Join the Montgomery Zoo family for 2017...

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, instagram and twitter.

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.
MAZS Members at Large
Fred Bowman Bear, Candy Capel, Jeanne Charbonneau, Jordan Cobb, Jerry Cronier, Jennifer Crompton, Stephen Dees, Ann Fuller, Rachael Gallagher, Michael Gallops, Dr. Mary Hampton, Dotty Hanann, Dawn Hathcock, Summerville Hill, Jamie Hodges, Tina Joly, Melody Jones, Dr. Joyce Loyd-Davis, Delbert Madison, Marianne McLeod, Lila McNair, Ellis Pilgreen, Robert Mitchell Pinnie IV, Kam Sidhu, Davis Snider, Amanda Spiers, John Curran Sullivan III, Scarlettle Tuley, Helene Sabel Tucker, La Shondra Vaughn and Lisa Weil

Montgomery Zoo | Mann Museum Senior Staff
Zoo Director, Doug Goode
Deputy Director, Marcia Woodward
Program Services Manager, Steven C. Pierce
Veterinarian: Dr. Hal Pate
Animal Care Manager, Ken Naugher
Assistant Animal Care Manager, Jason Bielen
Operations Manager, Jeremy Vinsen
Education Curator, Jennifer Hutcherson
Marketing and PR Manager, Meaghan Weir
Admissions and Gift Shop Manager, Susan Michener
Rides and Attractions Manager, Nick Castanza

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 and last admission to the Museum 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
ZooFari Skylift ride: $5 per person, Must at least be 32” tall ride, open daily 10am-4:45pm
Pedal boats: $8 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 skylift entry, entry FREE, $2 for feed sticks
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.
Behind the Scenes Encounters at Tigers, Elephants, Giraffes, and Alligators. $10-$65 per person. See web site for more details.

NOTE: Prices and programs are effective as of January 01, 2017. Prices are subject to change without notice.

From all the MAZS board members, volunteers, and staff, we wish you a Happy Zoo Year!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome 2017 with all its dreams, aspirations, and goals! Montgomery Area Zoological Society (MAZS) board, a 501(c)(3) fundraising arm of the Montgomery Zoo, welcomes you to our beautiful “ZooYear”. In 2016, we experienced an incredible amount of visitors to the Zoo and Mann Museum, logged thousands of volunteer hours from a brigade of Zoo supporters, and raised a record amount of donations for the newest exhibit soon-to-be-bult Stingray Bay.

Please consider attending this fantastic venue for family outings, birthday parties, special events, or giving a membership, or one-day adventure gift certificate, to further sponsor our area zoo. We encourage our Prattville, Millbrook, and Wetumpka neighbors also to be involved. Groups needing a volunteer project are welcomed and encouraged to join forces with the Zoo to accomplish goals. The Zoo hosts special events throughout the year that I hope you’ll attend. We invite you to enjoy Zoo Weekend (March 11-12), a family fun weekend that offers discounted yearly memberships, and Zooobilation (September 14), an adults only evening event featuring regional restaurants, live music, an assortment of adult beverages and an exciting auction.

The MAZS Board welcomes your suggestions and comments. Please email me at MAZSPresident@gmail.com if I may assist you in any way. If you can spare a few volunteer hours, or donate items for the Zoobilation auction, participate as a Zoobilation food vendor or sponsor, I most definitely am interested in speaking with you. If we may gain permission to present Zoo offerings at your Chamber of Commerce event, or any other group event considering a zoo donation or sponsorship, we can provide a MAZS board representative to speak to your group. Any and all help toward reaching our goals is greatly appreciated.

May 2017 be your ZooYear filled with good health, love of family and friends, and continued prosperity.

With warm regards,

H. Kenneth White, Jr.
President, MAZS 2017 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 tailored to address individual needs and interests so that the donor gains a unique opportunity to provide for the Zoo and their loved ones.

