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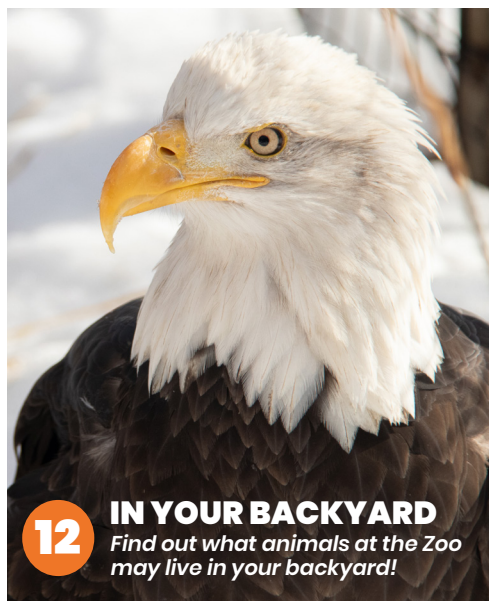
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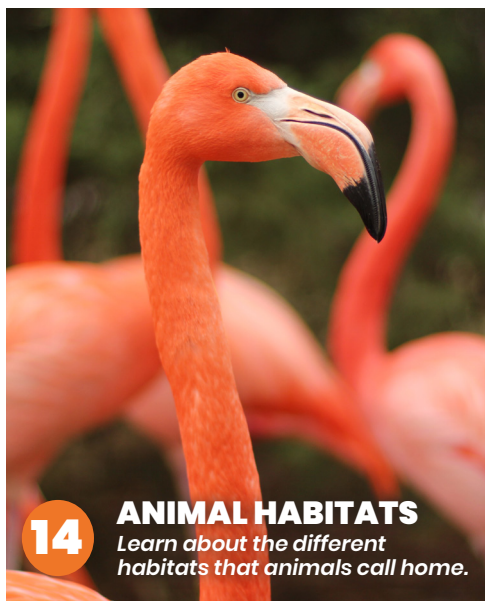
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ALL ABOUT TIGERS

Axl and Kumar, two Sumatran tiger brothers, have been a fan favorite at the Zoo since they were introduced to the community during the Zoo's expansion in May 2019. The brothers came to the Lincoln Children's Zoo from the San Diego Zoo in the fall of 2018, and have been showing off their beautiful stripes and impressive size ever since. Whether they are taking a nap in the sun, making a splash in the water, or playing with their favorite enrichment items, Axl and Kumar act as ambassadors for all critically endangered tigers, helping guests learn about these amazing big cats and how they can get involved in conservation.

Sumatran tigers are a subspecies of tiger native only to the Indonesian island of Sumatra. The smallest of all tiger species, they average around 260 lbs. and 8 ft. from head to tail for males with females being slightly smaller averaging 200 lbs. and 7 ft. from head to tail. Sumatran tigers may be the smallest tiger species, but that doesn't mean they are any less impressive. Their orange fur and tight knit stripes help them blend into the grasses and plants of tropical rainforests in Sumatra. As carnivores and ambush predators, they will slowly and silently stalk their prey until they are ready to pounce and are even able to run at almost 40 miles per hour for short bursts to catch their prey. Tigers are known to take down prey up to 4 times their size, but will prey on almost any available meal including fish, wild boar, deer, and many other animals.

Native to only one island in the whole world, Sumatran tigers suffer severely from habitat loss, as well as poaching. Deforestation and the expansion of palm

