Join the Montgomery Zoo family for 2018...

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, Pinterest, 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

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

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+: $5, 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 $24 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: Located next to the petting zoo, open daily.
Behind the Scenes Encounters: Tuexno, Elephants, Giraffes, and Alligators. $10-$65 per person. See web site for more details.

NOTE: Prices and programs are effective as of January 01, 2018. 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 2018 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 2017, 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-opening 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 10-11), a family fun weekend that offers discounted yearly memberships, and Zoobilation (September 13), 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 2018 be your ZooYear filled with good health, love of family and friends, and continued prosperity.

With warm regards,

H. Kenneth White, Jr.
President, MAZS 2018 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.

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Bekah Hepburn, prior to coming to the Montgomery Zoo earned a degree in Zoo Technology from Pensacola Junior College/University of West Florida. After earning her degree, Bekah became a Vet Tech and Keeper at The Zoo of Northwest Florida gaining invaluable experience in caring for vast collections and species of animals. In 2006, Bekah was hired at the Montgomery Zoo as a Keeper I. In 2014, Bekah became a Keeper II over our Asian realm. Her favorite animals to work with are our two Bengal tigers, Shanti (white) and Morte (orange) [both pictured to the right].
Zoonotables

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

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.

Jan 1 - New Year's Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Volunteer Docent Banquet
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Seth Hochberg is a Keeper I at the Zoo and is originally from Aurora, CO. Seth graduated from Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo in 2012. To gain animal experience, Seth volunteered at Flamingo Gardens and Jacksonville Zoo. He also interned at Lubee Bat Conservancy and Palm Beach Zoo in 2013. Continuing his education, Seth graduated from University of West Florida with a bachelor’s degree in Zoo Science and a minor studies in Business in 2016. Shortly after, Seth started working at Montgomery Zoo in October 2016. Seth’s animal specialty is primates, and for fun and recreation has been an avid hockey player for 20 years. His favorite Zoo animal is the ring tail lemurs (pictured to the right).
Volunteer Appreciation Brunch
By invitation only, RSVP necessary.

Animal Enrichment Day
FEB 10, 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 the wild. It is a lot of trial and error, but it is always fun.

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch. FEB 24, 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.

Zoonotables
Feb 2 - Groundhog Day
Feb 3 - Volunteer Serve Day
Feb 10 - Animal Enrichment Day
Feb 12 - Lincoln’s Birthday
Feb 13 - Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday
Feb 14 - St. Valentine’s Day
Feb 19 - President’s Day (Zoo open)
Feb 19 - Washington’s birthday
Feb 24 - Volunteer Appreciation Brunch
By invitation only, RSVP necessary.

ANIMAL ENRICHMENT DAY.
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Jen Hamilton is a Keeper I at the Montgomery Zoo, originally from Rhode Island, and a graduate of the University of Rhode Island with a Bachelor’s degree in Marine Biology. Jen joined the Montgomery Zoo in December of 2015, and has had the opportunity to work in various areas of the Zoo. Her favorite Montgomery Zoo realm is North America, and her favorite Zoo animal is Sage, a female North American cougar (pictured right).
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**ZOO WEEKEND. MARCH 10 - 11, 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.
Kelsey Collins is a Zookeeper I at the Montgomery Zoo. Originally from Northern Michigan, and Kelsey attended college at Michigan State University. Kelsey moved to Alabama in 2016 to work at the Montgomery Zoo. Kelsey’s favorite animals include Polar bears, manatees, harp seals, and river otters (pictured to the right).

NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
**EARTH DAY SAFARI. APRIL 17 - 18, 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 28, 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.*
Wayne A. Brantley was born and raised in Montgomery, and a frequent visitor of the Zoo. One of his earliest memories was visiting the snapping turtle display. Wayne's interest in turtles never faded and was further enhanced by an interest in their shells and bones, and in how they grow. Wayne earned a Bachelors of Science degree in Marine Biology, and then a Masters in Biology Education. Wayne became a zookeeper in 2011, but had been a volunteer in the Education Department since 2007. In his spare time, Wayne cleans animal bones with his numerous colonies of flesh-eating beetles, preserving wings and pelts as well, to be used as educational artifacts. He recently began making homemade hot sauces and dry spice blends to use and give away to family and co-workers.