Montgomery Zoo | Mann Museum
BLUE & GOLD MACAW

Polly want a cracker? The blue-and-gold macaw is a large South American parrot with blue top parts and yellow under parts. It is a member of macaws that inhabits forest and woodland of tropical South America. They are popular in aviculture because of their striking color, ability to talk, ready availability in the marketplace, and close bonding to humans. They are vivid in appearance with blue wings and tail, dark-blue chin, golden under parts, a green forehead, and black beaks. Its powerful beak can be used for breaking nutshell, and for climbing up and hanging from trees. The average life span is 30-35 years, so they are definitely a lifetime commitment as a pet. *Pic contributed by Gary Seals.*
Zoonotables

Jan 1 - New Year’s Day (Zoo closed)
Jan 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Zoo open)
Jan 31 - Volunteer Docent Banquet

DOCENT VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET. JANUARY 31 @ 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.
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 Zoo staff.
ANIMAL ENRICHMENT DAY.  
FEB 11, 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 25, 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.
I am a cougar. Or am I? The cougar, also known as puma, mountain lion, mountain cat, catamount or panther, depending on the region, holds the Guinness record for the animal with the highest number of names. It has over 40 names in the English language alone! Wow! The cougar is a large, solitary cat living in the Western Hemisphere, extending from the Yukon in Canada to the southern Andes of South America. They dine primarily on ungulates such as deer, elk, moose, and bighorn sheep, as well as domestic cattle, horses and sheep, particularly in the northern part of its range. Cougars’ size range will vary, being smaller closer to the equator and larger towards the North and South Poles. Pic contributed by Zoo staff.
### Zoonotables

- **Mar 1** - Ash Wednesday
- **Mar 11-12** - Zoo Weekend
- **Mar 12** - Daylight Savings begins
- **Mar 17** - St. Patrick’s Day
- **Mar 20** - Spring begins

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**ZOO WEEKEND. MARCH**

11 - 12, 9am - 6pm. 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.

- **Mar 12** - Zoo Weekend
  - 9am - 6pm
  - Daylight savings begins

- **Mar 20** - Spring begins
  - 9am - 6pm
  - World Frog Day

- **Mar 17** - St. Patrick’s Day
- **Mar 20** - Spring begins

**THURSDAY**
- **Mar 1** - Ash Wednesday
- **Mar 16** - Beginning of Lent

**SATURDAY**
- **Apr 11** - Zoo Weekend
  - 9am - 6pm
Awkward, shy, gentle and amazing. Giraffes are the tallest mammals on Earth. Their legs alone are taller than many humans, about 6 feet. The average giraffe calf is born measuring 6 feet tall and will double their size in one year. A giraffe’s spots are much like human fingerprints. No two individual giraffes have exactly the same pattern. Giraffes only need 5 to 30 minutes of sleep in a 24-hour period. They often achieve that in quick naps that may last only a minute or two at a time. Whilst it was thought that giraffes did not make any sounds, this is now known to be untrue, as giraffes bellow, snort, hiss and make flute-like sounds, as well as low pitch noises beyond the range of human hearing. Pic contributed by Serena Vachon.
EARTH DAY SAFARI. APRIL 18-19, 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.**

DINO DIG EDUCATION PROGRAM. APRIL 29, 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.

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**APRIL 18-19 - Earth Day Safari**

**Apr 29 - Dino Dig Education Program**
The blackbuck, also known as the Indian antelope, is an antelope found in India and Nepal. The long, ringed horns are generally present only on males, though females may develop horns as well. The white fur on the chin and around the eyes is in sharp contrast with the black stripes on the face. The coat of males shows two-tone coloration: while the upper parts and outsides of the legs are dark brown to black, the underparts and the insides of the legs are all white. On the other hand, females and juveniles are yellowish fawn to tan. The blackbuck has significance in Hinduism; Indian and Nepali villagers do not harm the antelope. *Pic contributed by Gary Seals.*
### Zoonotables

- **May 1** - May Day
- **May 5** - Cinco de Mayo
- **May 14** - Mother’s Day (free admission for moms)
- **May 20** - Armed Forces Day
- **May 22** - Victoria Day
- **May 29** - Memorial Day (Zoo open)

### Mother’s Day, May 14

**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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- **World Turtle Day**
- **Memorial Day** - Zoo open
- **Victoria Day** - Canada
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. Tusks also provide an elephant with a sense of power and dominance. African elephants are the only species of elephant where both males and females have tusks. Pic contributed by Zoo staff.
Zoonotables

June 5 - July 28 - Summer Camp
June 14 - Flag Day
June 15 - Military Day
June 18 - Father's Day (free admission for dads)
June 21 - Summer begins

ZOO SUMMER CAMP.
JUNE 5 - JULY 28. 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 15.
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 18
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.

