Join the Montgomery Zoo family for 2015...

The next time you visit the Zoo, stroll around and take notice of all the signs and plaques honoring various donors through the years. The Montgomery Zoo is proud to have a longstanding history of community involvement and support. From large corporations and independent business owners to longtime Zoo members, our friends in the military, regional school children and teachers, civic clubs, church groups, local high school and college sports teams, and social clubs, donations large and small are responsible for what now stands as the Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum.

A legacy has been built here at the Montgomery Zoo greatly in part from generous donations from friends and members just like you. Either as a dedication, class project, memorial or as a holiday year-end gift, your gift is contributed to the general fund allowing the Montgomery Zoo to continue to expand, develop new exhibits and programs, introduce new rides and animal encounters while continuing to touch the regional and outlying communities. Your generous donations aid the Montgomery Zoo, but it also benefits and educates thousands of school children, families and guests per year. Supporting the Montgomery Zoo can be done in the form of financial support, event sponsorship, donations, volunteerism and your patronage of the Zoo. Visit the Zoo on a regular basis either by becoming a member or by regular admission. Attend our many special events; like kid and family-friendly, Zoo Weekend, ZooBoo, Christmas Lights Festival and others. Special events like these help support the Zoo and add to its yearly general operating budget. Another way to help support the Zoo is to volunteer. Your time is the most valuable and precious commodity you can contribute to the Zoo or any organization. And don’t forget to tell all your friends and family about your many wildlife adventures at the Zoo. It has been proven time and time again. The best advertising is word-of-mouth. So get out there and spread the word about great times and wild adventures at the Montgomery Zoo. And feel free to post pictures and stories of your grand Zoo adventure with friends and family on our two facebook pages.

Our goal is simple yet true. We want to create and maintain an environment that is safe and healthy for our guests and animals alike while creating a positive and learning experience for all. Won’t you join us at the Montgomery Zoo?

See you at the Zoo,

Doug Goode, Zoo Director

Mission of the Montgomery Zoo

The mission of the Montgomery Zoo is to improve the future for wildlife by exhibiting animals and plants; provide educational and conservation programs; to encourage respect and stewardship of the natural world; and teach better understanding of our place within the world we share.

Mission goals
Goal 1: The Zoo will provide for the health and well-being of the animals in its care.
Goal 2: The Zoo will be a leader and innovator in wildlife conservation.
Goal 3: The Zoo will be an enjoyable year-round facility for all ages and income levels.
Goal 4: The Zoo will have a high quality and diverse conservation and education program.
Goal 5: The Zoo’s plant and animal collection will be available and utilized for study and research which creates better understanding of our natural environment.
From all the MAZS board members, volunteers, and staff, we wish you a Happy New Year!

Reflecting on 2014, the out-going President, Bill Hardin, and the ever-vigilant Zoo Staff, thank you for supporting our River Region Zoo, its programs, and memberships. Without your support, our job as Board members would be quite difficult. 2014 was an exciting year for the Zoo with the addition of the Alligator exhibit. I urge you to visit this fantastic outdoor exhibit if you haven’t already. We must thank the sponsors who contributed generously to complete the project: Alabama Power, Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama, and Rita Sabel. The four alligators offer an up-close view of these pre-historic looking creatures in a near-natural habitat.

Looking forward to 2015, MAZS board members face many goals and challenges. We are charged with continuing fund-raising efforts to complete the stingray exhibit. This educational, touch-and-feel exhibit is a fine addition to the Zoo, bringing revenue to support itself and other new projects. We have a lofty goal of $185,000 to complete the exhibit. To be successful, the Board must identify and solicit corporate and individual sponsors. If you or your company will join us raising and collecting this amount, please contact me at mazs president@gmail.com. Top tier donors and sponsors will be recognized and remembered with permanent exhibit signage. Also, sponsorships can be in honor of or in memory of a special person.

