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SEPT 17
AT THE MONTGOMERY ZOO

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Almost here!

Zoobilation, Sept 17 at the Montgomery Zoo. Please join us for the Montgomery Area Zoological Society’s annual fundraiser. It’s an enchanting evening of good fellowship, hors d’oeuvres and libations while enjoying tunes by musical guests — and all generously donated by area restaurants, beverage companies, and bands who care about the Montgomery Zoo. Corporate sponsorships are our lifeblood. All funds donated will help build the Zoo’s newest exhibit, Stingray Bay, an educational exhibit featuring a multitude of free-swimming, touch and feel stingrays.

Imagine the Zoo transformed into an island wonderland created by Team Dottye Hannan, fantastic silent auction items collected by Amanda Spiers and her committee of volunteers, fantastic musical guests arranged by Bill Hardin, Jimmy Lisenby’s restaurant and beverage vendors, thanks to Marianne McLeod and Jamie Hodges for their publicity and leadership as Event Co-Chairs, and the whole Board of Directors working together to achieve goals set forth. It has been my pleasure working with this fantastic organization! I thank you all for the very special talents you bring to the Board. Of course, we wish to thank the Zoo Staff for their leadership and guidance: Doug, Marcia, Steven, John, Christy, Tami, Susan, Sherry... you are the best!! The Zoobilation Event’s Master of Ceremony is Rick Hendrick, Program Director, Cumulus Broadcasting, WXFX-FM, 95.1 the Fox. He is a talented and well-respected radio personality who will add a fun

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Who’s Who

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Zoo and Mann Museum Hours
The Montgomery Zoo and Mann Museum are open from 9:00am-5:30pm every day with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day. The last ticket is sold 4pm and 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.

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Game Day at the Montgomery Zoo. Start your weekend at the Montgomery Zoo with a special and unique behind the scenes tour and animal experience. Learn about your favorite team’s mascot, whether it be the University of Alabama Pachyderms, the Auburn Tigers or the Florida Gators. Take in one of a kind animal experience before the big game day kickoff.

**Elephant experience**

**Event details:** Enjoy a tour of our African elephant barn, an educational and insightful keeper talk, observe and participate in a training session with one of our African elephants, and participate as one of our elephants creates an unique, take-home keepsake “trunk print” for each of the participants.

**Days and times available:** Saturdays only, 10am and 1pm. **Availability:** Limited to 8 people (must have a minimum of 2 people, all participants must be at least six (6) years of age to participate. Children between the ages of 6-12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Accompanying adults must also pay event fee to attend. All participants must wear closed-toed shoes.

**Fee:** $65 per person. **Registration:** Online at montgomeryzoo.com or at the Montgomery Zoo Admissions Office. Registration and payment must be submitted at least 30 minutes prior to the event.

**Tiger experience**

**Event details:** Enjoy an early morning experience with our two Bengal tigers. Tour the tigers’ night quarters and receive an educational and insightful keeper talk as the tigers are waking up. Build an enrichment item, inform the Zookeeper where you want the item placed on exhibit. Then watch and enjoy as the tigers explore, sniff, claw and devour the item you have provided for them. An enjoyable animal experience for both the participants and tigers.

**Days and times available:** Saturdays only, 9 am. **Availability:** Limited to 6 people (must have a minimum of 2 people, all participants must be at least six (6) years of age to participate). Children between the ages of 6-12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Accompanying adults must also pay event fee to attend. All participants must wear closed-toed shoes.

**Fee:** $65 per person. **Registration:** Online at montgomeryzoo.com only. Registration and payment must be submitted by 5pm CST on the Friday prior to the event.

New Behind the Scenes Animal Experiences at the Zoo. Have an opportunity to enjoy unique animal encounters at the elephants, giraffes, tigers and alligators.
Zoobilation is an annual fundraiser held at the Montgomery Zoo. It is a fun-filled evening complete with entertainment, culinary samplings from area restaurants plus an auction. Decorators will magically transform the Zoo grounds into an evening of music, food, dancing and fun! Every year a theme is chosen. This year’s theme is “A SPLASH OF BLUE: Welcome to Stingray Island” in honor of our new building project, a touch-and-feel Stingray exhibit and educational facility.

Who can come? Everyone 21 years old and older is invited – both Montgomery Zoo Friends Members and non-members – but you will need to purchase a ticket.

Does everyone mean adults and children? No, sorry, this is an adult cocktail party. You must be at least at 21 years old to attend.