Pic provided by Kirby Pitchford
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**Zoonotables**

**May 1 - May Day**
**May 5 - Cinco de Mayo**
**May 5 - Volunteer Serve Day**
**May 13 - Mother’s Day (free admission for moms)**
**May 18 - Endangered Species Day**
**May 19 - Armed Forces Day**
**May 21 - Victoria Day**
**May 28 - Memorial Day (Zoo open)**

**MOTHER’S DAY, MAY 13**
**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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**Victoria Day** - Canada

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**May 28** - Memorial Day - Zoo open

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**World Turtle Day**

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Volunteer Serve Day
- 9am - 4:30pm
- Register online at montgomeryzoo.com
Shelli Dean has been a Zookeeper I at the Montgomery Zoo for a total of six years. There is no career path I would rather take as I find this to be very rewarding work. With the support of my beautiful family I hope to continue for many years to come.
Zoonotables

June 4 - July 27 - Summer Camp
June 14 - Flag Day
June 16 - World Sea Turtle Day
June 17 - Father’s Day (free admission for dads)
June 21 - Military Appreciation Day
June 21 - Summer begins

ZOO SUMMER CAMP.
JUNE 4 - JULY 27.  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.

FATHER’S DAY, JUNE 17
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.

MILITARY DAY, JUNE 21.
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.
Rachel Lamkin was born and raised in Montgomery, Alabama, and has visited the Montgomery Zoo since she was a small child. After graduating from high school, Rachel attended Auburn University. In 1999, Rachel accepted a Keeper I position where she was exposed to a vast collection of different animals to care for and learn about. In 2016, Rachel was promoted to Keeper II over the Zoo's South American realm. One of her favorite animals at the Zoo is Elmer, one of our Maned Wolves (pic to the right).

Pic provided by Rachel Lamkin

MANED WOLF
Zoonotables

**July 1** - Canada Day
**July 4** - Independence Day (Zoo open)
**July 9 - July 27** - Summer Camp
**July 15 - July 21** - National Zookeeper Week
**July 21** - Animal Enrichment Day, 10am - 2pm
**July 29** - International Tiger Day

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**ANIMAL ENRICHMENT DAY. JULY 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 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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Andi Frame is originally from Decatur, Alabama and a graduate of Auburn University where she received a Bachelor’s Degree in Animal Sciences. Andi has always loved most animals, but cows in particular. Andi started her career at Walt Disney World and apprenticed with a focus in hoofstock at The Wilds in Cumberland, Ohio. Andi was hired as a Keeper I at the Montgomery Zoo in 2014. Some of her hobbies include: hiking, running, spending time with family; especially her two dogs (Hobbes and Ginger) and her hedgehog (Pickle). Andi also enjoys reading and baking. Andi’s favorite animals include Eastern Bongo (pictured to the right), Takin, Fossa, Clouded Leopards, and Lemurs. Eastern Bongos can be hard to find on display. Bongo are naturally secretive and great at blending in.
Zoonotables

Aug 4 - Volunteer Serve Day
Aug 11 - Magical Creatures, Education program

MAGICAL CREATURES.
AUG 11, 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.
Kirby Pitchford joined Montgomery Zoo as a keeper in December 2016. Prior to that, he volunteered as a docent in the education department for two years. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Biology at Auburn University Montgomery. Kirby has always had a fascination with birds and regularly contributes avian articles for Jungle Drums. He is a member of the Flamingo Specialist Group and is the Institutional Representative for the Waterfowl Taxon Advisory Group. In his free time, Kirby enjoys playing the clarinet, visiting other zoos, and participating in community science projects including Project Plumage, Condor Watch, and Birmingham Audubon Coastal Program’s shorebird population surveys. Kirby’s favorite birds are ratites, waders, and waterfowl.
Zoonotables

- Sept 3 - Labor Day (Zoo open)
- Sept 9 - Grandparents’ Day
- Sept 9 - Rosh Hashana
- Sept 11 - Patriot’s Day
- Sept 13 - Zoo closes at 12pm noon
- Sept 13 - Zoobilation: The wildest party in town
- Sept 18 - Yom Kippur
- Sept 21 - Autumn begins
- Sept 21 - Ballet and the Beasts

ZOOBILATION: The wildest party in town! SEPT 13, 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 21, 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.
Sean Collins started at the Montgomery Zoo in the year 2004. That’s the day the Zoo glowed brighter and the heavens smiled and said this is the beginning of a new great age for Montgomery. Sean started out working with hoofstock and over the years the Zoo forged a great and mighty keeper. In 2014, Sean became the Lead Keeper of the Zoo’s African Elephant and Greater Indian Rhino program. Yet again the heavens sang songs of joy and happiness. To this day, Sean continues to work with the Zoo’s three elephants and rhino. The great and mighty rhino in the photo is Sean’s mighty steed Himal. He is 21 years old and weighs around 6,000 pounds. Hims is a big boy! Yes Hims is!