Annual memberships are great gifts for family, friends, and employees. With just four visits annually, most memberships pay for themselves. The Grandparents’ package allows two named people of the same household and up to eight grandchildren on a single membership. Also available are the single-parent/one child membership, and other family membership options. Think of the fun an afternoon at the zoo is! Another way to support the Zoo is to sponsor memberships for those in need of a scholarship membership. I invite you to consider the Zoo in your 2015 gift-giving.

Please remember the Zoo has a Facebook page and a website, montgomeryzoo.com. Both inform you of all the fun, activities, camps, and other availabilities. We look forward to serving the needs of the River Region, and thank you for your continued support. See you at the Zoo!

Sincerely,
Janey Whitten Sabel
President, MAZS Board of Directors

How to give

Adopt an animal. Take an active role in improving the care and well-being of the residents of the Montgomery Zoo. All animals are available for adoption with packages ranging from $50 to $500 per year depending on the benefits you select.

Brick pavers and benches. Be on permanent display in our Brick Plaza or under your favorite shade tree. Great as a present, memorial or recognition program. Brick sizes and cost vary from $60 to $2500 per brick. Benches are $1500 per bench.

Upgrade your membership. Join the Chimpanzee, Zebra, Giraffe or Presidents Club. Enjoy the benefits awarded to our upper-level members. Packages vary in benefits, costs range from $250 to $1000. Or donate additional funds with your membership.

Cash and planned gifts. Outright cash gifts may be donated to the Zoo’s General Fund, a specific exhibit or habitat, attraction, special project, realm or animal species. Gifts may be made in cash or with any major credit card; in person, mail-in or online. All gifts are tax deductible to the full extent as the IRS allows.

Bequests. Name the Zoo and/or Museum as your beneficiary in your will. A bequest may be made in cash or with any major credit card; in person, mail-in or online. All gifts are tax deductible to the full extent as the IRS allows.

MAZS Members at Large
Nan Barganier, Candy Capel, Adam Causey, Jeanne Charbonneau, Jennifer Crump顿, Stephen Dees, Rachael Gallagher, Michael Gallyps, Denise Greene, Dr. Mary Hampton, Dotye Hannan, Dawn Hathcock, Sommerville Hill, Jamie Hodges, Tina Joly, Dr. Joyce Loyd-Davis, Delbert Madison, Lila McNair, Marianne McLeod, Christine Prewitt, Betty Roberts, Amanda Spiers, Dr. John Sullivan, Scarlettle Tuley, and Paul K. Walker

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Rides & Attractions Manager, Cade Woodruff

Hours and prices
9:00am - 5:30pm, 7 days per week. Closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. Last ticket sold at 4pm. Major animal exhibits begin closing at 4:30pm.

Combo rates (Zoo and Mann Museum)
Adults: $20, Children (3-12yrs old): $15, Seniors 65+: $18, 2yrs old and under: FREE.

Zoo Admission
Adults: $15, Children (3-12yrs old): $11, Seniors 65+: $13, 2yrs old and under: FREE.

Mann Museum Admission
Adults: $7, Children (3-12yrs old): $6, Seniors 65+: $6, 2yrs old and under: FREE.

Rides and attractions
Train ride: $3 per person, 2 yrs old and less, FREE
ZooSafari SkyLift ride: $4 per person, Must at least be 32” tall ride, open daily 10am-4pm
Pedal boats: $8.00 for the first person, $10 for two people, $12 for three and $14 for four, 30min ride.
Giraffe Encounter Post: $3 per person, includes admission to post and feed, open daily 10am-4pm
Feeding Stations: Located at River Otters and Asian Koi Fish pond, 50 cents for feed
Parakeet Cove: Located near the sky lift entry, entry FREE, $2 for feed packs
Petting Zoo: Located at the playground, entry FREE, $2 for feed packs
Shelter Rentals: Three hour period, 9am-noon and 1pm-4pm, advanced reservations required.
Playground $65, Front gate area $65.

