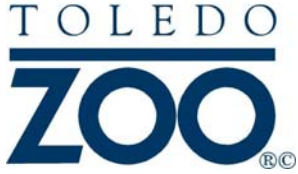




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## Toledo Zoo's Vineyard Adventure Offers Valentine's Fun

Fine wines, gourmet appetizers and sophisticated live entertainment...What could make the Zoo's Valentine's Day Vineyard Adventure even more romantic? Find out on **Saturday, February 14**, as the Zoo presents ***For the Love of Animals***, a **Vineyard Adventure** that may be the most exciting ever! Be a part of the romance and fun from **7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** in the **Zoo's Museum of Science**.

In addition to all the elements that make Vineyard Adventures such a romantic getaway, this year's Valentine's Day Vineyard Adventure offers a chance to participate in a silent art auction featuring paintings by some of your favorite Zoo animals. There will be four paintings available to bid on painted by the Toledo Zoo's Asian sloth bear, African elephant, Burmese python and orangutan. Zoo keepers will be on hand to answer any questions you may have regarding the paintings and the animals that created the artwork.

Throughout the evening, Zoo staff will present small animal encounters that get you up close to some amazing animals. Mix and mingle with a chinchilla, a hedgehog and more as you enjoy all that the Vineyard Adventure has to offer. A portion of all admission prices goes to the Center for Ecosystem Survival, an organization dedicated to preserving the natural world by protecting ecosystems worldwide. **Tickets are \$50 per person for Zoo members and \$55 per person for non-members.** For more information or to reserve your spot at this Vineyard Adventure, call **(419) 385-5721, ext. 3092**. For a complete schedule of 2009 Vineyard Adventures, visit [www.toledozoo.org](http://www.toledozoo.org).

The Toledo Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located on the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 25), four miles south of downtown Toledo. For more information, please visit [www.toledozoo.org](http://www.toledozoo.org) or call (419) 385-4040. Lucas County residents are admitted free of charge each Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. ID showing proof of residency is required.

*The Toledo Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA). Look for the AZA logo whenever you visit a zoo or aquarium as your assurance that you are supporting a facility dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for you, and a better future for all living things. With its more than 200 accredited members, AZA is building North America's largest wildlife conservation movement.*

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