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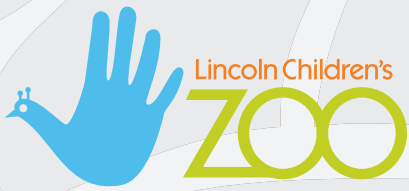
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ROARING INTO LINCOLN NEXT YEAR

MEET OUR NEW SUMATRAN TIGERS

When guests visit the new tiger habitat in 2019, they will meet two Sumatran male tigers—brothers—who will travel from San Diego Zoo to call Lincoln their new home. Their habitat will include hand-sculpted rockwork, a flowing stream and an interactive viewing area that brings guests up-close to one of the rarest and most endangered cats in the world.

The population of Sumatran tigers in the wild is estimated to be 500. With fewer than 90 in captivity, they are the most endangered tiger species in the world. The brothers are part of a worldwide conservation effort. “Saving animals from extinction has been at the forefront of our work for decades and the opportunity to take part in Sumatran tiger conservation is something that our Zoo and community will be proud to be part of,” President & CEO John Chapo said. The brothers, aged 2 and a half and 2, come from

different litters but both were born in San Diego. The older brother suffered from kidney and urinary tract infections as a cub. To provide the medical attention he needed, he was hand-raised. In the wild, it is likely he would not have survived the infections. Once old enough the two cubs were introduced to each other to replicate what would have occurred in the wild.

The tigers will arrive in Lincoln in the Fall in advance of the expansion opening in 2019. The early arrival gives them time to explore their new home and give zookeepers an opportunity to get to know these animals.

Once guests meet the Sumatran tigers, they will notice that this species is a bit more active than others. They are one of the most successful predators of southeast Asia due to their size, speed and agility. The rock formations in

their outdoor area provides enriching opportunities for them to leap and bound.

Their outdoor habitat was designed with enrichment and stimulation in mind but also gives the public an intimate look into the daily activities of tigers. “These are amazing animals that we hope our guests get a close look at and form a bond with. We hope to inspire guests to support conservation efforts to save them,” Chapo said. “These tigers will further our mission of connecting people with critters and nature.”

The Sumatran tiger habitat is made possible through the generosity of The Pearle Francis Finnigan Foundation with additional funding by the Jennifer & Justin Jones Family (Raising Cane’s Franchisees) and Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corporation.



SUMATRAN TIGER, SAN DIEGO ZOO

TRANSFORMING ANIMAL CARE

For 53 years, Lincoln Children's Zoo has been committed to bringing people and animals closer and leading conservation efforts to save endangered species. The expansion of the Zoo is an opportunity to further those efforts and make a global impact through research. Aside from building world-class animal habitats for giraffes, tigers, spider monkeys and red pandas, the Zoo also created the new position of director of medicine and conservation projects and hired Trent Schrader, DVM, to fill this role.

In his new position, Dr. Schrader will have three main areas of focus: veterinary care, welfare supervision and conservation research. He is utilizing his expertise in those areas to assist in the design and development of all the new and existing animal habitats in the Zoo. The tiger habitat includes areas for zookeepers and veterinary staff to get within a close but safe distance of the cats to monitor their health and behavior. Inside the spider monkey habitat will be a series of vines and ropes attached to structures, providing the monkeys stimulation designed specifically to encourage

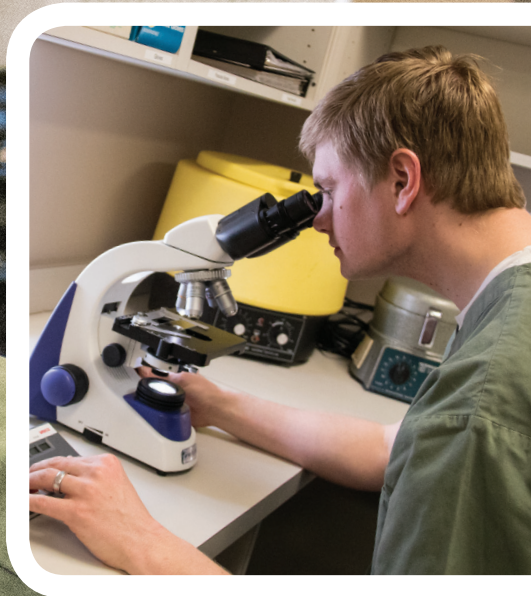
natural behaviors that are important to their health.