NOTE: Prices and programs are effective as of January 01, 2015. Prices are subject to change without notice.
Why are some jaguars spotted and others black? In the case at the Montgomery Zoo, our male jaguar (the father) is black in color and the female jaguar (the mother) is spotted. These cubs are black like their father; which is melanistic. Melanistic means the cubs are born with an unusually high amount of melanin, a black pigment found in animals or plants and the melanistic gene is typically a dominate one. Despite the cubs’ black coat, they still display a rosette pattern just like their mother. It is just a little more difficult to see. Pic contributed by Gary Seals.
### Zoonotables

- **Jan 1**: New Year’s Day (Zoo closed)
- **Jan 19**: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Zoo open)
- **Jan 27**: Volunteer Docent Banquet

### Docent Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

**JANUARY 27 @ 6pm.** Dinner and banquet celebrating and awarding Zoo Education Department volunteers. All Montgomery Zoo docents and zooteens are welcome to join in this event allowing the Zoo staff and board members the opportunity to say thank you for all their hard work during the year. By invitation only, RSVP required.
SLOTH BEAR

So why do zoo animals need enrichment? No matter how great the exhibit, no matter how awesome the zoo, there is no way to gimmick nature. Enrichment aids in stimulating behavior in captive animals that is typical of the species in the wild. By placing different stimuli in the animals’ environment, it allows the animal to put its five basic senses into play thus exercising it both mentally and physically. Introducing items as simple as scents, treats, puzzles, and toys will result in increased physical and mental exercise, producing a far happier and healthier animal. Pic contributed by Pam Smith.
Volunteer Appreciation Brunch - 10am - noon

Animal Enrichment Day - 10am - 2pm

ANIMAL ENRICHMENT DAY.
FEB 21, 10am - 2pm. From zoo animals to our pets at home and even including us, we all need enrichment. A chance to smell a new scent, taste a new flavor, play a new game or figure out a puzzle. Enrichment is an effort to tap into and stimulate our basic five senses: touch, sight, smell, taste and hearing. The result is to stimulate behaviors resembling those for that species in a wild. It is a lot of trial and error, but it is always fun.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH. FEB 28, 10am - Noon. Brunch and banquet celebrating and awarding the Zoo’s loyal and dedicated volunteers. All Montgomery Zoo volunteers are welcome to join in this event allowing the Zoo staff and boards members the opportunity to say thank you for all their hard work during the year. Brunch will begin serving at 10am in the Mann Museum conference room. After the brunch, volunteers spend the day in the Zoo with friends and family. By invitation only, RSVP necessary.
Why do zebra have stripes? The stripes blend with the tall, wavy savannah grass. It doesn’t really matter that the zebra’s stripes are black and white, and the grasses are yellow, brown or green, because the zebra’s main predator, the lion, is color blind. The pattern of the camouflage is much more important than its color when hiding from these predators. If a zebra is standing still in matching surroundings, a lion may overlook it completely. Also when the herd is in full run, the stripes blend confusing predators from picking out a single target. Pic contributed by Dennis Culbertson.
Zoonotables
Mar 8 - Daylight Savings begins
Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20 - Spring begins
Mar 29 - Palm Sunday

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Daylight savings begins
St. Patrick's Day
Spring begins
Palm Sunday
Have you ever wondered why tigers sleep so much? Most large cats sleep for around 20 hours a day. One reason for this is that they are carnivores. Meat is a high-quality diet. Another is that hunting requires a lot of energy, and most hunts do not end in a kill. If you only eat about once a week, and expend a lot of energy catching that meal, it makes sense to conserve energy at other times. In addition, large cats are either the top predators, meaning that they can afford to relax as they are not in danger of attack from another animal. Pic contributed by Dennis Culbertson.
### Zoonotables

- **Apr 1** - April Fool's Day
- **Apr 3** - Passover
- **Apr 5** - Easter Sunday
- **Apr 11-12** - Zoo Weekend
- **Apr 21-22** - Earth Day Safari

### ZOO WEEKEND. APRIL 11 - 12, 9am - 6pm.
A festive environment with live entertainment, games, rides, concessions and animals from around the world. Enjoy the many activities, fantastic food and have fun together at an affordable price. It is also an excellent opportunity to take advantage of discounted memberships.

