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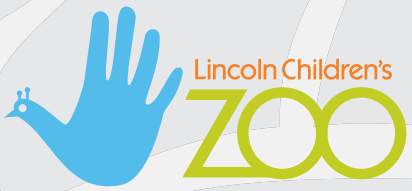
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# WELCOME HOME

On a stage in a large tent stood Zoo President John Chapo and Larry the Cable Guy. It was March 29, 2017, the day Lincoln Children's Zoo announced the largest expansion in their history. The two unveiled plans for the expansion as oohs and aahs from hundreds of school children and adults in attendance grew louder with each announcement. When a giant banner was uncovered, showing a child holding a piece of lettuce and feeding the tallest animal in the world, those watching learned the Zoo was bringing giraffes to Lincoln.

Eighteen months after the big announcement, the Zoo's three giraffes are ready for their new home in Lincoln and the community is excited to welcome them. The three, all one year old, come from zoos across the country. Two females and one male will be the first to call the new world-class giraffe habitat home. The habitat has received praise from across the country and recently it was announced that Lincoln Children's Zoo would be a recommended location to breed these endangered animals.

The three young giraffes arrive in September to give them time to get acquainted with their new home, zookeepers and veterinary staff. The public will get their first face-to-face encounter with the three giraffes in spring of 2019 when the Zoo opens the expansion area which also includes tigers, spider monkeys, red pandas and a play stream.

## SAY HELLO TO THE HERD



**Name:** Allie  
**Gender:** Female  
**Birthday:** June 20, 2017  
**From:** Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle, Washington  
**About:** Was one of the most popular animals at Woodland Park Zoo and is recommended for breeding by Species Survival Plan.



**Name:** Joey  
**Gender:** Male  
**Birthday:** December 5, 2016  
**From:** Oklahoma City Zoo in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
**About:** Ranks in top five of most rare genetics for giraffes in North America.



**Name:** To be named by local school children!  
**Gender:** Female  
**Birthday:** July 21, 2017  
**From:** Como Park Zoo in St. Paul, Minnesota  
**About:** She will be the first giraffe to arrive in Lincoln on September 4, 2018.



LOVE YOUR ZOO



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### 3RD LARGEST

Covering over 8,600 square feet, the indoor giraffe habitat at Lincoln Children's Zoo is the third largest in the United States.

### CLIMATE

Climate controlled with air conditioning and heating allow for the ideal temperature year-round.

### GIVE

We've reached new heights. We're almost there. Give to the **LOVE YOUR ZOO** Campaign.

### TREATS

Large indoor and outdoor decks allows guests to get up-close with the giraffes to feed them year-round.

### FLOOR

The Abacus padded floor is excellent for giraffe joint and hoof health.

# A HEAD ABOVE THE REST

LINCOLN'S NEW WORLD-CLASS GIRAFFE CONSERVATION HABITAT

## PERSONAL

Each giraffe has an individual habitat to have their own space if desired as well as one area specifically built for a mother and baby.

## CARE

The habitat has an area where veterinarians can provide preventive medical care as well as perform emergency procedures if needed.

## HEAD TO TOE

A heating system beneath the padded floor keeps their hooves warm and provides additional comfort when they lay down to sleep.





# FASCINATING FACTS

- LOVES MEALWORMS AND FISH SNACKS

- BUILDS NESTS OUT OF STICKS AND MUD UP TO 4 FEET WIDE

- CAN LIVE UP TO 20 YEARS



COLLECTIBLE POSTER

**hello**  
my name is

**EmCee**  
(the hamercop)

# SAND CATS

## THE ZOO'S NEWEST ADDITION

When guests visit the Zoo in the coming weeks, they will discover a new feline who might resemble a domestic animal found in many Lincoln homes. However, this small feline is far from anything you would find purring on your lap. A male sand cat will travel from a feline conservation center in California to call Lincoln his new home. Animals like the sand cat will offer guests a unique learning experience in the fine line separating domestic and wild animals.

Sand cats live in dry, desert environments ranging from Northern Africa to Central Asia. In the wild, little is known about sand cats due to their elusive

and hard-to-find nature. Opting to live solitary lives outside of mating seasons, communication between individuals is limited. Sand cats make similar vocalizations to those of a domestic cat but are also known for making loud barking calls to each other, especially during breeding seasons.

Living in areas with sparse vegetation and little water has caused the sand cat to develop the ability to survive without water for weeks at a time. Most of the moisture they require comes from the prey they eat. As in the wild, the sand cat at the Zoo will eat small rodents—typically a pound a day. This is more than

20 percent of their body weight, which can be 3 to 7 pounds.