How much does it cost? Tickets are available for purchase for $50 each. This ticket includes admission to the event, entertainment, food and beverages. Sponsorship packages are available for corporate partners and include extra tickets, name recognition and more. Please contact the Zoo office at (334) 240-4900 for more information on sponsoring this event.

How do I purchase a ticket? Purchase online at montgomeryzoo.com, contact the Zoo office at (334) 240-4900 or during your next Zoo visit.
Zoobilation is an adult cocktail party and fundraiser for the Zoo. This year’s event benefits the new touch and feel Stingray exhibit. The event includes food and drinks from the finest local eateries, live entertainment, dancing, live and silent auctions, good fellowship and mingling opportunities with local dignitaries and politicians, fun times and so much more. Join us!
One of the many great things about our Education Department is, if you can’t make it to the Zoo, we can definitely come to you. It is soon to be that fall time of the year; Halloween and creatures of the night will be entering your brain. So what are those animals you hear in the dark shadows of the night or behind those bushes. Are they friend or foe?

The Zoo is very fortunate to have a great collection of Education animals that you see during programs here at the Zoo. If you can’t make it here, we can always come to you. We are available to visit schools, church groups, retirement centers, birthday parties, reunions, civic groups, store openings, home school associations... you name it, and we can be there. We have a vast collection of birds, small mammals, reptiles, insects and educational artifacts... all looking forward to meeting you and your crew.

As the temperatures begin to drop and leaves begin to change, people start gearing their thoughts to football and Halloween. So have you ever wondered what those strange noises and peering eyes are in the dark shadows of the night? Is it an owl? Perhaps a bat? Are those glowing eyes you see a possum, or a big rat? And those noises in the distance... could that be the croaking of toad or the squaw of a crow?

Our Creatures of the Night Education program is a great way to introduce children (and adults) to some the animals you may see, encounter or hear bumping in the night... many native to Alabama. See beautiful owls up close, experience the hairy legs of spiders and tarantulas, learn why bats hang upside down, hear a hissing snake and much more. Our Creatures of the Night presentation will be presented three times nightly during ZooBoo, Oct 15-18, 22-25 and 29-31. Come enjoy seeing some of the animals that may be living in your backyard, or book a private showing. For more info, visit montgomeryzoo.com or give us a call at (334) 240-4909.

Creatures of the Night

NIGHTLY DURING ZOOBOO, at your school or next gathering...
Check out those creepy, crawly creatures that bump around in the night. See owls and bats up close while toads and tarantulas get a gander of you. Three presentations nightly at the Overlook Cafe during ZooBoo, or have the animals come see you during a school presentation, birthday party, Halloween party, etc. For more info, visit us online at montgomeryzoo.com or give us a call at (334) 240-4909. Hoooot, hoot!
So Bill (Brounstein), tell us a little about yourself? I grew up in New York City in the Bronx borough. My wife Dorothy also is from New York City, but she was raised in Queens. I have fond memories of visiting the Bronx Zoo and the Central Park Zoo in Manhattan as a child. I was fortunate to live close enough to the Bronx Zoo that I could walk from my home to the zoo, which I often did. It was always fun to take a stroll to the zoo and back.

I attended college at Fairleigh Dickinson in New Jersey, graduating with degrees in chemistry and biology. While in college I met the love of my life, my wife Dorothy. Dorothy and I will be celebrating our 50th anniversary this December. After graduation, I worked for the Lipton Tea Company for 18 years in New Jersey. We then set off for a year-long adventure in Aalborg, Denmark where I worked as a food consultant for a Danish food company. We travelled extensively in Europe and would sometimes visit the local zoo in Aalborg.

So what brought you to Montgomery? After Denmark we returned to the states, living in Massachusetts for six years, then landing in Nashville. Ultimately, we settled in Montgomery where I worked for Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) as a senior environmental scientist. I retired from ADEM about two years ago and that’s when I began volunteering more at the zoo.

Where do you volunteer at the Zoo, and what do you like about it? I help at the Giraffe Encounter every week, Monday and Wednesday. I have volunteered at the zoo now for three years, and I like interacting with customers, and learning about where they are from. I enjoy conversing with them, especially first-time visitors. In addition to my weekly volunteering, I have helped with Military Appreciation Day, Zoo Weekend, Zoo Boo and Christmas Lights Festival. The zoo staff make volunteering a great experience.