"Whenever we create a habitat, the first thing we do is determine what is best for the animal. The mental and physical well-being of our animals is of the highest priority." Dr. Schrader said. The inclusion of Dr. Schrader in meetings with architects and builders ensures each area is designed for the specific needs of the animal that lives there.

The knowledge and expertise needed to advise the building of giraffe, tiger and spider monkey habitats isn't gained overnight. A graduate of Elmwood High School in Nebraska, Dr. Schrader attended Kansas State University with the intention of studying nutrition but ended up leaving Manhattan, Kansas with a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. He then went on to an internship with the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. It was here that he discovered his future was caring for animals living both in the wild and captivity. "In zoo medicine you perform a wide variety of work and part of that is conservation and research that may one day save an animal from extinction," Dr. Schrader said.

Dr. Schrader's conservation work focuses specifically on saving endangered animals. In the wild, male and female partners are often separated from each other due to deforestation, building of roads and various other reasons. To ensure these female animals are able to reproduce, Dr. Schrader freezes the reproductive cells of the male and then uses those cells to impregnate the separated female. This ensures that even though they were separated, these animals may have the opportunity to reproduce again, which makes the work of Dr. Schrader vital to the future of existence of endangered animals.

At Lincoln Children's Zoo Dr. Schrader's work goes far beyond caring for animals and helping design habitats. His research and conservation work is helping save animals from extinction all over the world. "We are not just expanding the Zoo for our guests or the benefit of our great community; we are expanding to make a difference here and across the globe. Our work is a valuable part of ensuring future generations have the opportunity to experience amazing animals and nature."



MEET OUR NUBIAN GOATS



PADME

Padme has the curliest horns and loves to snuggle in the sun.



PRINCESS LEIA

Princess Leia came to us all the way from Indianapolis Zoo!



CHEWBACCA

Chewy is the biggest goat and he loves to blow raspberries at you!



HAN SOLO

Han always misses Amidala whenever she isn't around.



AMIDALA

The oldest of all the goats, Amidala is also the only Nubian goat without horns.



R2-D2

R2-D2 is the lightest in color of all the goats and loves to pose for photos!



COLLECTIBLE POSTER

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny!



MARCH 24 & 31 | 8 – 10 A.M.

Includes exclusive early access to the Zoo, a breakfast buffet, Easter egg hunt, photo time with the Easter Bunny, activities and special animal meet and greets.

Purchase tickets at LincolnZoo.org or call 402.475.6741

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For more information on ways you can include Lincoln Children's Zoo in your plans, please contact Kristine at
402.475.6741 ext. 136.





EXPANSION UPDATE

Progress on the Zoo's expansion is in full swing. Since the groundbreaking ceremony in April of last year, work has moved quickly with the opening of two new parking lots and the construction of the giraffe and tiger buildings as well as the Education and Conservation Center.

At the heart of the project is one of the premier giraffe habitats in the country. Standing nearly 28 feet tall, the building features a large

indoor habitat, bedrooms for each giraffe and an indoor feeding area where guests will be able to feed them lettuce year-round.

Near the new main parking lot, guests can see walls for the Sumatran tiger habitat. The home for these endangered tigers includes rock and water features like those found in the wild. Next door to the tiger habitat is the new Zoo entrance and gift shop.

Initial work on the Education and Conservation Center has begun. This building will become the new home for the Zoo's current red pandas and provide space for Zoo Camps, education programs and Lincoln Public School's Zoo School program.

For updates or giving opportunities to the Love Your Zoo campaign visit LincolnZoo.org.



ZOO CAMP

Lincoln Children's ZOO

3 – 4 YEAR-OLDS + PARENTS
\$99 MEMBERS | \$129 NON-MEMBERS

Each day campers go behind-the-scenes, talk with real zookeepers and meet some of their favorite animals. Zoo Camps are led by skilled instructors who will guide your child through interactive learning opportunities and educational activities.