### EARTH DAY SAFARI. APRIL 21 - 22, 9am - 2pm.
Designed with school groups in mind, the Zoo’s Earth Day Safari is a fun and educational field trip for students. You can participate in an Endangered Species Scavenger Hunt, play Earth Day Trivia games, see live animal presentations, keeper talks and more. **School group discount rates available, advanced reservations required.**
Why do alligators live in swamps? Alligators have a low tolerance for salt, so the majority of alligators inhabit freshwater. They can only handle being exposed to salt water for a small length of time, but will sometimes live in brackish water. These reptiles favor calmer waters and primarily occupy swamps and marshes. They can also be found in ponds, rivers, and lakes. Alligators require a sufficient amount of prey, mud, and vegetation to thrive and generally prefer warmer climates. They are most active in warmer weather, as their metabolisms begin to slow down at about 70°F. Pic contributed by Dennis Culbertson.
**Zoonotables**

May 1 - May Day

May 2 - Dino Dig Education Program

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

May 10 - Mother’s Day (free admission for mom)

May 16 - Armed Forces Day

May 18 - Victoria Day

May 25 - Memorial Day (Zoo open)

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**DINO DIG EDUCATION PROGRAM. MAY 2, 10am - NOON.** Go on an archeological dig and discover bones from the past. Make new discoveries and new friends. Geared for kids 4-10 years old, advanced reservations required. Join us May 2.

**MOTHER’S DAY, MAY 10 FREE ADMISSION FOR MOMS.** Celebrate Mother’s Day at the Montgomery Zoo. All Moms receive FREE admission to the Montgomery Zoo and the Mann Wildlife Learning Museum. Join us for Mother’s Day.

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**MAY 2015**

**SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY**
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3 | 4 | 5 Cinco de Mayo | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9

10 Mother’s Day - FREE admission for moms | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Armed Forces Day

17 | 18 Victoria Day | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23

24/31 Memorial Day - Zoo open | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30
Are the otter’s cute little eyes and whiskers just a fashion statement? Nope, river otters possess specialized vision that enables them to view prey while swimming in dark and unclear waters. Their tiny eyes can easily spot food that may not be as visible to others. Their whiskers are useful for detecting vibrations and the proximity of prey. Apart from just strong vision and vibration detection, river otters have extraordinary smelling capabilities. A river otter is capable of using his olfactory skills to track down groups of fish, then swiftly travel to access and eat them! *Pic contributed by Zoo staff.*
Military Day
- Free admission for retired, active duty personnel and their dependents

Father's Day
- FREE admission for moms

Summer begins

Zoo Summer Camp.
JUNE 1 - JULY 24.
Zoo Summer Camp is a fun-filled, educational wildlife experience. Geared for kids 5-12 years old, half-day and full-day camps available. Advanced reservations are required.

Military Day, June 18.
FREE ADMISSION MILITARY PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES.
All military personnel and their families receive FREE admission to the Zoo and the Mann Wildlife Learning Museum. Food, drinks and refreshments are also provided. Thank you for proudly serving.