What are your favorite animals to see at the Zoo? At my volunteer station I like watching the African Realm animals, and enjoy seeing the two lions play. I was at the grand opening of the alligator exhibit a year ago, and think that exhibit is a fine addition to the zoo. I am also fascinated with the reptiles in the Reptile House.

Outside of volunteering at the zoo, what activities do you participate in? I am active in the Masons, Shriners and Scottish Rite. My wife is involved in the local Eastern Star chapter. I am on the board of directors for Habitat for Humanity and like to volunteer at the Habitat’s Restore store. I also like to work on electric trains at home when I have the time.

You are a member at the Giraffe Club level, what benefits of this do you enjoy the most? I enjoy the Giraffe Club member perks such as Zoobilation tickets, and I am looking forward to going this year.

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Black bears, one of the most common of the bear species, are not always black in color. Black bears can be brown, gray and yes, black. If you travel to the Great Smoky Mountains in the Appalachian Mountain range, you actually may spot a wild bear lumbering about. Or visit Munchie and Molly here in the North American realm at the Montgomery Zoo.

Black bears are the most common bear species in the world, and they are the smallest of the three bear species in North America. Even though they have been given the name black bear, the color of their fur can be black, brown, cinnamon, and even white, even though white is very rare. There is also an occasional blue phase, also known as glacier, seen in Alaska. It has silver tipped hairs that give a bluish tint in sunlight.

Being crepuscular, these bears are active mainly at dawn and dusk. They are solitary, with the exception of mother and cubs, apart from the summer months when it is their breeding season. The cubs will stay in the den with their mother for the first year. They are born blind, nearly hairless and weigh under a pound.

The ancient Native Americans worshipped the bear because they believed that bears were immortal. This was due to the fact that they would ‘die’ and bury themselves, only to ‘rise up’ again in the spring.

Bears do not really hibernate, but enter into a state called ‘torpor,’ or winter dormancy. Torpor is a short term reduction of body temperature instead of a drop for long periods, such as months. During this process, the bear shuts down its digestive system and kidneys and will not eat, drink, urinate, or defecate for several months. However, since the body temperature only falls a few degrees, snoozing bears can awaken quickly if disturbed.

Often found up in trees, bears are excellent climbers. Regularly, bears will take to the trees as a means of escape, to reach food, or simply to relax. They are also outstanding swimmers. They are known for swimming to island campsites in search of food. They also, of course, can run fast on land. People will mistakenly perceive bears to be slow runners because of their bulk. During winter, though, they are slower because of the excess weight they gain for winter survival.

While bears once lived throughout most of North America, hunting and agriculture has driven them into heavily forested areas. They are thriving, but continue to face threats.

At the Montgomery Zoo, we have two American black bears. We have a male named Munchie, who is 24 years old, and Molly, the female, who is 11 years old. In the wild, Munchie would be past his lifespan, but in captivity, bears can live 30-35 years due to proper nutrition and veterinary care. They both have very good dispositions and are easy for zookeepers to work with. Their diet consists of fruits and vegetables, sweet potatoes being their favorite, and a special bear chow. Although they are omnivores, we don’t feed them any meat products because the bear chow has all the vitamins and minerals they need. But as part of their enrichment activities they are provided fish.
New at the Mann Museum

Water Kiosk

EDUCATIONAL WATER KIOSK @ MUSEUM

The Mann Wildlife Learning Museum has added a new feature to its collection of preserved North American wildlife, artifacts and other learning tools. This new educational kiosk, provided by Alabama Clean Water Partnership (ACWP), teaches visitors about water cycles, watersheds, pervious surfaces and their effect on watershed health, nonpoint source pollution, and nutrient enrichment. Visitors watch interactive video clips and take short quizzes to test what they have just learned. At the end of the session, the user is asked to make a pledge to help reduce nonpoint source pollution at their home and school.

The kiosk content is appropriate for ages eight years old and older, and is also available in English and Spanish speaking languages.

Also, every participant has the opportunity to register to win a FREE Apple iPad. All you have to do is enter your email address and zip code. ACWP Basin Facilitators will also inform users of events in their river basin, if they desire to “stay in the loop.”

So, the next time you visit the Mann Museum, definitely check it out!

This educational kiosk will present users with interactive video clips and short quizzes to test their knowledge on what they just learned.
At the Zoo, kook does not hold the same meaning as probably most places. Here Kook is one of our Education birds, a Blue-winged Kookaburra that everyone loves. Plus he is really quite handsome and debonair.