AXL

Birthday: January 28th, 2016

Favorite Food: beef tongue and goat's milk

Favorite Enrichment: blue tunnel

Identification: triangle stripe pattern above eyes



KUMAR

Birthday: September 14th, 2015

Favorite Food: chunk meat and goat's milk

Favorite Enrichment: pink tunnel

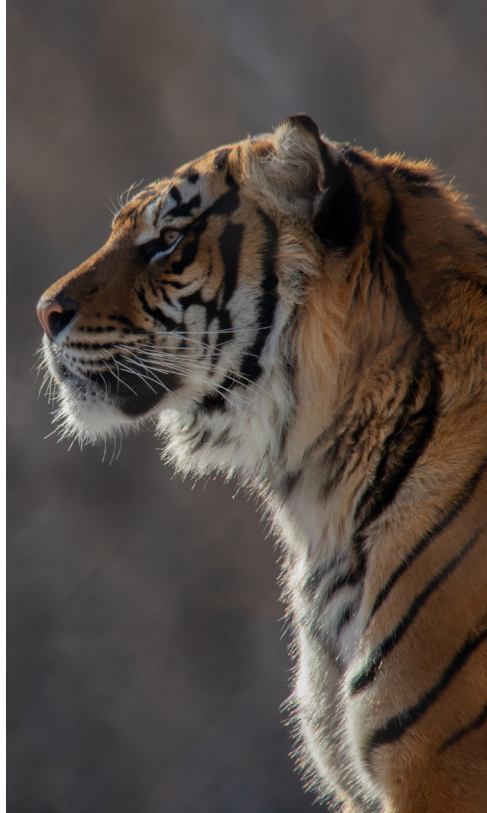
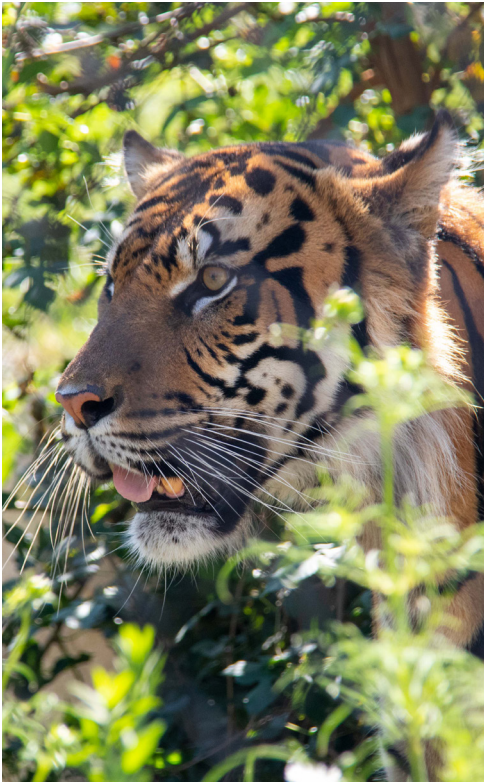
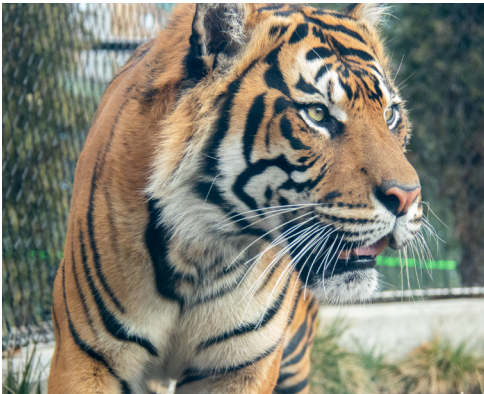
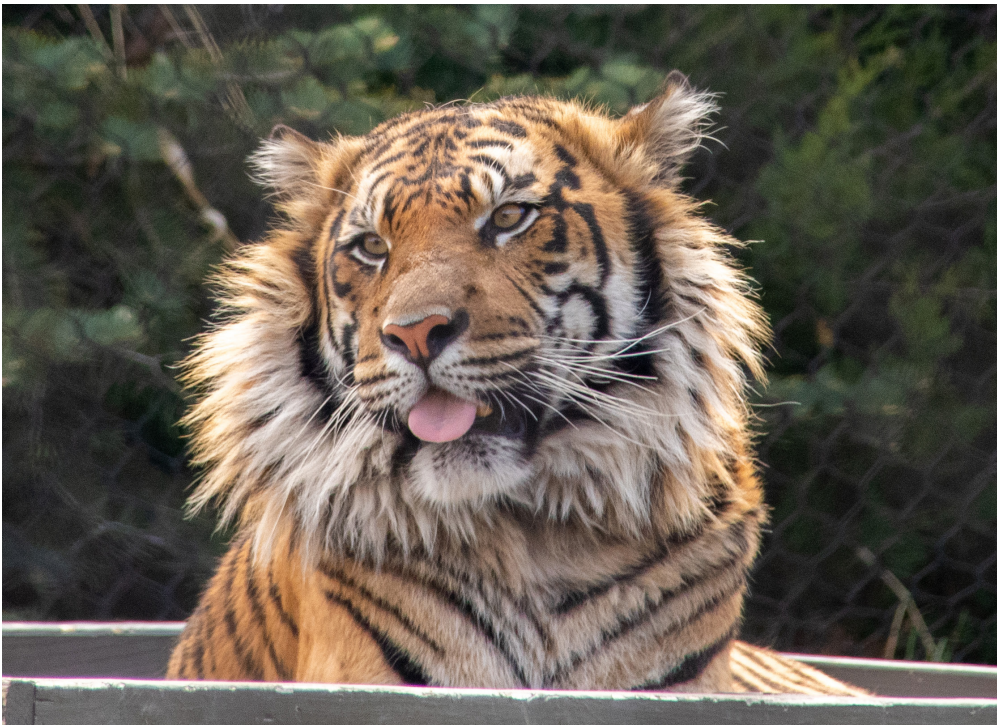
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oil plantations causes many problems for native tiger populations. Deforestation and unsustainable hunting practices leads to less prey for tigers, driving them closer to human populations in search of food which can cause dangerous human-tiger conflict. Habitat loss also isolates wild tiger populations causing increased inbreeding and disease due to a decrease in the gene pool which leads to an unhealthy population affecting their long-term future. Conservationists are working to support and increase tiger populations in a number of ways. These conservation efforts support sustainable habitat management, stronger protections of the

