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MORNING: 9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

June 17 - 21	Down on the Farm
June 24 - 28	Playful Penguins
July 8 - 12	Wake-up the Train
July 22 - 26	Down on the Farm

4-5 YEAR-OLDS
\$93 MEMBERS | \$108 NON-MEMBERS

MORNING: 8:30 A.M. - NOON

AFTERNOON: 1:00 - 4:30 P.M.

June 3 - 7	Wake-up the Train	June 3 - 7	Mission to Madagascar
June 10 - 14	Animal Super Powers	June 10 - 14	Dino Dig
June 17 - 21	Monkey Around	June 17 - 21	Penguins Have Happy Feet
June 24 - 28	Hip Hop with Frog and Toad	June 24 - 28	Creepy Crawlies
July 8 - 12	Wake-up the Train	July 8 - 12	The Great Disappearing Act
July 15 - 19	Dino Dig	July 15 - 19	Monkey Around
July 22 - 26	Mission to Madagascar	July 22 - 26	Animal Super Powers
July 29 - Aug 2	Penguins Have Happy Feet	July 29 - Aug 2	Creepy Crawlies

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2013 ZOO SUMMER CAMPS

The wildest summer camps in town are at Lincoln Children's Zoo!

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6-7 YEAR-OLDS

\$93 MEMBERS | \$108 NON-MEMBERS

MORNING: 8:30 A.M. - NOON		AFTERNOON: 1:00 - 4:30 P.M.	
June 3 - 7	Animal Planet	June 3 - 7	Go Wild!
June 10 - 14	Wild West Wrangler SOLD OUT	June 10 - 14	Things with Wings
June 17 - 21	Beetles, Bugs & Butterflies and Wild West Wrangler	June 17 - 21	Critter Keepers
June 24 - 28	Penguin Plunge	June 24 - 28	Feast with Beasts
July 8 - 12	Leopards & Lemurs	July 8 - 12	Animal Planet
July 15 - 19	Go Wild!	July 15 - 19	Penguin Plunge
July 22 - 26	Wild West Wrangler SOLD OUT	July 22 - 26	Leopards & Lemurs
July 29 - Aug 2	Critter Keepers	July 29 - Aug 2	Beetles, Bugs & Butterflies
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8-10 YEAR-OLDS

\$93 MEMBERS | \$108 NON-MEMBERS

MORNING: 8:30 A.M. - NOON		AFTERNOON: 1:00 - 4:30 P.M.	
June 3 - 7	Penguin Planet	June 3 - 7	Zoo Explorer
June 17 - 21	Zoo Scene Investigator (ZSI)	June 17 - 21	Go Ape!
July 8 - 12	What's for Dinner?	July 8 - 12	Penguin Planet
July 29 - Aug 2	Go Ape!	July 29 - Aug 2	Zoo Explorer
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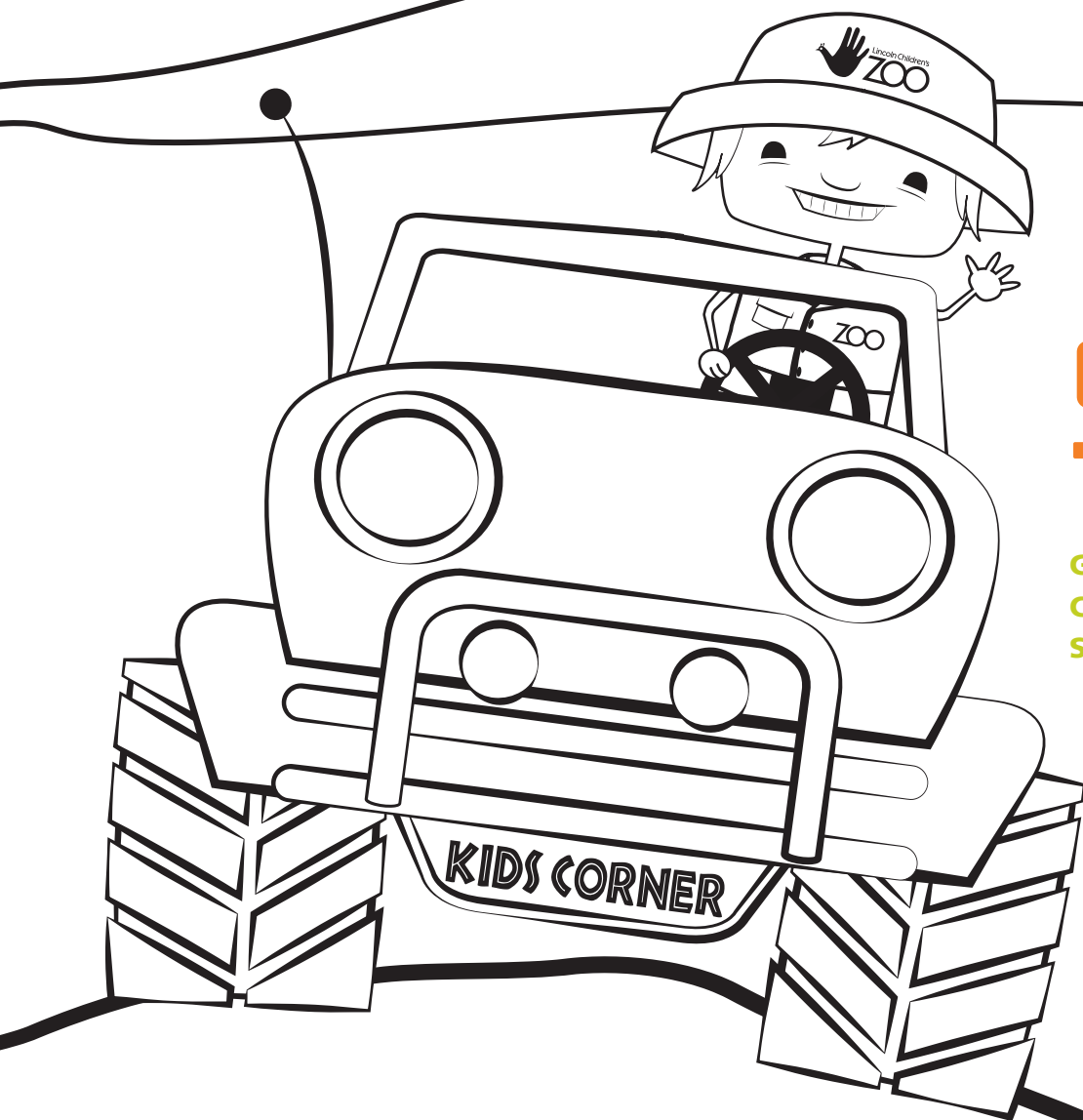
FULL DAY: 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.	
June 10 - 14	Animal Care
June 24 - 28	Jr. Zookeeper SOLD OUT
July 15 - 19	Saving Species
July 22 - 26	Jr. Zookeeper

