



WILD ADVENTURES

at the MONTGOMERY ZOO & MANN WILDLIFE LEARNING MUSEUM

DECEMBER 2019

A MONTHLY BULLETIN OF ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

What's happening this month @ the Zoo...

November 28	Thanksgiving Day - Zoo CLOSED
November 29-30	Zoo Open Regular Hours
December 2	Cyber Monday
December 3	Giving Tuesday
December 5-8 & 12-25	Christmas Lights Festival
December 24	Zoo Open Regular Hours
December 25	Zoo CLOSED 8 am-5 pm -
December 25	Open for Christmas Lights Festival @ 5:30 pm
December 26, 27, 30, 31	Zoofari Winter Camp
December 31	Zoo Open Regular Hours
January 1, 2020	Zoo CLOSED



The Zoo and Museum will be **CLOSED** Thanksgiving Day November 28, 2019

The Zoo and Museum will resume regular hours on Friday, November 29th.



The Zoo and Museum will be **CLOSED** December 25, 2019 and January 1, 2020

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FESTIVAL
DECEMBER 5-8 AND 12-25
5:30PM - 9:30PM
 Last admission tickets sold at 9pm

NEW PRICING
 ADMISSION: \$10
 Montgomery Zoo members and toddlers 2 yrs and younger FREE!
 RIDE PASS: \$10
 UNLIMITED RIDES on the train and sky lift rides
 montgomeryzoo.com

One of the River Region's favorite holiday traditions will kick off at 6:00 pm on Thursday, December 5, 2019 when the switch is flipped at the Montgomery Zoo to turn on thousands of lights for the 28th Annual Christmas Lights Festival.

Each admission includes entry to Lights Festival to stroll throughout the Zoo seeing thousands of lights and holiday displays, visit with Santa, and enjoy the entertainment at the Overlook Pavilion.

Regular Festival Admission: \$10 (ages 3 years old and older). **Christmas Lights Ride Package**

- Toddlers 2 years and younger are FREE.
- Montgomery Zoo members: FREE
- Train ride is only included with those memberships having the train ride as part of their membership.
- No GUEST PASSES are allowed for entry during the evening event. Only the people listed on the membership card will be given free admission.

\$10 for unlimited train and Zoofari Skylift rides. Rides are limited to same night and for the evening event only.

Early Bird Admissions will have to return to the Gift Shop to purchase at 5:30 pm.

Individual Christmas Lights Festival attractions:

- Train ride: \$3 per person, per ride
- Skylift ride: \$5 per person, per ride
- Visits with Santa through December 23: FREE
- Photos with Santa: \$5 per photo

Early Bird Admission - Come early and enjoy the Zoo while the animals are still out, then enjoy the lights all in one day for just \$25 (ages 3 years old and older).

Discount Tickets Available for groups of 20 or more. Visit montgomeryzoo.com for more details and to purchase tickets.



Walking in a Wild Winter Wonderland
@ Zoofari Winter Camp at the Montgomery Zoo
December 26, 27, 30, 31, and January 2 and 3
8am - 5pm daily

(Drop-off at 7:30am, Pick-up from 5pm - 5:30pm)

Do your kids need something to do now that all the gifts are open, family has gone home and Mom and Dad have to go back to work? Then, **Zoofari Winter Camp** is the perfect answer to your holiday break blues. Campers will enjoy unique, educational, and fun daily winter-themed activities, make crafts, experience behind the scenes animal encounters, and perhaps make a new friend or two. Campers can join us for a day, maybe two, or the entire camp. The choice is yours. Close out the holidays, or bring in the New Year with a WILDLIFE bang at the Montgomery Zoo!

Zoofari Winter Camp is perfect for boys and girls, ages 5-12 years old.

Come one day, two days or all six. Activities will be different each day so you want your kids to miss a minute of the fun.

From scavenger hunts to train rides to crafts to exclusive animal encounters, your child will experience exciting and educational activities only available at the Montgomery Zoo. Have your child join us for the winter time fun at the Montgomery Zoo.

Lunch, snacks, and drinks are provided. If your camper has special dietary needs, you may want to select to provide their food. A daily menu will be provided in our Parents/Guardian Information Packet.

Each camper will also receive a keepsake, collectible camp shirt.

Advanced registration is required and must be completed **on-line**.

Tuition payment must be received with registration. Any cancellations will result in a \$25 processing fee. No phone reservations will be accepted.

For more information, please about Zoofari Winter Camp call (334) 625-4909 or email at dcrowe@montgomeryal.gov

Zoofari Winter Camp Tuition
Schedule Multiple Days and SAVE

Pricing for Montgomery Zoo members:
(MUST PROVIDE ZOO MEMBER # to qualify)

- Single day: \$55
- Two days: \$55+\$45 = \$100
- Three days: \$55+45+45 = \$145
- Four days: \$55+45+45+45 = \$190
- Five days: \$55+45+45+45+45 = \$235
- Six days (entire camp): \$270

Pricing for non-Montgomery Zoo members:

- Single day: \$65
- Two days: \$65+\$55 = \$120
- Three days: \$65+55+55 = \$175
- Four days: \$65+55+55+55 = \$230
- Five days: \$65+55+55+55+55 = \$285
- Six days (entire camp): \$330



Still Time to Strike Up the Band
or Tie Up Your Tap Shoes

Do you know four birds that sing, a five golden ring juggler, nine ladies dancing, ten lords leaping, eleven pipers piping or even twelve drummers drumming? Then we need to know who they are too!

There are still several nights with openings for entertainment during the Christmas Lights Festival. This is a perfect time for chorus groups, carolers, up and coming local musicians, dance schools, string quartets, piano players, puppeteers, and school bands to be part of this exciting annual event and provide a little extra Christmas cheer to the evening. Performances are at 6:00, 7:00 or 8:00 each night

If your group is interesting in being part of this event and performing on the Overlook stage please contact the Zoo at 334-625-4900 or email Holly Hubbard - h Hubbard@montgomeryal.gov.





Zoo Animals Have a Christmas List Too - Think of the Zoo on Cyber Monday

Have you ever wanted to play ball with an otter, or Frisbee with a cheetah? Well we can't actually let you do those things, but with our **Amazon Wish List** you can make sure that our otters, lions, elephants, tigers and all the other animals get all the exercise, enrichment and even rest by gifting the Montgomery Zoo items from our Amazon Wish List.

Everything you purchase from our wish list will be delivered to the Zoo with a note from you.

We will even send you a picture of our animals enjoying your gift. Can decide what to get your favorite animal? Purchase an Amazon Gift card and we will do the shopping for you.

GIVING TUESDAY

What do you get the person that REALLY does have everything?

That's easy...The Zoo has lots of ways you can give the perfect gift to your loved one and your favorite animal too.

From zoo membership, a memorial brick on the front plaza, a personalized bench to be placed near their favorite animal, adopting an animal to help provide for its care

throughout 2020, a behind the scenes animal experience, a gift certificate to the gift shop or just a monetary donation in their honor. All these very personal gifts aid in the care, conservation and well-being of the Montgomery Zoo animals. Some gifts are even tax deductible.

For more information call the zoo at 334-625-4900 or visit montgomeryzoo.com/about for more information.



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.



Add Some WILD to Your Holiday Gathering

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.