Father's Day, June 21
FREE ADMISSION FOR DADS.
Celebrate Father's Day at the Montgomery Zoo. All Dads receive FREE admission to the Montgomery Zoo and the Mann Wildlife Learning Museum. Join us for Father's Day.
AFRICAN ELEPHANT

Is bigger better? In the elephant world and defending the herd, bigger is definitely better. A male African elephant on average can reach in excess of 15,000 pounds. With that big body comes a big head and trunk. It is supported with extra muscles along the neck, and the skull has, like bird bones, many tiny air pockets to keep it light. The trunk is amazingly dexterous, being both gentle and strong. A trunk is capable of killing a lion or caressing an elephant calf. It can move items weighing a ton and pick up objects as small as a coin. Pic contributed by Gary Seals.
### Zoonotables

**July 1** - Canada Day  
**July 4** - Independence Day (Zoo open)  
**July 6 - July 24** - Summer Camp  
**July 18** - Animal Enrichment Day, 10am - 2pm

#### ZOO SUMMER CAMP.  
**JULY 6 - JULY 24.** Zoo Summer Camp is a fun-filled, educational wildlife experience. Geared for kids 5-12 years old, half-day and full-day camps available. Advanced reservations are required.

#### ANIMAL ENRICHMENT DAY.  
**JULY 18, 10am - 2pm.** From zoo animals to our pets at home and even including us, we all need enrichment. A chance to smell a new scent, taste a new flavor, play a new game or figure out a puzzle. Enrichment is an effort to tap into and stimulate our basic five senses: touch, sight, smell, taste and hear. The result is to stimulate behaviors resembling those for that species in a wild. It can be a lot of trial and error, but it is always fun. Join us July 18, 10am - 2pm.
Why do flamingos stand on one leg so much? Flamingos often stand on one leg with the other leg tucked beneath the body. Recent research indicates that standing on one leg allows the birds to conserve more body heat, given that they spend a significant amount of time wading in cold water. Flamingos are considered wading birds, but are also very strong flyers reaching speeds of 35mph. There are only six species of flamingos, but they are found around the world from the Caribbean and South America to Africa, the Middle East and Europe. Pic contributed by Dennis Culbertson.
Zoonotables

Aug 8 - Magical Creatures Education Program
Aug 15 - Upper-level members and donor brunch

MAGICAL CREATURES.
AUG 8, 10am - NOON. Meet some of the magical animals that are featured in movies like Harry Potter and The Hobbit. You will get a chance to meet animals up close, learn about them in their habitats, and take home some special prizes for yourself. Make new discoveries and new friends. Geared for boys and girls, 4-10 years old, advanced reservations required. Join us August 8.

ANNUAL DONORS BRUNCH.
AUG 15, 10am - NOON.
Upper-level members and donors join us for a brunch and special animal viewings at the Montgomery Zoo. By invitation only, RSVPs required.
Come on, give me a big hug! Spider monkeys are very social animals. They live in groups called troops. Since they are diurnal (active during the day), spider monkeys will split into smaller groups that will separately search for and gather food. When different troops of spider monkeys meet, they hug each other to express greetings and to avoid confrontation or any potential aggression within the group. During the night, spider monkeys gather in large groups and sleep in the trees, where they are safe from the predators. Pic contributed by Dennis Culbertson.
**Zoonotables**

- **Sept 7** - Labor Day (Zoo open)
- **Sept 11** - Patriot’s Day
- **Sept 13** - Grandparents’ Day
- **Sept 17** - Rosh Hashanah
- **Sept 17** - Zoobilation: The wildest party in town
- **Sept 22** - Yom Kippur
- **Sept 23** - Autumn begins
- **Sept 25** - Ballet and the Beasts

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**ZOOBILATION: The wildest party in town! SEPT 17, 6pm - 10pm.** Dance to the groove, delight in drinks and samplings from the River Region’s finest eateries and specialty bars, try your luck the auction, and just have fun for a great cause. Zoobilation is a fundraiser geared for adults only. Join us Sept 17 for the social event of the season. **Tickets required, all guests must be 21 years of age or older to attend.**