tiger in those habitats, and work with local communities, so that no one feels forced to turn to poaching to feed their families. What can you do to help? One easy way to help is to buy sustainable products. Palm oil is one of the most common types of vegetable oil and is used in everything from cookies to lipstick to soap. When you shop for brands that use sustainable practices you are directly protecting tiger habitats.

Next time you visit the Zoo, make sure to stop by the Tiger Encounter to say hello to Axl and Kumar and get involved in tiger conservation.



SUMATRAN TIGERS

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:**

Panthera tigris sumatrae

STATUS:

Critically Endangered

HABITAT:

Tropical rainforests and
grasslands

DIET:

Carnivore – deer, wild
boar, birds, fish

SIZE:

Up to 8 feet and about 260
pounds



10 tips for at home conservation

Have you ever wondered how you can be involved in conservation efforts? There are lots of different ways! Some are simple steps you can take in your daily routine, while other things take a little more time and effort. It's not about being a perfect conservationist, it's about doing what you can to help animals, plants and our planet that makes all the difference. Check out these ten tips to help you get involved in conservation efforts.

1 TURN OFF THE LIGHTS

Something as simple as turning lights off when you leave a room will not only help lower your electric bill, it also helps conserve energy. Turning off your lights helps reduce the use of non-renewable resources that are harmful to the environment.



2 RECYCLE

Recycling helps prevent items you are no longer using from ending up in a landfill, where it will sit for years to come. Things like plastic bottles, aluminum cans, cardboard and more can be recycled. Learn more about what can be recycled and how to recycle in Lincoln at: bit.ly/LincolnRecycling



3 LIMIT SINGLE USE PLASTIC

Limiting or removing single use plastic from your routine helps reduce the plastic that ends up in landfills. Use a reusable water bottle instead of plastic bottles, choose not to use plastic shopping bags, or use reusable straws and cutlery instead of single use.

4 REUSE

Just because you used it once doesn't mean it's trash! Find creative ways to reuse what you have. Reuse glass jars for food storage, newspaper can be used as gift wrap or to pad boxes when moving or shipping a package, and that towel that ripped can now be used as a cleaning rag.