Tending to live in high desert conditions with cold winter temperatures, the sand cat has adapted many unique physical characteristics that are specialized to their environment. Sand cats have a thick layer of fur on their paws to protect against extreme heat and shifting sands. With extreme temperatures, the sand cat prefers to live underground in burrows made by other animals such as porcupines. Guests can visit the sand cat in the Zoo's Animal Kingdom where his habitat is comparable to what is found in the wild, including sand and places to hide.



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# ZOO CAMP

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## OCTOBER 12

8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

LPS ELEMENTARY NOT IN SESSION  
MEMBERS: \$45 | NON-MEMBERS: \$60

MINI ZOO VET | AGES 5 – 7  
VET EXPLORER | AGES 8 – 12

## OCTOBER 15 – 16

8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

LPS NOT IN SESSION  
MEMBERS: \$90 | NON-MEMBERS: \$120

CRITTER KEEPERS | AGES 5 – 7  
JR. ZOO CREW | AGES 8 – 12

## NOVEMBER 26

8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

LPS ELEMENTARY NOT IN SESSION  
MEMBERS: \$45 | NON-MEMBERS: \$60

MINI ZOO VET | AGES 5 – 7  
JR. ZOOKEEPER | AGES 8 – 12

## DECEMBER 21

8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

LPS NOT IN SESSION  
MEMBERS: \$45 | NON-MEMBERS: \$60

ANIMAL ELVES | AGES 5 – 7  
ANIMAL ELVES | AGES 8 – 12

## JANUARY 2 – 4

8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

LPS ELEMENTARY NOT IN SESSION  
MEMBERS: \$135 | NON-MEMBERS: \$180

CRITTER KEEPERS | AGES 5 – 7  
JR. ZOO VET | AGES 8 – 12

Register at [LincolnZoo.org](http://LincolnZoo.org)



## TOTS & TURTLES

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## Tots & Turtles

Ages 2 – 4 + Parent

Wednesdays | 10 – 11 a.m. | Sept. 12 – Oct. 17

Thursdays | 10 – 11 a.m. | Sept. 13 – Oct. 18

Tots & Turtles is a toddler/parent program that will introduce your child to interactive environments filled with learning opportunities. Each week children and parents will meet a new animal friend and take part in activities designed to assist with toddler development. Each session is limited to 15 families to ensure individual attention.

Members: \$95 | Non-Members: \$105

Register at [LincolnZoo.org](http://LincolnZoo.org)

# BOO AT THE ZOO

## A LETTER FROM THE WIZARD

Hello all you trick-or-treaters out there!

It's me, the Wizard! I write to you with a frightening amount of joy since it's finally time for pumpkin spice lattes, Elsa costumes and Boo at the Zoo! Year after year, I travel to Lincoln to make sure the Zoo runs spooktastically as Zoo President John Chapo takes his annual October vacation. This Boo at the Zoo will be number 32 for me and I would say that my wizardry management skills are at their finest, or so I thought.

Last month, Jack Frost made a comment to the Easter Bunny that Boo at the Zoo was scary. Ever since then, the Council of Legendary Figures has been sending my cauldron emails about the event, questioning its family-friendly atmosphere. I decided to clear the cobwebs, head to the Council's annual meeting and let them ask me some questions about Boo at the Zoo.

**Easter Bunny:** How big is Boo at the Zoo? Is there lots of room for some bunny like me to hop around?

**Wizard:** Jumping jack-o-lanterns, of course! I have invited over 40 trick-or-treat stations that will be spread all throughout the Zoo. Hop here, jump there, lots of Halloween fun is to be had.

**Tooth Fairy:** Forty trick-or-treat stations? Just think of the cavities!

**Wizard:** Don't be shocked-apples, toothbrushes and sugar-free options can be found, but this IS Halloween! Nearly 1 million pieces of mouthwatering candy will be handed out!

**Mother Nature:** What happens if I am feeling a little snow, rain or cold for the day of the event?

**Wizard:** Rain or shine, our not-so-scary event will go on! Since Boo at the Zoo is Lincoln's biggest Halloween event, we are here no matter the weather.

**Santa Claus:** Frightening, dreadful and gruesome. Do any of these words describe Boo at the Zoo?

**Wizard:** Apparition apples, of course not! Screaming with fear is not our goal because our motto is "Merry, not scary!"

**Father Time:** What kind of time frame are we looking at for this event?

**Wizard:** Boo at the Zoo is five days of mysterious fun, from October 26 - 30 starting at 5:30 every night.

**Cupid:** There seems to be a lot of love for this event but how do you staff the Zoo's largest fundraiser?

**Wizard:** The Zoo is lucky to have a big broomstick closet of volunteers. Every year we are happy for the help. This event helps the Zoo care for the animals during the winter months. Tickets, trick-or-treat bags and volunteers are a very important part of making this event the successful fundraiser it is.