MORNING: 8:45 – 9:45 A.M.	
June 4 – 8	Wake Up the Train
June 11 – 15	Sense-ational Animals
June 18 – 22	Storybook Safari
June 25 – 29	Wake Up the Train
July 9 – 13	Barnyard Buddies
NEW! AFTERNOON: 1:15 – 2:15 P.M.	
June 4 – 8	Playful Penguins & Friends

4 – 5 YEAR-OLDS
\$119 MEMBERS | \$139 NON-MEMBERS

MORNING: 8:30 A.M. – NOON		AFTERNOON: 1 – 4:30 P.M.	
SIGN UP FOR A MORNING & AFTERNOON SESSION TO MAKE IT A FULL-DAY CAMP			
May 29 – June 1	Littlest Zookeeper Explorer* Train Explorer*	May 29 – June 1	Splashin' Safari Explorer* Playful Penguin Explorer*
June 4 – 8	Wake Up the Train Littlest Zookeepers	June 4 – 8	Zoo Action Heroes NEW! Tiny Trainers
June 11 – 15	NEW! Zoo Builders Penguin Plunge SOLD OUT	June 11 – 15	Littlest Zookeepers Dino Dig
June 18 – 22	Wake Up the Train Zoo Action Heroes	June 18 – 22	NEW! Tiny Trainers Splashin' Safari
June 25 – 29	Littlest Zookeepers NEW! Sense-ational Animals	June 25 – 29	NEW! Fantastically Fluffy & Furry Splashin' Safari
July 2, 3, 5 & 6	Dino Explorer* Train Explorer*	July 2, 3, 5 & 6	NEW! Zoo Builder Explorer* Splashin' Safari Explorer*
July 9 – 13	NEW! Tiny Trainers NEW! Zoo Builders	July 9 – 13	Zoo Action Heroes Littlest Zookeepers
July 16 – 20	Dino Dig NEW! Sense-ational Animals	July 16 – 20	NEW! Fantastically Fluffy & Furry Littlest Zookeepers
July 23 – 27	Wake Up the Train Littlest Zookeepers	July 23 – 27	Splashin' Safari NEW! Fantastically Fluffy & Furry
July 30 – August 3	Wake Up the Train Penguin Plunge	July 30 – August 3	Zoo Action Heroes NEW! Tiny Trainers
*PARTIAL WEEK CAMPS \$96 MEMBERS \$119 NON-MEMBERS			



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6 – 7 YEAR-OLDS

\$119 MEMBERS | \$139 NON-MEMBERS

MORNING: 8:30 A.M. – NOON		AFTERNOON: 1 – 4:30 P.M.	
SIGN UP FOR A MORNING & AFTERNOON SESSION TO MAKE IT A FULL-DAY CAMP			
May 29 – June 1	NEW! Animal Chef Explorer* SOLD OUT	May 29 – June 1	Zookeeper Explorer*
	Wilderness Explorer* SOLD OUT		Vet Explorer* SOLD OUT
June 4 – 8	Critter Keepers SOLD OUT	June 4 – 8	Magical & Mythical Creatures
	Animal Architects		NEW! Ad-Vet-ures Vets SOLD OUT
June 11 – 15	Wild West Wrangler SOLD OUT	June 11 – 15	NEW! Animal Chef SOLD OUT
	Undercover Animals SOLD OUT		Paws, Claws & Jaws
June 18 – 22	Critter Keepers SOLD OUT	June 18 – 22	NEW! Defenders of the Zooniverse
	Wildlife Detectives SOLD OUT		Animal Architects
June 25 – 29	Wild West Wrangler SOLD OUT	June 25 – 29	Magical & Mythical Creatures
	Critter Keepers		Paws, Claws & Jaws
July 2, 3, 5 & 6	Vet Explorer*	July 2, 3, 5 & 6	NEW! Animal Chef Explorer*
	Zookeeper Explorer*		Wilderness Explorer*
July 9 – 13	Wild West Wrangler SOLD OUT	July 9 – 13	Magical & Mythical Creatures
	Critter Keepers		Paws, Claws & Jaws
July 16 – 20	NEW! Defenders of the Zooniverse	July 16 – 20	NEW! Animal Chef SOLD OUT
	Critter Keepers		Wildlife Detectives
July 23 – 27	Wild West Wrangler	July 23 – 27	NEW! Ad-Vet-ures Vets SOLD OUT
	Wildlife Detectives		Animal Architects
July 30 – August 3	Critter Keepers	July 30 – August 3	Catch Me if You Can
	NEW! Defenders of the Zooniverse		NEW! Ad-Vet-ures Vets