5 WATCH WATER CONSUMPTION



By watching how much water you use, you can help the environment! By conserving water you are protecting your town's water supplies, which are especially important during a drought. Taking a shorter shower and turning off the water while you brush your teeth are two easy ways to help conserve water.

7 WALK OR BIKE

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Walking or riding a bike instead of driving a car can help reduce carbon emissions and save money on fuel and repairs. This is a great choice, but sometimes it can be difficult due to weather, health or distance. Carpooling is also a great option if you can't walk or bike. Utilize some of Lincoln's 134 miles of trails to help you get where you need to go!

8 PLANT NATIVE PLANTS

Do you have a flower garden? Planting flowers and other plants native to Nebraska in your garden is a great way to promote healthy ecosystems. We need insects to pollinate fruits and vegetables and to provide food for many animals. It is also critical to keep your pollinator garden pesticide free.



6 COMPOST

Composting may involve a little more effort, but it is a great way to prevent food waste from ending up in a landfill where it has a hard time breaking down due to other trash and fumes. Composting helps improve soil health, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, recycles nutrients, and more! Learn more about how to start your own compost bin at: bit.ly/LincolnComposting



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9 VOLUNTEER

Want a more hands-on way to be involved in conservation? Volunteer! Sign up for a river clean up, work with a wildlife rescue, volunteer to talk to others about animals, conservation and more!

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10 USE SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS

Shop for sustainable products and help the environment around the globe! Sometimes the way food or products are made is harmful to plants and animals. For example, the way that some palm oil (found in food, hair care products, and more) is made destroys the habitats of animals like the Sumatran tiger and clouded leopard. Shop for sustainable products and help protect animals and their native habits.

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Lincoln Children's ZOO

BOO AT THE ZOO

OCTOBER 26, 27, 28, 29 & 30

HAVE A *WILD* BIRTHDAY AT THE ZOO!

Create the perfect party for the animal lover in your life! Gather your friends and family at the Zoo for gifts, food and fun! Make lasting memories with options for unlimited train rides and critter encounters.



PARTIES INCLUDE

Zoo admission for the entire day
One hour in party room
Zoo welcome sign for birthday child
Zoo wagon to transport gifts

Upgrade to an Ultimate Party for even more birthday fun including train rides and critter encounters!

VIEW PARTY PACKAGES AT LINCOLNZOO.ORG

ZOO NEWS!



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1. MEMBER BENEFITS

Don't forget about the zoo-tastic benefits of being a Zoo Member including unlimited year-round Zoo admission, free entry to Boo at the Zoo, discounted tickets to Zoo Lights Powered by LES, discounted Zoo Camp registration, free or discounted admission to over 200 zoos nationwide and more!

2. OPEN YEAR-ROUND

The Zoo is open year-round! Don't let the colder weather keep you from exploring the Zoo. If you don't prefer the cooler temperatures, multiple indoor areas are perfect to warm up before heading back outside including the Secret Jungle, Giraffe Barn, Animal Kingdom Building and The Hive!

3. BABY MONKEY

A baby black-headed spider monkey was born on July 23, 2021 to mom Lola and dad Carlos. Lola and the baby, who has yet to be named, are both doing great and can be seen in the Secret Jungle. There are now 5 spider monkeys at the Zoo serving as ambassadors for their critically endangered counterparts.

4. NOW HIRING

The Zoo is hiring for our Zoo Lights Installation and Guest Experience Teams. Learn more at: <https://bit.ly/LCZhiring>



COLLECTIBLE POSTER





FASCINATING FACTS

- THE LARGEST MEMBER OF THE PARROT FAMILY
- USE THEIR BEAK AS A "THIRD FOOT" TO HELP THEM CLIMB
- USE THEIR POWERFUL BEAK TO BREAK OPEN NUTS AND CRUSH SEEDS.