Kookaburra’s are iconic birds of the ‘land down under.’ Australia is home to two species of kookaburra, the laughing kookaburra and the blue-winged kookaburra. The laughing kookaburra was made famous because of its ‘kakaka’ call that sounds like high pitched laughing. They were used on the sets of some films that had an African jungle theme, even though they are found in Australia. The blue-winged kookaburra has a much harsher sound, sounding more like a high pitched screech.

The Blue-winged kookaburra, as its name would imply, has beautiful blue wing feathers. The males also have blue feathers on their tail, but the females have brown feathers. They are a stocky bird with a large head, short neck and long, thick beak. In Australia, kookaburras are sometimes referred to as shovel-billed birds because of their long beak.

Although this bird falls into a category of birds called kingfishers, they are not fishers at all. They prefer to hunt their diet close to the shore of a body of water. Common food items would be large insects, lizards, amphibians, small mammals, and even snakes. Kookaburras kill their prey by grabbing it with the beak and swinging it against a branch or rock until it is soft enough to swallow. They will then swallow their food whole.

In the wild, this species is a cooperative breeder which means help is provided in caring for the offspring. For kookaburras, this help is the form of previous offspring which stay with their family until they find mates of their own. Most offspring leave the nest at around four years old. Kookaburra chicks are also known as kooklets. The older kooklets are very aggressive with the younger chicks, sometimes killing younger siblings.

Kook is the name of the male kookaburra living in the Education Department. He is approximately nine years old and has been with the Zoo for six years. He came to us from the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and has been a great addition. Kook, along with other Education animals, can be seen by booking an Educational Program. This can be done online at montgomeryzoo.com or by giving us a call at (334) 240-4909.
The pic above is a snapshot of Buddy, one of our male African lions. We have two lions on display at the Zoo, Buddy and his brother Dash. Both are young and rambunctious. They play hard, but they nap hard too. If you haven’t had the opportunity to catch this yet, daily at 1:30pm, you can observe as the two lions go through a series of target training lessons. Also, enjoy an insightful and educational keeper talk learning more about Buddy and Dash.

We posted this pic to our Facebook pages, we were shocked by its response. This single post collected over 3,600 likes and shares within a 24 hour period. Wow, this is definitely evidence of the power of social media and the love people have for lions.

We love to see your pics. Help us share your experience at the Zoo and Museum. Whether we share your pics on social media or in our annual Jungle Drums calendar, we love seeing your wildlife adventures here at the Zoo and Museum through your eyes (and camera lens).

So, if you are interested in sharing your favorite zoo moments, please send them to Steven C. Pierce, 2301 Coliseum Parkway, Montgomery, AL 36110 or email to scpierce@montgomeryal.gov. Please send high-resolution photo files that are at least 9x6 inches, 350dpi and saved in a JPG, PSD, TIF or PDF file format. We can’t wait to see what you send, and send as many as you like. We post items daily, and we are excited about sharing your wildlife adventures with our friends, members, guests, and the world. Questions? Call (334) 240-4920.

New BTS animal experiences

**Giraffe experience**
Event details: Enjoy a tour of our Reticulated giraffe barn, an educational and insightful keeper talk, get an up close view and encounter with the giraffes, and participate as one of our giraffes creates an unique painting. (The finished giraffe painting is not included in the fee of this Animal Experience. Participants will have the opportunity to purchase the painting at the Zoo’s Gift Shop.)
Days and times available: Saturdays only, 11am and 2pm. Availability: Limited to 8 people (must have a minimum of 2 people, all participants must be at least six (6) years of age to participate). Children between the ages of 6-12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Accompanying adults must also pay event fee to attend. All participants must wear closed-toed shoes.
Fee: $65 per person. Registration: Online at montgomeryzoo.com or at the Montgomery Zoo Admissions Office. Registration and payment must be submitted at least 30 minutes prior to the event.