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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 the top predators, meaning that they can afford to relax as they are not in danger of attack from another animal. Pic contributed by Gary Seals.
Zoonotables
July 1 - Canada Day
July 4 - Independence Day (Zoo open)
July 10 - July 28 - Summer Camp
July 22 - Animal Enrichment Day, 10am - 2pm

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ANIMAL ENRICHMENT DAY.
JULY 22, 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.

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AFRICAN LION

Is the African lion really the King of the Beasts? From ancient times, to the days of royalty and the present, the lion has always been depicted and heralded as the KING OF THE BEASTS. Why? Perhaps it is the oh-so-impressive manes of the males that gives them a very royal and noble look, a crown if you may. Maybe it is their hunting skills. A lion pride is able to bring down animals much larger than themselves; such as elephants, giraffes, and hippos. Male lions command a respect within their pride which is not unlike what a king would demand among his subjects. Further, there is a succession plan where the most powerful young lion takes over the reigns from an aging lion. It is good to be King. Pic contributed by Serena Vachon.
**MAGICAL CREATURES.**  
**AUG 12, 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. Geared for boys and girls, 4-10 years old, advanced reservations required.

**TWILIGHT TUESDAYS.**  
**AUG 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29,**  
**ZOO and MUSEUM HOURS change to 11am - 7:30pm.**  
During the month of August, the Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum will be changing our hours on Tuesdays. Each Tuesday of August, we will open 11am - 7:30pm. Come see all your favorite animals under the stars, during the cool night temps. Enjoy a ride on the sky lift as the sun sets or hop on the train. Visit the giraffe encounter, petting zoo, parakeet cove or enjoy a casual dinner at the Overlook Cafe. What a way to enjoy a leisure summer evening by visiting the animals of the world at the Montgomery Zoo.
GREAT ONE-HORNED INDIAN RHINO

Anyone ready for a cool-off dip? During hotter days, you might find this big fellow hanging out in his exhibit wading pool. His thick grey-brown skin with pinkish skin folds can be sensitive to sun and heat. Rhinos have very little body hair for protection, aside from eyelashes, ear fringes and tail brush. Males have huge neck folds, and their skull is heavy. The nasal horn is slightly back-curved and rapidly narrows until a smooth. The rhino’s single horn is present in both males and females, but not on newborn young. The horn is pure keratin, like human fingernails, and starts to show after about six years. Among terrestrial land mammals native to Asia, the Indian rhinoceros is second in size only to the Asian elephant. Pic contributed by Serena Vachon.
### Zoonotables

- **Sept 4**: Labor Day (Zoo open)
- **Sept 10**: Grandparents’ Day
- **Sept 11**: Patriot’s Day
- **Sept 14**: Zoobilation: The wildest party in town
- **Sept 21**: Rosh Hashana
- **Sept 22**: Autumn begins
- **Sept 23**: Ballet and the Beasts
- **Sept 30**: Yom Kippur

### ZOOBILATION: The wildest party in town! SEPT 14, 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. Zoobilation is a fundraiser geared for adults only. Tickets required, all guests must be 21 years of age or older to attend.

### BALLET & THE BEASTS.
SEPT 22, 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. Gates open at 6pm, performance will begin at dusk.

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PETTING ZOO

Need a hug from something with big, brown eyes and the warm, white fuzzies? We have the perfect place for you. If you are looking for an awesome barn yard experience, the Montgomery Zoo’s petting zoo (located by the playground) provides guests with loads of animal interaction, along with lots of love. Filled with alpaca, (Qtip above), llama (Lucy in the background), ducks, geese, sheep, and a small herd of African pygmy goats, the petting zoo is a favorite for all ages, boys and girls. And if you are looking for a new best friend, try purchasing a $2 bag of animal snacks, and everyone in the petting zoo just became your new bestie. Pic contributed by Zoo staff.
Zoonotables
Oct 9 - Columbus Day (Zoo open)
Oct 13-15 - ZooBoo, 6pm-9pm nightly
Oct 20-22 - ZooBoo, 6pm-9pm nightly
Oct 27-31 - ZooBoo, 6pm-9pm nightly
Oct 31 - Halloween