IN YOUR BACK YARD

Find out what animals at the Zoo are native to Nebraska and may live in or around your backyard!



BOBCAT

Bobcats are native throughout the contiguous United States in forests, wooded streams, chaparral, river bottoms, and cayonlands.



**HOGNOSE
SNAKE**

Native to the western two-thirds of Nebraska, the Western Hognose Snake prefers sandy soil or gravel near streams or lakes. They are also found in the Sandhills and short and mixed-grass prairies.



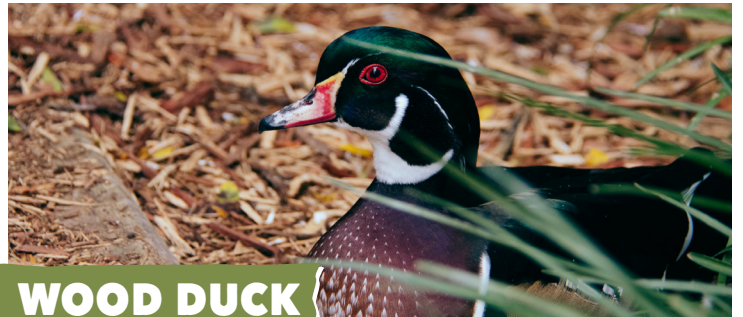
BALD EAGLE

Bald Eagles are found year-round in Nebraska. They prefer rivers and lakes that provide a reliable food source and little human activity.



OTTER

North American River Otters can be found along all major river systems in Nebraska, along streams, and rivers through tallgrass, mixed grass and shortgrass prairies and around stream, lakes, ponds and marshes in the Sandhills.



WOOD DUCK

Wood ducks are migratory birds that are common in the spring and fall throughout eastern Nebraska. They prefer mixed water and forest habitats around pounds, lakes, marshes, rivers and streams.



LINCOLN CHILDREN'S
**ZOO
 LIGHTS**
 POWERED BY **LES**



The Holiday Tradition Continues!

Nov. 26 - Dec. 30

Dancing Trees • Light Tunnel • Holiday Train Rides • & More!

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HOST YOUR EVENT AT THE ZOO!

The wildest place in town to host a wedding, picnic, corporate event, or any special gathering.

Lincoln Children's Zoo has a variety of indoor and outdoor locations to create the perfect setting for private parties and events of all sizes. Make your event one your guests will never forget by adding special behind-the-scenes tours, animal encounters or train rides. Grill out or dine in by utilizing the Zoo's catering options.



LEARN MORE & BOOK YOUR EVENT AT LINCOLNZOO.ORG

HOME SWEET HOME

Animals live all over the world on all seven continents and in every habitat; from the bottom of the ocean to high up in the mountains. Living in the hot desert or the treetops of the jungle isn't easy unless you have the right adaptations to help you out. Animals have all sorts of amazing adaptations that help them thrive in their native habitats. From thick fur to stay warm in the winter, large ears to cool off in the heat or prehensile tails to help swing through trees animals are built for the place they call home.

SAVANNAH



GIRAFFE

Giraffes have long necks and prehensile tongues that help them reach leaves at the tops of trees.

CHEETAH

Cheetah spots act as camouflage to help blend in with their surroundings and sneak up on their prey,



JUNGLE



TIGER

Sumatran tigers use their stripes to blend in with grasses and other plants.

SPIDER MONKEY

Spider monkeys have a prehensile tail that acts as a fifth limb to help them quickly swing through trees.



WATER



FLAMINGO

Flamingos will place their head upside down in water and use their beak as a syphon to filter algae, seeds, and crustaceans from the water to eat.

CROCODILE

All crocodiles have special glands in their tongues that can get rid of excess salt, this allows them to live in saltwater.



MOUNTAINS



SNOW LEOPARD

Snow leopards have extra large paws that keep them from sinking into the snow.

RED PANDA

Red pandas wrap their large tail around themselves for warmth during the winter months.



ZOO!

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

OCT
26
-
30

BOO AT THE ZOO | 5:30 P.M. – 8 P.M.

