life Aquarium, others, and Fly Over America, a few.

Como Park Zoo and Conservatory in St. Paul allowed us to choose how we spent our time. Those choosing to visit the zoo found Emperor tamarins, François langurs, lined sea horses and Grant's zebras. The 25-year-old Galapagos tortoise dwarfed ours. Just wait! Curiously, they obtained the snow leopards from zoos in France and Germany. Blooming Butterflies, the summer attraction, featured a world of these beauties. Horticulture enthusiasts fancied the quiet serenity of Ordway Japanese Gardens. Victoria water lilies in full bloom graced huge Water Garden in front of the new Visitors Center. A free zoo existing on donations!

Amid the ruins of ancient Rome, a gigantic Trojan horse replica pointed the way to family-owned Timbavati Wildlife Park. Becky Brinkman, a former CZBG volunteer, conducted our personal tour. Gray foxes and spider monkeys eyed our group. The Safari Train carried us through the grassland area where oryx addax eland, nilgai and wildebeest mingle. Dromedary camels begged for carrots. The newest male reticulated giraffe wasn't interested. A tiny 12-hour-old black buck slumbered in the corner of its nursery area. Rare white emus shared their enclosure with mating African spur-thighed tortoises. A private zoo working hard to grow! Can you imagine having to transport animals out of the zoo for the frigid winter to insulated barns off grounds?

Next was a surprise—a two-hour boat tour deep into the Upper Dells of the Wisconsin River. Traveling through 500-year-old rock formations transported us to the time Native Americans and early explorers found this gem. Our first stop, Witches Gulch, wended through a red and gold sandstone slot canyon. After maneuvering a narrow whirlpool, we stopped again—this time at Stand Rock, an enormous flat rock slab atop a 47-foot tower of sandstone layers. One felt very insignificant there! As we journeyed back to the dock, a rock profile of Black Hawk caught our attention. A brand new ultra-modern Holiday Inn Express offered rest from a day of excitement and tranquility!

A short ride after breakfast found us at Madison's Henry Vilas Zoo. Director Ronda Schwetz met the bus, welcoming us with a brief history and future plans for the 28-acre zoo. No one seemed to mind the rain as we made our way toward the Arctic Passage to visit Berit, our polar bear until last November. She greeted us up close and personal at the windows, perhaps recognizing some of the ZVOs who watched her in recent years. The transition North appears to agree with her! A gigantic tundra buggy hinted at the November zoo trip to see Churchill's polar bears. Two February-born lion cubs romped in the wet grass. Reticulated giraffes towered over their white rhinoceros neighbor. At the Primate House, two Bornean orangutans showed their agility. The Herpetarium featured two very large animals---an anaconda and an Aldabra tortoise. A badger and sandhill crane represented Wisconsin Heritage. Their conservation program focuses on the Somali wild asses. Sleepovers and Zoo to You programs are offered. Beautiful wooded walkways, good food, divine ice cream! Their Amur tiger died July 21.

## Zoo Trippers' (cont.)

We completed our Twin Cities visit at the Milwaukee County Zoo, celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A tram tour offered an overview of the 200-acre facility. A familiar face was our own Dr. Erin Curry, not the researcher, but the red panda born in June 2015. Showing his prowess, a mandrill stared at us. The Waldrapp ibis brought Telly, a CZBG program animal, to mind. Antlers revealed a caribou herd in the tall grasses. An enormous grizzly resided near a magnificent polar bear. A cinerous vulture rested in an enclosure with zany southern ground hornbills. The African elephant gave his eye with his trunk rub. Some of our group took in the Body Worlds: Animals Inside and Out, reminiscent of the Museum Center's Human Body. Besides hosting Zoofari, publishing a Wish List and establishing a green roof and rain garden, Milwaukee and Cincinnati began their animal collections with birds and small mammals. Small world sometimes!

Our annual group dinner—at the Backyard Steak Pit in Gurnee, Illinois—was outstanding. Enormous portions of delicious foods, excellent service, and a hot fudge sundae---another amazing find, Barb! Sadly, the city streets looked more like canals in Venice three weeks later.

Michigan City was the first Indiana stop on the way home. Washington Park Zoo, overlooking Lake Michigan, was designed and landscaped by the WPA. Observation Tower and Rotary Children's Castle were among eleven buildings listed on the National Register. Chaperoning us through the zoo, Director Jamie Hess shared the challenges of running a zoo built on a hilly sand dune and steps being taken toward a future AZA accreditation. Monkey Island with its access tunnel housed ring-tailed lemurs with Pekin and Cayuga ducks in the moat. New capuchins took exception to the antics of young co-eds. A clutch of wood ducklings huddled together in their enclosure. Incidentally, CZBG's fourteen Bean Awards were named for this zoo's first director.

Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, now 38 acres, has really grown since our last visit. A black stork, honey badger and serval populated the African Journey along with silvery-cheeked hornbills and spotted hyenas. A dingo and Tasmanian devils upstaged marine animals in the Australian Adventure. A walk through the Indonesian Rainforest left the rest of the world behind. White eye rings, a "milk" moustache—it must be the spectacled lemur. The two-year-old Sumatran orangutan frolicked with its mother. Near the Research Station, Javan gibbons swung along Tree Top Trail. The KuneKune pig, once kept by New Zealand's Maoris, made its home in the barnyard. White peacocks strutted in the gardens near the Gift Shop.

None of these trips would be possible without the expert planning of our fearless leader, Barb Zentgraf, and her sidekick, Barry Paul. Bill Schomer kept a ready supply of snacks and cold drinks. Sandy Matlow's humorous stories and quizzes entertained us. Gary Francis, our driver, thinks of us as family. Jerry Enzweiler helped unload the luggage. Sadly, every good trip ends. Now Zoo Trippers wonder what will be on the 2018 itinerary.

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***“Thanks also goes to Judy Stewart who used her skills to put together clever animal word-find puzzles and games to work out during the bus ride. Then, despite a bad head-banging fall on the 2nd morning, she managed to take enough notes to write this article.” - Barb Zentgraf***

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## Zoosters

Hi Everyone!

We are in the middle of summer, can you believe it's August! The Zoosters are busy at work on items for the festival. We are trying to get some new items to sell for Christmas. **Don't forget the "Preview Bake Sale" coming on October 24, 2017.** A reminder will be in the next newsletter.

We said goodbye to Connie last month and we were sorry to see her go. But I know she is happy to be spending time with Ken and her grandchildren for the summer before they go back to school. The Zoosters gave Connie a gift certificate for Paragon for a SPA DAY. She wanted to thank all the Zoosters for this gift and hopes to see us at the Zoo on one of the Tuesdays.

We are happy to welcome Sabrina. She will be doing the job that Connie was doing for the volunteers. I know she will do a great job with Mollie. If you haven't met her, please introduce yourself to her.

We did help the Enrichment Group, making things for the animals to play with when they are out in their yards. We are looking forward to another session to help make more things.

This summer three Zoosters achieved a total of 44 YEARS of workshops, sales, and all home hours. These three ladies; Colleen Bens, JoAnn Fluegeman and Jane Jagaditz have all seen many changes at our Zoo. They have also experienced different locations for workshops, both here at the Zoo and off site. I know there are more Zoosters who have been with us a long time, such as Irene Scarpa, Rose Blankenbuehler, Lisa Lane, Barb Marshall. Some of these ladies are unable to come to the Zoo anymore but we still think of them often.

Zoo directors changed and many of their fellow Zoosters have died but, Colleen, JoAnn and Jane still carry on. WE THANK ALL OUR ZOOSTERS PAST AND PRESENT!!!

Stay safe!

- Paulette Leppert



*Baby Black Rhino—Kendi and mother Seyia.*

## Bowling for Rhinos

### Event Info

*Date:* September 30

Check in begins at 5 pm.  
Bowling is 6—8 pm. Silent Auction wars will last until 9 pm.

*Location:* Walt's Center Lanes, Newport, KY

*Prices:* \$30 for single ticket

\$50 for couples

\$120 for your own lane—up to 6 people

*Sponsorship:* Various options and monetary levels available. All sponsorships must be received by September 8th.

Click [here](#) for more information & tickets.

## Full Bloom!

### What's Happening in the Garden

Peak bloom season is upon us and hopefully everyone has had the chance to take a stroll and enjoy the fruits of all the gardening labor. The garden is literally “buzzing” with activity! Everywhere you go, you will find an abundance of pollinators, and they are not the only ones who are appreciative of the countless blooms. If you keep your ears open, you will likely hear our zoo visitors commenting on the gorgeous plants as well. Excellent job, everyone!

And yes, it's still summer, and it still can get HOT! Please remember the following when working out in the garden.

**TAKE BREAKS** when you need to and remind your colleagues to take breaks as well.

Remember to bring water, snacks, sun-screen, light-long sleeve shirt (to protect from sun), hat, towel or bandana, and anything else that you might need for a few hours of gardening in the sun/heat.

Keep in mind that the concession stands will refill your water bottles anytime you need it.

**PAY ATTENTION** to your body. You know yourself better than anyone else—don't take on more than you can handle.

**KEEP AN EYE ON EACH OTHER.** We're all in this together and want to stay safe, fit, and healthy so we can keep coming back!

**GARDENING HOURS** will return to normal (gam to noon) as September approaches (and the temps stay cool). Tosh will send an email and leave messages on the volunteer hotline when the change occurs.