**BALLET & THE BEASTS. SEPT 25, 6pm - 10pm.** Enjoy the Montgomery Ballet in a FREE performance under stars at the Montgomery Zoo. Admission is FREE, picnic blankets and chairs are welcome. A wonderful evening event at the Zoo for all ages. Join us Sept 25, gates open at 6pm, performance will begin at dusk.
Is the great horned owl the most efficient predator on earth? Researchers say if you approach hunting based on a combination of stealth prey detection and the application of proportional strength to size, then YES, the owl is one of the most effective! Victims typically are not aware of the owl’s presence until they are well within the vice-grip of the owl’s talons. With its keen sense of sight, an owl can see 10 times greater than the average human; not to forget the owl can turn its head at a 270° turn. Equipped with fluting feathers, the owl’s flight is virtually silent. Its body weight is light with a large wing span reaching 60 inches, giving flight speeds up to 40mph allowing for a quick and silent attack. Pic features Helena from the Zoo’s Education Department, contributed by Diana Bunch.
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## ZOO BOO. OCT 15-18, 22-25 and 29-31, 6pm - 9pm nightly.
Join us for 11 nights of horror and fun at ZooBoo. Climb aboard the thrill ride of a lifetime Haunted Hay ride (scary) or mosey on over to the Pumpkin Pull for a non-scary good, ole-fashioned, traditional hay ride. Enjoy Halloween-themed games, bouncy castles, concessions and much more at ZooBoo. Gates open at 6:00pm, first Haunted Hay ride heads out at dusk. **Montgomery Zoo members receive a 50% discount on ZooBoo admission.**
So, how long can a pygmy hippo stay submerged? Pygmy hippos can stay underwater for 30 minutes, though usually they stay under only 5 minutes. The eyes, ears and nose are located on the top of the head, enabling the species to see, smell and hear while the rest of its body is underwater. The pygmy hippo usually lives in swamp and river settings that are in the midst of thick and damp tropical lowland forests. These nocturnal hippos often like to stay in burrows closely surrounding rivers. Since they are semi-aquatic, it’s important for them to never be far from water. H2O is vital for these hippos as it both cools their bodies and hydrates their skin. Pic contributed by Dennis Culbertson.
VETERANS APPRECIATION WEEK, NOV 8-14. Join the Montgomery Zoo in thanking the proud men and women of the armed forces. During Veterans Appreciation Week, all veterans, active military personnel and dependent family members receive a 50% DISCOUNT on regular admission to the Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum. Participants must provide a valid military identification to receive discount. Thank you for your service and dedication.
Humans have feet. Bears and lions have paws. Sheep, deer and elk have hooves. Different animals rely on different parts of their feet for moving around. Some animals walk on the soles of their feet or paws. Others travel on their toenails, also known as hooves. Sheep, deer, cattle, elk, moose, and other ungulate mammals spend a lot of time on their feet, so they have hard surfaces called hooves that cover their feet. Hooves are made of keratin, the same stuff that makes up hair and fingernails. Hooves continually grow, just as your fingernails do. The growing keratin gives the animal a fresh surface to walk on as the old toenails (or hoof surface) wear away. Pic contributed by Dennis Culbertson.
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FESTIVAL. DEC 3-6, 10-13 and 17-31. See the Montgomery Zoo transformed into a Winter Wonderland sparkling with thousands of lights. Take a leisurely stroll, a brisk train ride or see the lights atop the Zoofari Skylift Ride. Visit and have a picture taken with Santa thru Dec 23 and enjoy the live, nightly, seasonal entertainment. And no winter’s night would be complete without some warming hot chocolate and holiday treats from the Overlook Cafe. Christmas Lights Festival is open 5:30pm - 9:30pm nightly, pending weather.
Do white-tailed deer have antlers or horns? All members of the deer family have antlers. Antlers are grown as an extension of the animal's skull, true bone and are a single structure. They are generally found only on males. Antlers are shed and regrown each year. Horns, found on pronghorn, bighorn sheep, bison, and many other bovine, are two-part structures. An interior of bone (also an extension of the skull) is covered by an exterior sheath grown by specialized hair follicles, as are your fingernails. In fact, your fingernails and the exterior sheath of horns are made of very similar materials. Horns are never shed and continue to grow throughout the animal's life. The exception to this rule is the pronghorn which sheds and regrows its horn sheath each year. Pic contributed by Dennis Culbertson.
Zoonotables
Jan 1 - New Year’s Day (Zoo closed)
Jan 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Zoo open)
Jan 26 - Volunteer Docent Banquet