Boo at the Zoo is Lincoln's largest trick-or-treat event. The entire family will love stopping at trick-or-treat booths from local businesses and organizations 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

PROUD SPONSOR



NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

NOV
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DEC
30

ZOO LIGHTS POWERED BY LES | 5:30 P.M. – 8 P.M.

The Zoo will be transformed into one of the largest lights displays in the midwest. This experience will include a 40 ft. Christmas tree, over 30 lit animal silhouettes, holiday train rides, a tree canopy light walk, a 60 foot light tunnel and more! Proceeds from Zoo Lights Powered by LES directly supports the Zoo and animals.

PROUD SPONSOR



DON'T MISS FALL ZOO CAMPS!

Kids ages 5-12 can spend their days off from school at the Zoo. Fall Zoo Camps are a great way for kids to explore and learn all that happens during the colder months. All Zoo Camps are led by a group of highly skilled instructors and aided by real zookeepers. Looking for something for younger kids? Check out Tots & Turtles!

LEARN MORE!

ZOO GIFT CARDS

Not sure what to give the Zoo lover in your life? A gift card lets them choose! Whether Zoo tickets, train rides, giraffe feed, the gift shop, or the cafes, your special someone will find just the right thing.

Purchase gift cards at the Zoo or at LincolnZoo.org



YOUR HAND YOUR ZOO

PERSONALIZED WITH YOUR NAME • 3 DIFFERENT COLORS • 100% TAX DEDUCTABLE

Be a part of the most iconic sign at the Zoo! Choose from two different sizes and have your own personalized hand at the Zoo.

This is the perfect opportunity to commemorate special people or organizations while helping the Lincoln Children's Zoo.

TO PURCHASE YOUR HAND VISIT THE ZOO RECEPTION OFFICE OR LINCOLNZOO.ORG



ZOO CAMP

Lincoln Children's Zoo

REGISTER NOW TO GUARANTEE YOUR SPOT AT THE WILDEST CAMP IN TOWN!

Off-Season Camps are a great way for your child to experience the Zoo in the off season and explore and learn all that happens during the colder months. All Zoo Camps are led by a group of highly skilled instructors and aided by real zookeepers.

REGISTER NOW!

5-7 YEAR OLDS

CRITTER KEEPERS	OCT. 15
STRIPES OR SPOTS	OCT. 18
ZOO ACTION HEROES	OCT. 19
ZOO ACTION HEROES	NOV. 24
PAWS, JAWS, AND CLAWS	NOV. 29
ANIMAL ELVES	DEC. 23
CRITTER KEEPERS	DEC. 27-31

8-12 YEAR OLDS

JR. ZOO CREW	OCT. 15
WILDLIFE RESCUERS	OCT. 18
JR. ZOOKEEPER	OCT. 19
ANIMAL TRAINING 101	NOV. 24
JR. ZOO VET	NOV. 29
ANIMAL ELVES	DEC. 23
JR. ZOOKEEPER	DEC. 27-31

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



WINTER & SPRING SESSION REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!

TOTS & TURTLES

Lincoln Children's Zoo

CHILDREN 2-4 YEARS OLD + PARENT

Tots & Turtles is a six-week toddler/parent education 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.

LEARN MORE AT LINCOLNZOO.ORG



A LETTER FROM THE WIZARD!

Hello all my fellow trick-or-treaters!

Candy apples, it's been a while since we've spoken! I can't wait to see you all again at Boo at the Zoo this year! Five nights of costumes, pumpkins, candy, tricks and treats! I look forward to this not-so-scary halloween event is all year long! I love it more than jack-o-lanterns, more than spook-facular costumes, and even more than candy. Yes! You heard that right, I love Boo at the Zoo more than I love candy. Did you know that over one million pieces of candy are passed out every year? Looks like you love candy has much as I do!