**Alligator feeding**
Event details: Enjoy an intense and exciting feeding experience with our American Alligators. Listen to an educational and insightful keeper talk while standing on a deck above four hungry alligators swimming below. Each participant will be given two fish (or food items) to feed the waiting alligators. Watch and enjoy the feeding frenzy.
Days and times available: Saturdays only, seasonal*, 12pm (noon) and 3pm. Availability: Limited to 10 people (must have a minimum of 2 people, all participants must be at least six (6) years of age to participate). Children between the ages of 6-12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Accompanying adults must also pay event fee to attend.
Fee: $10 per person. Registration: Online at montgomeryzoo.com or at the Montgomery Zoo Admissions Office. Registration and payment must be submitted at least 30 minutes prior to the event.
*Feeding sessions will not be held in winter months, December – March.
As cooler temps approach, people everywhere will be hitting the streams, creeks, rivers, lakes, bays, gulfs and oceans seeking a prize mount. The Mann Museum features some prized species, large and small, colorful and alluring to the eye.

Drop by the Mann Museum to see the vast collection of preserved fish. We have all kinds, but just to name a few: Spotted Sea Trout, Red Snapper, Blue Marlin and a Hammerhead Shark.

The Spotted Sea Trout is common in brackish water where fresh water meets salt water. Its habitat is in shallow water with grassy beds on the bottom. They eat shrimp and small fish. The Red Snapper is a given name for several brim fish because of their veracity and quick biting at food.

The Blue Marlin is one of the most highly prized game fish. The largest one recorded weighed close to one ton, but most Blue Marlin weigh between 200-400lbs. The Hammerhead Shark is perhaps the most recognizable shark of the 368 species of living sharks.

Also we have a preserved stingray. Stingrays are common in coastal, tropical and subtropical marine waters throughout the world. They can be found in both salt and fresh water. Stringrays are typically found in shallow waters gliding about in search of small fish, snails, clams, shrimp, and other small sea creatures. Despite the lack of common features, stingrays are cartilaginous fish related to sharks.

Come by and see the fish aquarium in the Mann Wildlife Learning Museum which has Rummy Nose Tetra, Albino Bushy Nose Pleco and Serpae Tetra. New species arriving to the Museum fish aquarium soon are: elephant nose fish, blue rams, ghost shrimp, neon tetras, and angelfish. Check them out!

Mann Museum displays allow you up close and fascinating views of these fish mounts. 1. The Blue Marlin with brilliant colors and dorsal fin. 2. The most recognizable Hammerhead Shark. 3. The whipping tail of the Stingray. 4. The snapping jaw of the Spotted Sea Trout.
calling all ghosts and ghouls

Do you like to scare people? Do you have a group of friends that just love the Zoo and love Halloween more? If so, I have the perfect place for YOU!

The Montgomery Zoo hosts an annual event and fundraiser entitled ZooBoo. This 11-night event is filled with fun, fright and horror. Guests have the option of climbing aboard the thrill and chill ride of a lifetime, the Haunted Hay Ride (scary), or mosey on over to the Pumpkin Pull for a non-scary, traditional fall hay ride. Guests also are invited to enjoy Halloween-themed games, bounce houses, concessions and much more.

We need volunteers to:

-- Scare on the Haunted Hay Ride
-- Help guests with games
-- Give out treat bags
-- Take tickets
-- Help load and unload rides

If you are interested or have a group ready to go, please enroll online at montgomeryzoo.com or give John Greene a call at (334) 240-4930.

volunteers make the Zoo beautiful

Check out the various Zoo volunteer opportunities by visiting our web site at montgomeryzoo.com or give our Zoo Volunteer Coordinator a call at (334) 240-4900. There is always plenty of room to join the team.

Volunteer spotlight

Mr. Bill

AND VOLUNTEERING AT THE ZOO

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Jungle Drums | Fall 2015

Mr. Bill

went to the upper level membership brunch and won a giraffe painting. The painting is now framed and hanging in my kitchen. We went on a behind the scenes tour after the brunch which is always a good time. The members-only events are a nice benefit.

Tell us about how you and Dorothy honored her parents at the Zoo?

Dorothy and I purchased a bench plaque to remember and honor her parents, Raymond and Dorothy Williams. The bench is just a small way for us to honor her parents.

The bench is located near the Parakeet Cove.

Anything else to add about the zoo?

In our time living in Montgomery I have seen a lot of positive changes at the zoo and am glad to be a partner in this progress. Seeing the river otters and alligators make a new home in the zoo was particularly pleasing.

I look forward to seeing more progress at the zoo with future exhibits and new animals.

It has been a pleasure volunteering at the zoo and I always look forward to helping at the Giraffe Encounter every week.

Thank you to Mr. Bill and the countless volunteers that work daily at the Montgomery Zoo making this one of the best zoos in the country. We love our volunteers and we greatly appreciate each one of them.

