



WILD ADVENTURES

at the MONTGOMERY ZOO & MANN WILDLIFE LEARNING MUSEUM

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A MONTHLY BULLETIN OF ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Zoo Boo is Just Around the Pumpkin

October 11-13, 18-20 and 25-31

Have you heard? Zoo Boo is all new this year with 13 nights of fright and fun!

What is Zoo Boo you ask? It is our fall fundraising event with halloween-themed carnival games, bounce houses, special character visits, and your pick of a non-scary or scary hayride. Proceeds from the event go to fund the construction of a new reptile exhibit.

Tickets are \$8.50 per person ages 3 years old and up. Your admission includes one hayride ticket and one sheet of game tickets. Additional game tickets can be purchased for \$5. Most games take two tickets and everyone wins a prize or treat.



It takes over 125 volunteers, that's right **125 volunteers**, each night of Zoo Boo to make it a fun experience that guests will not soon forget. If your, your family, club, office, church or athletic team would like to volunteer please call Melanie Golson at 334-325-4930 or email zooinfo@montgomeryal.gov.

We also need some donations for props. We need hospital scrubs, old suitcases, a tent, Hawaiian shirts, wigs, old Halloween masks, hats (not ball caps), plastic pumpkins in all sizes, old non-working cameras, and binoculars. To donate please call/text 334-354-6099 and we will make arrangements to pick up or just drop items off at the Zoo.

Scarecrows in the Zoo Returns for 2nd Year in Partnership with the Alabama Herb Society



The Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife learning Museum has teamed up with the Alabama Herb Society for the second year of "Scarecrows at the Zoo," an exhibition of original and naturally crafted scarecrows.

Entries can be from individuals, schools, business, scout groups, church youth groups and others. Scarecrows should be designed to capture the wonders natural plant life. The theme is "**ALL Things in Nature.**"

Entries must be set up during the week of October 6-10 and will remain on display until October 31. Entry must include sign that gives scarecrow Name/Theme, constructed by individual/group/company name, contact person(s) name, e-mail and phone number.

Scarecrows can celebrate favorite garden pastimes, the harvest season, the outdoors, anything related to fall and festive or a little scary but must be suitable for audiences of all ages.

Entries must be made of materials found in nature, recycled materials (bottles, cans) and other natural fiber materials.

Scarecrows cannot exceed seven feet tall. Stuffing possibilities - plastic bags filled with newspapers, corn shucks, hay or straw. Hair and head possibilities include gourds, yarn, brooms, corn cobs/shucks, raffia, old mops, pots, burlap, pillowcase, etc. If you use straw it MUST be wheat straw for the protection of the animals and Zoo grounds.

Entries will be subject to the elements (rain, heat, etc.) for one month and viewed by thousands of visitors. Make scarecrow construction as weatherproof and indestructible as possible. Zoo staff will not be able to reconstruct any entries that fall apart due to weather.

For more information contact Duane Mara with the Alabama Herb Society at duckmara@bellsouth.net or 334-546-0292.

The Montgomery Zoo and Alabama Herb Society reserves the right to remove any entries reflecting controversial political or social subject matter, entries in poor taste for family viewing, and/or entries that are overly commercial or promotional in nature. The Alabama Herb Society reserves the right to reject any entry that does not meet the listed qualifications and to remove any scarecrow that deteriorates to an unacceptable level, including abuse by visitors.





Be a Super Hero and join us at one of

the Montgomery Zoo's Most Powerful Education Programs

Dress up as your favorite super hero and see what you may have in common with some of the animals at the Zoo. Learn about how our rhino is much like Ironman protected by an armored, iron suit. Or is the rhino more like the Hulk? Strong, powerful, and crashing into anything in his way? Superman can soar and has the super vision like an eagle. Elastgirl from The Incredibles has the ability to stretch tall and far.

Hmmmm... much like giraffes with their long necks. Are pygmy hippos akin to Aquaman? He can remain underwater for great lengths of time, swim at tremendous speeds, and telepathically communicate with sea life. Wonder Woman uses her lasso of truth and superhuman strength just like a python squeezing to win battles over her enemies. Learn about these super heroes and how their super powers compare to many of the animals that reside at the Montgomery Zoo.

This program is geared for boys and girls, ages 4-12 years old. All participants are encouraged to wear their favorite super hero costume and show off their super powers.

Participant event fees: BUY YOUR TICKET NOW.

-- \$28 per child (ages 4-12 years old, \$20 for Montgomery Zoo members).

-- Accompanying adult event fee: \$17 (13 years old and older). FREE for Montgomery Zoo members.

For more information about this event, please contact the Zoo's Education Department phone: (334) 625-4909 or zooinfo@montgomeryal.gov.



Let us bring the Zoo to YOU!

Teaching about our animals and conservation efforts is key to ensuring that the next generation can enjoy every creature large to small. This is the main goal of Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum Education Department's Zoo 2 Go programs.

All of our education programs can be adapted to meet a variety of age groups from pre-K to seniors. Programs may be done on location at your day care, school, church, senior living facility, neighborhood association or civic group meeting. We can even add more to

your group's visit to the Zoo with a program on-site in our indoor classroom or outdoor pavilion.

Call the Zoo at 334-625-4900 for more information or to book your program.

Plan your child's wildest birthday ever with a party at the Montgomery Zoo



There is nothing more exciting than celebrating someone's special day. Why not celebrate at the Montgomery Zoo with hundreds of your animal friends hosted by the Montgomery Zoo's Education Department. Bring your friends and presents, and we will take care of the rest.

Three packages are available to suit your needs along with add-ons to make your party that much more festive and exciting.

Birthday parties are only scheduled on Saturday or Sunday. Party reservation times are 10am - 12pm (noon) and 2pm - 4pm only and are held at our Flamingo Education Pavilion. Party arrival time at Education Pavilion is no earlier than 30 minutes prior to your scheduled party

time. You are free to visit the Zoo/Museum prior to your party; however, our staff needs set up time prior to your party's arrival. If you are hosting an afternoon party (2pm-4pm), we suggest you visit the Zoo and Museum prior to your party, so you and your guests have plenty of time to see all the Zoo animals, Museum, and attractions before attending the birthday celebration. For more information visit the Zoo's website www.montgomeryzoo.com or call 334-625-4900.

Make Your Saturdays WILD



On Saturdays you can sign up for a behind the scenes tour of our Elephant, Giraffe or Tiger barn, get an educational and insightful keeper talk, observe a training and enrichment session and learn more about how we care for these majestic animals.

Animal Experiences/Encounters are only available on Saturday and advance reservation is required.

Elephant, Tiger and Giraffe experiences are \$65 per person plus Zoo Admission. Montgomery Zoo members do not have to pay admission.

Space is limited and a minimum of two (2) people must be registered to hold an encounter. All participants must be at least six (6) years old and anyone 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Visit the Zoo's website for more information and to reserve you space.