DOCENT VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET.
JANUARY 26 @ 6pm. Dinner and banquet celebrating and awarding Zoo Education Department volunteers. All Montgomery Zoo docents and zooteens are welcome to join in this event allowing the Zoo staff and board members the opportunity to say thank you for all their hard work during the year. By invitation only, RSVP required.
General information

Zoo line: (334) 240-4900
Mann Museum line: (334) 240-4905
Gift Shop line: (334) 240-4960
Overlook Cafe line: (334) 240-4950

Adopt an animal (334) 240-4900
zooinfo@montgomeryal.gov

Animal Conservation (334) 240-4903
knaugher@montgomeryal.gov

Benches (334) 240-4902
zooinfo@montgomeryal.gov

Brick pavers (334) 240-4902
zooinfo@montgomeryal.gov

Catering and food (334) 625-4959
mwoodard@montgomeryal.gov

Corporate parties (334) 625-4959
mwoodard@montgomeryal.gov

Docent/Zooteen Program (334) 240-4909
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Donations/Sponsorships (334) 625-4959
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Education (334) 240-4909
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Gift Shop Purchases (334) 240-4961
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Group reservations (334) 240-4902
zooinfo@montgomeryal.gov

Jungle Drums (334) 240-4920
scpierce@montgomeryal.gov


Education programs and the WOW-factor

Classroom adventure. Often our best learning experiences are gained outside the confines of the classroom. Take advantage of the Zoo’s EDUCATION DEPARTMENT and their vast array of programs and tours. And while you are visiting the Zoo, the MANN WILDLIFE LEARNING MUSEUM offers students an opportunity to get literally inches away from largest collection of preserved North American wildlife while learning about the importance of wildlife conservation and preservation.

Animal Adaptations - Meet a variety of our educational animals from all over the world. Learn about some of the unique characteristics that enable them to survive in the wild.

Animals of the Bible - Learn about animals during Biblical times and where they are found in Scripture.

Colors of Survival - An introduction to the wild world of patterns, behavior and camouflage! Meet some of the animals and observe their fascinating characteristics yourself; includes a powerpoint presentation (no live animals).

Birds of Prey - Meet the majestic predators of the sky! Experience the hunters and the hunted in this rare opportunity to view the perfect predator up-close and personal.

Reptiles Alive - A must see. Conquer those unjust fears and misconceptions. Learn why reptiles deserve protection and respect. (Must be indoors or 75 degrees or higher to be held outdoors.)

Design a Guided Zoo Tour - Tour the zoo with a member of the Education Department visiting animals related to a theme of your choice. Example: Endangered species, animals found in different realms such as Africa, Asia, Australia, South America or North America, carnivores, etc..

Guided Museum Tour - Tour the Mann Museum with a member of the Education Department. Learn about the animals and the history of the museum.

Cost for tours and programs:
Off grounds, consecutive programs (outreach)
-- Up to 60 people is $125 for the first program and $105 for each program after that
-- 60-140 people is $150 for the first program and $125 for each program after that
-- 140 and up (assembly programs) are $175

On Zoo grounds, consecutive programs
-- Up to 40 people in the classroom $115
-- Up to 100 people in the tent pavilion $115

Behind the Scene Tours
-- $225, limit 20 (does not include admission to the Zoo and/or Museum)

Zoo and Museum Tours
-- Zoo tour, 30 people limit, $225
-- Museum tour, 20 people limit, $225