If you want to become a volunteer, please check out our Volunteer Opportunities at montgomeryzoo.com or give John Greene a call at (334) 240-4930.
LION TRAINING & KEEPER TALK
Visit our African Lion display daily at 1:30pm and enjoy an insightful and educational keeper talk while watching our two African lions (Buddy and Dash) go through a series of target training exercises. For more info, visit montgomeryzoo.com or give us a call (334) 240-4900.

Color Me Lion pride
Who is the top cat? A male African lion can grow to weigh on average of 400lbs, while a female is slightly smaller at 275lbs. A male lion’s roar can be heard up to 5 miles away altering all of his presence. The females are the main hunters providing food for the pride.
Thank you | Upper-level members brunch

A big special thank you to everyone that recently attended our Annual Upper-level and Donor’s Brunch on Saturday, August 15. After a hearty breakfast and some opening words from MAZS Board President, Janey Sabel and Zoo Director, Doug Goode, the group was treated to a special behind the scenes tour. The day’s activities included:

1. The group observed as Buddy and Dash, our two African lions, went through a target training session.
2. Great breakfast and mingling with friends and family.
3. Giraffe barn tour and painting.
4. Elephant barn tour, training session and painting.
5. Happy and smiling faces at the lion training session.
6. More happy faces at the alligator feeding.

Thank you to everyone that attended, and thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Montgomery Zoo.

On the calendar

UPCOMING ZOO EVENTS

SEPT 17, ZOOBILATION, 6pm - 10pm. Dance to the groove, delight in drinks and food samplings from the finest eateries in the River Region, try your luck at the vast collection of auction items and rub elbows with the area’s finest animal lovers. Zoobilation is a fundraiser geared for adults only. All guests must be 21 years old or older to attend. Tickets are $50, purchased online at montgomeryzoo.com, at the Zoo’s gift shop and museum.

SEPT 25, BALLET & THE BEASTS, Gates open at 6pm, performance begins at dusk. Enjoy the Montgomery Ballet in a FREE performance under the stars at the Montgomery Zoo. Admission is FREE, picnic blankets and chairs are welcome. A wonderful evening event at the Zoo, fun for all ages.

OCT 15-18, 22-25 and 29-31, ZOOBOO, 6pm - 9pm nightly. Join us for 11 nights fun, fright and horror at ZooBoo. Climb aboard the thrill and chill ride of a lifetime Haunted Hay Ride (scary) or mosey on over to the Pumpkin Pull for a non-scary, traditional fall hay ride. Enjoy Halloween-themed games, bounce houses, concessions and much more at ZooBoo. Gates open at 6pm nightly, the first Haunted Hay Ride leaves the depot at dusk. Montgomery Zoo members receive a 50% discount on ZooBoo admission.

NOV 8-14, VETERANS APPRECIATION WEEK. Join the Montgomery Zoo in thanking the proud men and women of the armed forces. During Veterans Appreciation Week, all veterans, active duty military and their dependent family members receive a 50% DISCOUNT on regular admission to the Montgomery Zoo and/or Mann Wildlife Learning Museum. Participants must provide a valid military identification to receive discount. Thank you for your service and dedication.

OCT 17, ANNUAL MEMBERS BOARD MEETING, 12:15pm. All Montgomery Zoo members are invited to a Members Board meeting. Hear the state-of-the-zoo report, learn about future attractions and exhibits while mingling with Zoo staff and MAZS board members. Nov 17, noon in the Mann Museum conference room. Please RSVP attendance no later then Nov 1 by calling (334) 240-4900.

For more info on these events, please visit montgomeryzoo.com or call (334) 240-4900.
ZOOBOO
AT THE MONTGOMERY ZOO
OCTOBER 15-18, 22-25, & 29-31
6PM - 9PM NIGHTLY

Join us for 11 nights of fun and fright at ZooBoo. Climb aboard the thrill ride of a lifetime Haunted Hay Ride or mosey on over to a traditional, non-scary hay ride at the Pumpkin Pull. Enjoy games, bouncy castles, concessions and much more at ZooBoo. Gates open at 6pm, the first Haunted Hay Ride will pull out at dusk.

Admission: $15 for ages 3 years and older. Admission includes one ride ticket (either to the Haunted Hay Ride or the Pumpkin Pull) and 20 game tickets (one sheet). FREE for ages 2 years and younger. Montgomery Zoo members receive a 50% discount.

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