*A Special Thanks . . .*

. . . from all the Horticulture Volunteers to the Horticulture Staff for hosting the Pizza and Ice Cream Social. And also, a special thanks to Betty Wuest for providing the sweet side of life and to everyone who helped with set up/clean up. We all had a WONDERFUL TIME and really appreciate the camaraderie and recognition – you Zoo Plant People are the BEST!

## Horticulture Save the Dates

- Wednesday, August 23 – Plant Trials Symposium; **SOLD OUT**. To be placed on the Waitlist, call 513-559-7766 or drop by the main desk in the Education Building. If you have already registered and cannot attend, please call the same number to cancel and make room for others.
- Thursday, September 7, 12:30pm – “All about Coffee” presentation with guest lecturer from Deeper Roots, a local coffee roaster dedicated to direct and ethical sourcing of coffee. Location: Operations Training Room near Security Office (under main gift-shop). Tosh will send an email with a detailed description of how to get to the room, for those who have not been there.
- Thursday, October 5, 12:30 pm – Continuing Education; Topic and location TBD
- Saturday, September 23 – **Native Plant Sale at Bowyer Wetlands**
- *TBD – Tree Carnival will be scheduled on a Saturday in late September/early October. Deb will share details soon.*



Until next time . . .

**SEE YOU IN THE GARDEN!**

## Garden Highlights from Tosh

Public Trials Day was a great success! We are still tabulating the data and should have it together soon. This, along with the data from our Volunteer plant evaluations provide great value to our Annual Plant Trials and feedback to growers. Thank you for all your help!

Gardening for Wildlife Station - Our Gardening for Wildlife station is back in action, promoting plants for pollinators and drawing attention to our many beautiful gardens and landscapes. Shout out to the folks volunteering in this area. The ladder looks great and there have been lots of visitors asking questions, learning about plants for pollinators, and leaving with a great appreciation for the gardens. Keep up the good work!

Garden Encounters - If anyone is interested in interacting with guests by creating some garden encounters this summer, Tosh would be happy to listen to your ideas and discuss possibilities there. There are several interesting plants/areas where these encounters could take place. Please contact Tosh Dobias at: [natsha.dobias@cincinnati-zoo.org](mailto:natsha.dobias@cincinnati-zoo.org)

Upcoming Work for September/October – As we prepare for Fall, we will be focusing on landscape cleanup along Zoofari walk, fall planting, fall mulching, nursery potting for winter, nursery clean up, pulling annuals and tulip bulb planting. Just a small list! :-)

Wonderful job, everyone!



## Travel with the Zoo, plan a trip you'll remember forever!

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If you crave an out-of-the-ordinary travel experience, travel with the Cincinnati Zoo! Our trips are adventurous, educational, intimate and fun. All of our tours are escorted by zoo naturalists who are very knowledgeable, friendly and well-traveled. Come with us on an exciting wildlife adventure!

Manitoba, Canada – November 10-16, 2017 **SPACE STILL AVAILABLE!**

Led by the Zoo's CREW Reproductive Physiologist, Dr. Erin Curry

Please call Christina at 513-487-3318 or email [Christina.a@cincinnati-zoo.org](mailto:Christina.a@cincinnati-zoo.org) for more information

<http://cincinnati-zoo.org/education/travel-with-the-zoo/>




## Word Search...




### Zoo Animals

DIRECTIONS: Circle the names of the different animals from the word list in the letter grid below. To find them all you will have to look in every direction, including backwards and diagonally. Good luck!



ALLIGATOR	L	K	R	O	T	A	G	I	L	L	A	S	A	L	A	O	K
CAMEL	Y	Z	U	G	E	U	Z	R	P	E	J	P	B	K	V	F	L
ELEPHANT	K	F	G	H	C	C	G	N	C	V	Y	W	A	G	O	K	U
FLAMINGO	S	M	O	P	X	P	E	E	O	A	I	N	M	N	O	G	H
GIRAFFE	I	B	R	O	D	K	L	T	E	I	G	M	A	F	D	P	C
GORILLA	P	C	I	G	I	C	N	V	N	A	L	K	E	F	S	A	M
HIPPO	O	B	L	H	R	A	V	Z	R	Y	K	I	R	O	V	O	O
KANGAROO	L	C	L	I	H	A	Y	O	J	U	T	C	O	P	N	U	G
KOALA	A	O	A	P	I	T	O	U	C	A	N	R	E	K	F	H	N
LION	R	A	E	P	N	I	Z	E	B	R	A	L	E	N	H	M	I
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MONKEY	RHINO
PANDA	SEAL
PELICAN	TIGER
PENGUIN	TOUCAN
POLAR BEAR	ZEBRA

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## Riddle...

I am mother and father, but never birth or nurse. I am rarely still, but I never wander. What am I?

Answer Next Issue!



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