Zoobeedoo (Zoo mascot)
-- $65 per hour

Education live animal presentations at self-hosted parties on Zoo property with an advanced shelter reservation -- $75

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**Biomes of the World** - It’s a trip around the world and you’re invited. Venture to the far reaches and depths of the globe to discover animals in some of the wildest places! Your voyage will take you to the Grasslands, Rain Forests, Deserts, Tundra, Deciduous Forests, Oceans, and the Arctic. Includes a powerpoint presentation (no live animals). **5th graders and older only.**

**Life in the Rainforest** - Experience the uniqueness of the rain forest and the animals that call it home. Learn more about the wonderful diversity of life in the tropics and what you can do to help protect this vanishing ecosystem.

**Creatures of the Night** - Ever wonder what kind of creatures come out when you are snug in your bed? Delve into the night life of the animal world through this exciting live animal presentation.

**Alabama Wildlife** - What do flying squirrels, the Barred owl, and the Gopher Tortoise all have in common? They all make their home in our beautiful state of Alabama. Meet these Alabama natives and more in this presentation.

**Guided Zoo Tour** - Learn more about the animals on exhibit at the Zoo by taking a tour with a member of the Education Department. Tours will not cover every animal in the zoo.

**Guided Behind the Scenes Tour** - See what goes on behind those large walls and fences. See the animals’ night quarters and holding stalls. Chat with zookeepers and learn more about the individual animals here at the Montgomery Zoo.

For booking, pricing and availability of tours, please contact Jennifer Hutcheson in our Education Department; (334) 240-4909 or jhutcheson@montgomeryal.gov.

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### Other cool stuff to do at the Zoo

**Rides and attractions.** Get some real air under your feet as you climb aboard the new **ZOOFARI SKYLIFT RIDE.** See the Zoo at a brand new vantage point as you pass over some of the Zoo’s exhibits. All riders must be at least 32” tall; to ride alone riders must be at least 42” tall. The Zoofari Sklyift Ride is open 10am - 4pm daily, pending weather conditions. Cost: $4 per ride, per person. No Zoo adventure would be complete without a ride on the **ZOOTRAIN.** See the perimeter of the Zoo while taking a refreshing ride and enjoying the sights and sounds of the Zoo. Also check out the **PEDESTAL BOATS** at the lakefront by the North American River Otter exhibit. Feel the cool breezes of the lake, catch some rays and have a blast pedaling across the lake. Parents can take a break in the shade while the kids play on the Zoo’s state-of-the-art **PLAYGROUND** equipment; handicapped accessible equipment available.

**Encounters and feedings.** While visiting the playground, don’t forget to visit our new **PETTING ZOO.** What an awesome addition to the playground area and the Montgomery Zoo! Stand nose-to-nose with an 18 foot giraffe at the **GIRAFFE ENCOUNTER POST.** Walk out on a deck elevated standing inches from these gentle and majestic creatures. Also, check out our **FEEDING STATIONS** located at the Asian Koi Fish Pond and the North American River Otters exhibit. Enjoy a one of a kind animal interaction. Take a stroll in **PARAKEET COVE** as hundreds of colorful birds fly overhead or visit the **PETTING ZOO** at the playground.

### NEW ATTRACTIONS AT THE ZOO

**American Alligator exhibit.** Our newest exhibit opened in Aug 2014, housing four American Alligators. Located directly on the lakefront, guests can gain access to the exhibit from atop (behind the black bears) or take a stroll down to the lakefront boardwalk to view these prehistoric looking creatures.

**Keeper talks and training sessions.** Daily at the Zoo, visit the lion training session at 1:30pm as the keepers lead our two African lions through a series of target training exercises. A Q&A session will follow. At 2:30pm, visit with our African elephant keepers as they provide an in depth Q&A session and gain some valuable insights on our African elephant herd. **(Both sessions pending weather and animal husbandry.)**

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Next Event: Animal Enrichment Day Saturday Feb 21, 10am - 2pm