ZOO BOO. OCT 13-15, 20-22 and 27-31, 6pm - 9pm nightly. Join us for 11 nights of horror and fun at ZooBoo. Climb aboard the thrill ride of a life time on the 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 6pm, first Haunted Hay ride heads out at dusk. Montgomery Zoo members receive a 50% discount on ZooBoo admission.
JAGUAR

Target in sight, ready to pounce! Did you know that Jaguars are great ambush hunters? They often hunt prey from trees striking at just the perfect moment. Jaguars are largely a solitary, opportunistic, stalk-and-ambush predator at the top of the food chain, an apex predator. The jaguar has an exceptionally powerful bite, even relative to the other big cats. Native to the Americas, the jaguar is the third-largest feline after the tiger and the lion. The jaguar resembles the leopard physically, although it is usually larger, sturdier in build and its behavioral and habitat characteristics are closer to those of the tiger. The jaguar is notable, along with the tiger, as a feline that enjoys swimming. *Pic contributed by Dennis Culbertson.*
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#### VETERANS APPRECIATION WEEK. NOV 5-11. All veterans, retired, 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.

#### ANNUAL MEMBERS BOARD MEETING. NOV 14 at noon. All Montgomery Zoo members are invited to attend this annual meeting at the Mann Museum conference room. Hear the state-of-the-zoo report, learn about future developments and attractions. Register your attendance by emailing zooinfo@montgomeryal.gov no later than Nov 1.

#### ANNUAL DONORS BRUNCH. NOV 18, 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.
BLACK-FOOTED SPIDER MONKEY

Do you have spidey powers? Equipped with disproportionately long limbs and long prehensile tails make spider monkeys one of the largest New World monkeys and give rise to their common name. Spider monkeys live in the upper layers of the Central and South American rainforest, and forage in the high canopy swinging from tree limb to tree limb. They are social animals and live in bands of up to 35 individuals but will split up to forage during the day. In recent primate cognition studies, it is indicated that spider monkeys are the most intelligent New World monkeys. They can produce a wide range of sounds and will “bark” when threatened; other vocalizations include a whinny similar to a horse. Pic contributed by Serena Vachon.
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**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FESTIVAL. NOV 30 - DEC 3, 7-10 and 14-31.** 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 - 9pm nightly (all guests must exit the park by 9:30pm), pending weather.

**HOLIDAY ZOO CAMP. DEC 18 - 22.** Holiday Zoo Camp is a fun-filled, educational wildlife experience. Geared for kids 5-12 years old, boys and girls. Advanced reservations are required.
BUDGIE PARAKEETS

Great pet mate? The budgie parakeet is a small, long-tailed, seed-eating parrot. Budgies are the only species in the Australian genus Melopsittacus, and are found wild throughout the drier parts of Australia where the species has survived harsh inland conditions for the last five million years. Budgies are naturally green and yellow with black, scalloped markings on the nape, back, and wings, but have been bred in captivity with coloring in blues, whites, yellows, greys, and even with small crests. Budgies parakeets are popular pets around the world due to their small size, low cost, and ability to mimic human speech. Pic contributed by Serena Vachon.
**Zoonotables**

Jan 1 - New Year's Day (Zoo closed)
Jan 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Zoo open)
Jan 30 - Volunteer Docent Banquet

**DOCENT VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET.**

JANUARY 30 @ 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) 625-4905
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

Bench (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
zooinfo@montgomeryal.gov

Donations/Sponsorships (334) 625-4959
mwoodard@montgomeryal.gov

Education (334) 240-4909
jhutcheson@montgomeryal.gov

Gift Shop Purchases (334) 240-4960
smichener@montgomeryal.gov

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

NOTE: Prices and programs are effective as of January 01, 2017. Prices are subject to change without notice.
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 Skylift Ride is open 10am - 4:45pm daily, pending weather conditions. Cost: $5 per ride, per person. No Zoo adventure would be complete without a ride on the ZOO TRAIN. See the perimeter of the Zoo while taking a refreshing ride and enjoying the sights and sounds of the Zoo. Also check out the PEDAL 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 an elevated deck 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

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.)

Behind the Scenes Animal Experiences and Encounters. Spend a Saturday hanging out with some of your favorite Montgomery Zoo animals. See the elephants, tigers, giraffes and alligators in a way you have never experienced before. Prices range from $10-$65 per person. For additional information and to register, visit us online at montgomeryzoo.com.