



WILD ADVENTURES

at the MONTGOMERY ZOO & MANN WILDLIFE LEARNING MUSEUM

SEPTEMBER 2019

A MONTHLY BULLETIN OF ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Zoo SERVE Day - September 7th



Volunteers at the Montgomery Zoo are very important people and play a vital role in the success of the Zoo. Volunteer commitment has allowed our Zoo to improve, expand programs, generate community involvement and support, and assist Zoo staff in daily Zoo operations.

ZOO SERVE DAY is a single day event where volunteer groups join forces to accomplish several tasks; including landscaping, trimming bushes, planting flowers, raking leaves, painting, and overall prepping the Zoo for upcoming events. It is a great opportunity for groups to serve the Zoo.

Join us Saturday, September 7th from 9-12, 1-4 or for the really dedicated some stay all day from 9-4 to help get the Zoo ready for the Fall season. Call 625-4930 for more information or visit montgomeryzoo.com to sign up.

Get your ZOOBILATION Tickets Today!



Book those babysitters now for September 12 so you don't miss the wildest party of the year. 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 fund raiser geared for adults only. All guests must be 21 years old or older to attend. Tickets are \$50 per

person (all guests must be at least 21 years old to attend). Group discount tickets are available.

Enjoy an awesome night mingling with friends and community leaders while helping a very worth while cause, the construction of a new Reptile Facility at the Montgomery Zoo.

Tickets can be purchased online at montgomeryzoo.com, by stopping by the Zoo, calling 334-625-4900 or from any Zoo Society Board Member.

DINO DIG - SEPTEMBER 14, 2019



If your child, grandchild, niece, nephew or just your favorite neighbor down the street is 4-10 years old and they like to get a dirty and loves all things prehistoric then **DINO DIG** is perfect for them.

Junior paleontologists get to experience a live animal presentation, a real archaeological dig, discover bones from the past and have a great time while learning about creatures that roamed the earth millions of years ago. There is even a goody bag to take home!

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

Adult Chaperone Ticket \$17 (13 years old and older), Montgomery Zoo members: FREE

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

For additional information concerning Dino Dig, please contact our Education Department at (334) 625-4909 or email at zooinfo@montgomeryal.gov.



Ballet and the Beasts - September 20

FREE Admission

The Montgomery Ballet's international troupe will perform *INTO the WILD* under the stars at the Montgomery Zoo on Friday, September 20 at dusk.

Gates open at 6:00 pm with youth ballet dancers from around the River Region performing an opening show at 6:45.

Montgomery Ballet performance of *Into the Wild* begins at dusk.

Ballet and the Beasts is fun for all ages, boys and girls. Admission is FREE, picnic blankets, lawn chairs, and coolers are welcome.

The Zoo's Education Department Docents and Zooteens will be doing animal presentations before the performances and during intermission.



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

ZooBoo is just around the corner and 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, group/company name (if applicable), contact person(s) name and 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 primarily of materials found in nature, recycled materials (bottles, cans) and other natural fiber materials. Scarecrows can vary in size from small to a maximum of seven feet tall. Facial expressions are often the first thing viewers notice so be creative! Scarecrow stuffing possibilities - plastic bags filled with newspapers, corn shucks, hay or wheat straw. Hair and head possibilities include gourds, yarn, brooms, corn cobs/shucks, raffia, old mops, pots, burlap, pillowcase, etc.



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.

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.

The Mayor's office will judge entries based on several categories (students, business, community group, etc.) Ribbons and prizes will be awarded.

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



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 now to visit the wildest classroom in Central Alabama @ the Montgomery Zoo



The Montgomery Zoo offers discounted admission for SCHOOL GROUPS of 20 or more paying guests. In addition to the discounted admission, for every 15 paying students in your group, you will receive a FREE teacher admission. To receive full benefit of the group discount, you must have a reservation.

Admission packages includes the Zoo and Mann Museum - two great attractions at one low price.

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.

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. time. For more information visit the Zoo's website www.montgomeryzoo.com or call 334-625-4900.

