

# 2023 Toledo Zoo Donor Tours



## TOUR INFORMATION

- Refreshments will be served and each tour lasts approximately 90 minutes. Tours are limited in size for our guests' enjoyment and the welfare of the animals.
- Because alcohol is available, we request that no guests under 21 years of age attend unless the tour description indicates that it is appropriate for children.
- Director's and Conservator's Circle members, and donors of \$5,000+ can choose up to four tours; Platinum Circle members, \$2,500+ donors can choose up to three tours; Diamond Circle members, \$1,000+ donors can choose two tours; Gold Circle members, \$500+ donors can choose one tour.
- Tour reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis and can be made by contacting Tana Benford at 419-385-5721, ext. 3024 or [tana.benford@toledozoo.org](mailto:tana.benford@toledozoo.org). Reminder calls or emails will be made one week prior to the event. If you make reservations, but are unable to attend, please contact Tana Benford as soon as possible so another supporter may fill your spot.
- Tours will occur rain or shine. Please wear comfortable attire and walking shoes.

## OH BABY X2!

**April 26, 6 p.m. & May 3, 6 p.m. • Arctic Encounter**

Our polar bear twins have captured the hearts of people from around the world! Because we know this will be a popular tour, we are offering two opportunities for donors to see the cubs and mom Crystal. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. *Parking available in the Anthony Wayne Trail lot.*

## BIRDS OF PREY TOUR

**May 10, 6 p.m. • Aquarium**

Take a walk with members of our Aviary team to learn more about some of the stunning birds of prey found at the Zoo, including our owls, eagles and vultures. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. *Parking available in the Broadway lot.*

## SEA LION TRAINING TOUR

**June 13, 6 p.m. • Arctic Encounter**

They are fun and entertaining and sure to put a smile on your face. Meet our four Sea lions, experience an exclusive training session and meet the keepers who care for these charismatic animals. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. *Parking available in the Anthony Wayne Trail lot.*

## BARNYARD FRIENDS AND EDUCATION ANIMALS

**June 27, 6 p.m. • Family Tour • Museum Great Hall**

Meet some of the animals used in our Education programming that you may not see on a typical Zoo visit. Afterwards, we will venture to the Barnyard to learn about and feed some of the unique farm animals found there. Tour begins with appetizers and refreshments. *Parking available in the Broadway lot.*

## BEARS OF KODIAK RIDGE

**July 11, 6 p.m. & July 25, 6 p.m. • Tiger Terrace**

Kodiak Ridge is our new must-see brown bear exhibit! We want everyone to have the opportunity for this up-close experience and therefore we are offering two tour dates. Come see our three bears as they enjoy their new pond, sensory log and den that are all a part of Kodiak Ridge. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. *Parking available in the Broadway lot.*

## TURTLES AND TORTOISES

**August 22, 6 p.m. • Aquarium**

The Zoo will be opening a new native turtle exhibit this summer, along with an expanded area for our tortoises. Get an up-close encounter with Emerson, the Galapagos tortoise, along with some of his new friends found in the Zoo's garden area. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. *Parking available in the Broadway lot.*

## EVERYTHING IS COMING UP ROSES

**August 29, 6 p.m. • Aquarium**

The Zoo has dozens of new rose bush varieties in our beautiful garden located in front of the Conservatory. Meet the horticulturist who cares for these stunning blooms and get some expert tips on caring for your own roses and other garden plants. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. at the Aquarium. *Parking available in the Broadway lot.*

## ALL THINGS REPTILE

**September 12, 6 p.m. and October 3, 6 p.m. • Reptile House**

Back by popular demand! Visit the Reptile House before this beloved WPA building undergoes renovation and infrastructure repairs in 2024. Guests will experience a special feeding of Baru – one of the world's largest saltwater crocodiles – and see what it takes to operate a building that is home to hundreds of reptiles and amphibians. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. *Parking available in the Broadway lot.*

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE AQUARIUM

**November 1, 6 p.m. • Aquarium**

There is always something new at the Zoo! As the cold temperatures set in, the Aquarium is the perfect place for an evening tour. We'll go behind-the-scenes, see some of the new exhibits and aquatic wildlife, and meet the team that cares for over a thousand fish in this historic building. Tour begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. *Parking available in the Broadway lot.*

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**December 2, 10 a.m. • Museum Great Hall**

Start the holiday season off with what has become a tradition for many of our donor families – Breakfast with Santa. Guests of all ages will enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet, one-on-one time with the big guy from the North Pole, along other special treats and surprises. Be sure to have the kids bring their holiday wish lists and don't forget your camera to capture the moment! *Parking available in Anthony Wayne Trail lot.*

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**PROJECT PRAIRIE / June 1 / 6 p.m. at the Great Hall in the Museum**

*Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Adults only. Please contact Katherine Lonsbrough at [Katherine.Lonsbrough@toledozoo.org](mailto:Katherine.Lonsbrough@toledozoo.org) for more information and to RSVP regarding the Conservation lecture series.*

**EXOTIC BIRDS / October 26 / 6 p.m. at the Great Hall in the Museum**