I hope you didn't forget about all the spooky fun in the year since I last saw you at last Boo at the Zoo. My visit to your Zoo during Boo at the Zoo is a highlight of my year. I don't want you to miss out, so here are some highlights of this fang-fastic event. Every night from October 26 - 30 the Zoo will be transformed into the largest trick-or-treat event in Lincoln! Volunteers at trick-or-treat booths from local business and organizations will be ready to help you fill your treat bags with candy and coupons.

In case you need another reason to love Boo at the Zoo besides candy, pumpkins, and all things merry-not-scary, Boo at the Zoo is one of the largest fundraisers for the Zoo! Funds from your tickets and treat bags help support the Zoo and care for the amazing animals at the Zoo. This is something you don't want to miss! I'll be here rain or shine or snow or candy falling from the sky! Jumping jack-o-lanterns, wouldn't that be fun! A candy rainstorm! Back to what I was saying, I will be there ready to welcome you to the Zoo and enjoying all the candy and pumpkins and Halloween fun! Speaking of Halloween fun, do you have your costume picked out yet? I always love seeing all the amazing costumes you come up with. If you need some costume ideas check out the costume picker my friends at the Zoo put together to spark some ideas. You can find this in the activities on the next page.

Well, I should get back to preparing for the most spook-facular event of the year. I can't wait to see you there!

Spellbindingly yours,
The Wizard



What do ghosts wear to help their eyesight?

Spooktacles.



How do you fix a damaged jack-o-lantern?

You use a pumpkin patch!

How do ghosts search the Web?

They use ghoul-gle.

PHEOBE'S FAVORITE JOKES! HALLOWEEN

What has hundreds of ears but can't hear a thing?

A cornfield!

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE ANIMAL JOKE? EMAIL THEM TO CONTACT@LINCOLNZOO.ORG FOR A CHANCE TO BE FEATURED IN ZOOTRACKS!

WORD SEARCH

Bat
Boo
Candy
Cat
Costume
Ghost
Halloween
Monster
Mummy
Pumpkin
Skeleton
Spider
Spooky
Web
Witch

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FOLLOW THE PATH

Follow each path to connect the two peices of candy corn.



COSTUME PICKER

Use your birthday to
help pick your
Halloween costume.

MONTH

JANUARY	SASSY
FEBRUARY	GRUMPY
MARCH	EVIL
APRIL	BASHFUL
MAY	COOL
JUNE	CUTE
JULY	CONFUSED
AUGUST	ANGRY
SEPTEMBER	SLEEPY
OCTOBER	HAPPY
NOVEMBER	PLAYFUL
DECEMBER	SILLY

DAY

1	TIGER	16	TEACHER
2	FIREFIGHTER	17	ROBOT
3	RED PANDA	18	PIRATE
4	SLOTH	19	ASTRONAUT
5	ANTEATER	20	DINOSAUR
6	PUMPKIN	21	CAT
7	GIRAFFE	22	RABBIT
8	PRINCESS	23	SUPERHERO
9	MONKEY	24	GHOST
10	TACO	25	CHEETAH
11	LOBSTER	26	KNIGHT
12	MERMAID	27	DRAGON
13	DOG	28	ATHLETE
14	FARMER	29	TEACHER
15	ZOMBIE	30	COWBOY
		31	CHEF



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SUPPORT YOUR ZOO!

It costs \$13,000 to care for the Zoo's animals each day. Funds from your Zoo Membership go directly to support the animals in our care. During these challenging times, your support of Lincoln Children's Zoo is more important than ever! Not only does your Zoo Membership grant your family incredible benefits, the funds go directly to support the highest quality of care for our beloved animals, foster education, and support conservation efforts.

DON'T MISS OUT ON:

- FREE unlimited admission to the Zoo year-round
- Discounted or free tickets to Zoo events such as Boo at the Zoo & Zoo Lights Powered by LES
- Discounted registration for Zoo Camps
- Discounted or free admission to nearly 200 AZA accredited zoos and aquariums nationwide
- And more! Head to LincolnZoo.org for a full list of member benefits

**Zoo activities and events are subject to change due to COVID-19 concerns.*