Pic provided by Sean Collins

GREATER INDIAN RHINO
**ZooBoo**
- 6pm - 9pm
- Halloween

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**Zoonotables**
- Oct 8 - Columbus Day (Zoo open)
- Oct 12-14 - ZooBoo, 6pm-9pm nightly
- Oct 19-21 - ZooBoo, 6pm-9pm nightly
- Oct 26-31 - ZooBoo, 6pm-9pm nightly
- Oct 31 - Halloween

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**ZOO BOO. OCT 12-14, 19-21 and 26-31, 6pm - 9pm nightly.**
Join us for 12 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. Last admission to ZooBoo is at 8:30pm.*

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Jeff McGuire has been blessed to have been born into animal care. Jeff grew up on a little farm of around 140 acres of land which he still resides on today. Jeff and his family had 50 head of cattle and 300 head of hogs. Jeff has had the opportunity to be involved in thousands of animal births over his career and life. Jeff continued his education at Autauga County Area Vocational Center where he studied auto mechanics. Jeff also studied Industrial Electronics and Advanced Mathematics at John Paterson Technical College. Today, besides working at the Montgomery Zoo as a Keeper I, he also owns and operates a horse stable in Autauga County. Jeff has had the privilege of working with every animal in the Zoo; however, his favorite is Dash a seven year old, male African Lion (pictured to the far right).
Zoonotables

Nov 3 - Volunteer Serve Day
Nov 4 - Daylight savings ends
Nov 6 - Election Day - USA
Nov 11-17 - Veterans Appreciation Week
Nov 11 - Veterans Day (Zoo open)
Nov 13 - Annual Members Board Meeting
Nov 17 - Upper-level members and donor brunch
   By invitation only, RSVP necessary.
Nov 22 - Thanksgiving Day (Zoo closed)
Nov 23 - Black Friday (Zoo open)
Nov 29 - Christmas Lights Festival, Opening night

VETERANS APPRECIATION WEEK. NOV 11-17. 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 13 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 17, 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.
Michelle Johnson is from Prattville, AL and attended Auburn University. There she studied Zoology and graduated with a Bachelor’s degree. After graduation, Michelle joined Montgomery Zoo family as part of our Education Department as a docent in February 2012. In March 2013, she was employed as a Keeper I. Two quick years later, Michelle was promoted to Keeper II over the Zoo’s African realm. Her favorite animals at the Zoo are the African elephants and cheetah. Pictured to the right is Santino, one of our four cheetah here at the Zoo.

Pic provided by Michelle Johnson

CHEETAH
Zoonotables

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FESTIVAL. NOV 29 - DEC 2, 6-9 and 13-25.** 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 (last admission at 9pm, all guests must exit by 9:30pm), pending weather.

**HOLIDAY ZOO CAMP. DEC 17 - 21.** Holiday Zoo Camp is a fun-filled, educational wildlife experience. Geared for kids 5-12 years old, boys and girls. Advanced reservations are required.
Dena Cheek is a Keeper I at the Zoo and still in the process of completing her training. Dena is a new-hire and just recently moved to Montgomery from Atlanta, GA where she was a seasonal primate keeper at Zoo Atlanta. Before that, she graduated from Berry College with an Animal Science degree. She loves working with the Montgomery Zoo animals. Her favorite animal is Star, one of our African elephants (pictured to the right). Star is beautiful, intelligent, and displays a dazzling personality. She and Dena have had an opportunity to create a strong relationship with daily training sessions, foot care, and the daily routine of working with her in the elephant barn. To learn more about Dena and the elephants, make sure to swing by the daily Q&A sessions at 2:30pm at the elephant exhibit.
Zoonotables

Jan 1 - New Year’s Day (Zoo closed)
Jan 14 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Zoo open)
Jan 29 - Volunteer Docent Banquet

DOCENT VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET. JANUARY 29 @ 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.
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, 2018. 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 info, pricing, and tour availability, please contact Suzi Fontaine at (334) 240-4909 or sfontaine@montgomeryal.gov.

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