*PARTIAL WEEK CAMPS \$96 MEMBERS | \$119 NON-MEMBERS

8 – 10 YEAR-OLDS

\$238 MEMBERS | \$278 NON-MEMBERS

FULL DAY: 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.			
May 29 – June 1	Jr. Vet Explorer*	July 2, 3, 5 & 6	Jr. Vet Explorer*
	Jr. Wrangler*	July 9 – 13	Animal Training 101
June 4 – 8	Jr. Zookeeper	July 16 – 20	Wildlife Rescuers
June 11 – 15	Wildlife Rescuers	July 23 – 27	Jr. Zookeeper
June 18 – 22	Animal Training 101		Animal Training 101
June 25 – 29	Jr. Zoo Vet	July 30 – August 3	Jr. Zoo Vet
July 2, 3, 5 & 6	Jr. Wrangler*		Wildlife Rescuers

*PARTIAL WEEK CAMPS \$192 MEMBERS | \$220 NON-MEMBERS

10 – 12 YEAR-OLDS

\$238 MEMBERS | \$278 NON-MEMBERS

FULL DAY: 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.			
May 29 – June 1	Vet Explorer*	July 2, 3, 5 & 6	Vet Explorer*
June 4 – 8	Jr. Zoo Crew	July 9 – 13	Jr. Zoo Crew
June 11 – 15	Jr. Zookeeper	July 16 – 20	Jr. Zookeeper
June 18 – 22	Jr. Zoologist	July 23 – 27	Jr. Zoo Crew
June 25 – 29	Jr. Zoo Crew	July 30 – August 3	Jr. Zoo Vet

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Space is limited! See camp descriptions & register at LincolnZoo.org.

ZOO CALENDAR

MARCH



Opening Day **March 8 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

The countdown is on and the animals have been missing you! Memberships available at LincolnZoo.org or the Front Gate.



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny **March 24 & 31 | 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.**

Join the Easter Bunny for breakfast at the Zoo! This event includes exclusive early access to the Zoo, breakfast buffet, Easter egg hunt, photo time with the Easter Bunny, activities and special animal meet and greets. All proceeds from this event help care for the Zoo's animals. Tickets are limited and may sell out. Purchase tickets at LincolnZoo.org

APRIL



Earth Day & Party for the Planet **April 22 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

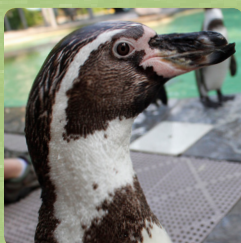
Celebrate Earth Day at the Zoo! Say hello to your favorite animal friends and watch a show on the Animal Encounter Stage.

MAY



Breakfast with the Penguins **May 5 | 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.**

This is your chance to feed a penguin! Your ticket includes a breakfast buffet, printed event photo and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to feed the Zoo's penguins! Tickets are limited and may sell out. Purchase tickets at LincolnZoo.org





Zoo Fun Run

May 12 | Race begins at 10 a.m.

This FREE, one mile race starts at 10 a.m. and all runners receive a free train ride. Have lunch at Safari Café and stay to see how a real fire truck works, go inside a police car plus other great surprises. Registration information at LincolnZoo.org. This race is organized by Lincoln Fire & Rescue.



Mother's Day Celebration

May 13 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Make memories with Mom at the Zoo this Mother's Day! All moms receive one free train ride or free admission.



Animals Got Talent!

May 19 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Get ready for the Zoo's Animals Got Talent! Visit all of your animal friends and learn about each of their special talents. Then cast your vote for your favorite! The Zoo will also have special shows at the Animal Encounter Stage showcasing some of our most talented animals!



Endangered Species Day

May 19 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Visit all of the endangered species that call the Zoo home!



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Memorial Day Weekend

May 26 – 28 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Zoo is open all weekend! Come visit all of your favorite animals and join us for the season opening of Laura's Butterfly Pavilion! Check out over 150 butterflies at one of the Zoo's most popular summer stops.



Summer Zoo Camp begins!

Weekly beginning May 29

Each day campers go behind-the-scenes, talk with real zookeepers and meet some of their favorite animals. Last year over 1,800 children participated in summer Zoo Camps. Register for a morning and afternoon session during the same week to make it a Full Day camp! Space is limited and camps may sell out. Early registration is highly recommended.

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