**Tooth Fairy:** Wizard, will you be at the event?

**Wizard:** Absolutely! Beforehand, I will be waving my wand for nine days zapping everything into order. Each night I will welcome every Moana, robot and ghost that enters the Zoo!

At the end of the meeting I handed out flamingo shaped suckers and everyone seemed to be impressed by the event ... everyone but Jack Frost. I decided to treat Jack with a box of Hot Tamales and a special invite to Boo at the Zoo! Treats anyone? I also want to personally invite you all to grab a treat bag and join me for this year's event of events. Thank you to my fang-tastic friends at Sam's Club and Allo for helping make Boo at the Zoo possible.

I'll see you at the Boo!  
Spellbindingly yours,

**the Wizard**



# NORTH POLE EXPRESS



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Holiday Train Ride • Hot Chocolate • Santa • Cookie Decorating • & More!

Tickets at  
[LincolnZoo.org](http://LincolnZoo.org)

December  
7-9 • 14-16 • 21-23



Lincoln Children's Zoo members receive exclusive early access to purchase tickets beginning November 6. Non-members may purchase tickets beginning November 13. **Tickets may sell out prior to November 13.** Advanced ticket purchase is highly recommended.

# ZOO!

## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

**EVERY  
TUES. &  
THURS.  
IN SEPT.**

**SENIOR DISCOUNT DAYS | 10 A.M. – 5 P.M.**

Senior citizens (62 and older) receive half price admission every Tuesday and Thursday in the month of September.

**SEPT.  
01  
THROUGH  
03**

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND | 10 A.M. – 5 P.M.**

The Zoo is open all weekend! Come visit all of your favorite animals and flutter over to Laura's Butterfly Pavilion one last time before it closes for the season.

**SEPT.  
08  
AND  
09**

**GRANDPARENTS DAY | 10 A.M. – 5 P.M.**

Celebrate Grandparents Day with one free admission for grandpa and grandma all day! Grandparents must be accompanied by a grandchild to receive free admission.

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**SEPT.  
12  
AND  
19**

**MEMBER EXTRA HOURS | 9 A.M. – 7 P.M.**

Lincoln Children's Zoo members get exclusive extra hours from 9 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Plus, take advantage of great perks including free cookies from Runza for the first 1,000 members, giveaways and additional Animal Encounter shows! The Zoo is open to non-members from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# OCTOBER

OCT.  
03

## SENSORY SAFARI | 10 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Visually and sensory impaired guests will have the opportunity to touch, feel, hear, and smell at interpretative stations located throughout the Zoo. Guides will lead tours to each station to engage nature experts from organizations across Nebraska. Sensory Safari made is possible through a partnership with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

OCT.  
16

## ZOO LAST DAY | 10 A.M. – 5 P.M.

The last day of the 2018 Zoo season will be Tuesday, October 16th. Be sure to bring the whole family to the Zoo one more time!

OCT.  
26  
THROUGH  
30

## BOO AT THE ZOO | 5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Boo at the Zoo is Lincoln's largest trick-or-treat event. The entire family will love stopping at over 40 trick-or-treat booths to get candy, coupons, and more. All of the money raised during Boo at the Zoo directly supports the Zoo and its animals. Purchase tickets at [LincolnZoo.org](http://LincolnZoo.org)

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# NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

NOV.  
19  
THROUGH  
DEC.  
23

## HOLIDAY HOURS | 10 A.M. – 5 P.M.

Looking for a special gift for your littlest zookeeper? Visit Treetop Toys for a surprise they'll go wild for! Treetop Toys will be open for holiday shopping and membership purchases from November 19 through December 23. Pick up a cute penguin plush, gift cards for train rides, fun apparel or choose from a large selection of animal-themed toys. All proceeds help care for the Zoo's animals during the winter months.

DEC.  
07-09  
AND  
14-16  
AND  
21-23

## NORTH POLE EXPRESS | 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Board the Zoo's train for a journey to Santa's Village in the North Pole! Exit the train into Candy Cane Lane, where your winter wonderland experience begins. Enjoy hot chocolate, cookie decorating with the elves and a visit to Santa's Workshop to see the big man himself. Tickets include admission, a train ride and all activities.

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**OCTOBER 26, 27, 28, 29 & 30 | 5:30 – 8:00 P.M.**

**SAVE TIME! PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE AT LINCOLNZOO.ORG OR AT THE ZOO**

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