10-12 YEAR-OLDS

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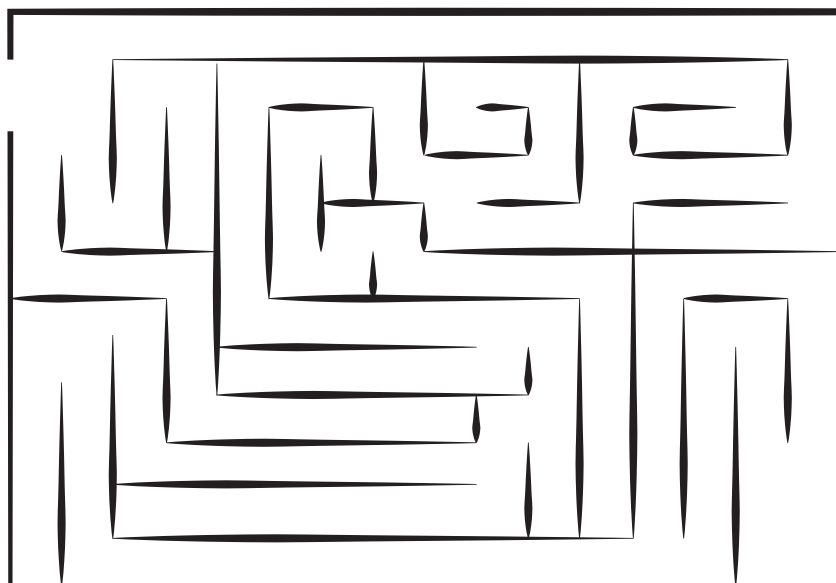
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June 24 - 28	Jr. Zookeeper SOLD OUT
July 8 - 12	Animal Care
July 15 - 19	Jr. Zookeeper





COLOR TIME!

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WORD SEARCH

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WITH LARRY THE CABLE GUY

BY RYAN GROSS

Larry the Cable Guy and Lincoln Children's Zoo are committed to helping children. But what do the two have to do with each other? This summer Larry's Git-R-Done Foundation and the Lincoln Children's Zoo are partnering on a one-of-a-kind project. The project, Zoofari with Larry the Cable Guy, will give hundreds of children's hospitals and rehabilitation centers across the nation the chance to bring the Zoo to their patients. Zoofari with Larry the Cable Guy will feature a series of fun and educational videos for children who can't visit a zoo themselves, giving them a behind-the-scenes glimpse of animals at Lincoln Children's Zoo.

"Partnering with Lincoln Children's Zoo on Zoofari is a unique way to bring the experience of going to a Zoo to children who don't have the opportunity to visit themselves," said Larry the Cable Guy. "Through the Git-R-Done Foundation, we're proud to support children's hospitals and give kids this interactive, educational experience." Filmed on location at Lincoln Children's

Zoo, the Zoofari videos feature Larry the Cable Guy interacting with zookeepers and animals. The videos will be shown at Zoofari Stations inside the Zoo and are sure to spark some laughter. These stations will enhance all guests' experiences – children and adults alike – by providing an in-depth learning experience for everyone.

"The Zoofari videos will get all children more excited about animals, science and nature," explained president and CEO John Chapo. "Whether the children are in hospitals or can actually visit Lincoln Children's Zoo, the new Zoofari series will entertain and enhance the entire zoo experience for thousands of children."

Although the videos are a contemporary method of teaching and exhibiting what the Zoo has to offer, they are still rooted in the tradition and vision of Zoo founder Arnott Folsom. For children and families who can actually visit the Zoo, the Zoofari stations will supplement the experience of seeing

the animals in person. For children in hospitals and rehab centers, the videos will offer a real-life zoo experience they would otherwise miss out on.

"Mr. Folsom founded Lincoln Children's Zoo nearly 50 years ago as a place where children can be inspired to explore science and nature. These videos and Zoofari Stations will do just that," Chapo said. "The videos also allow Larry the Cable Guy and the Git-R-Done Foundation to further their mission. We feel that everyone can benefit from this amazing partnership."

The Zoofari Stations in the Zoo will be ready for opening day, April 13, and the videos will be available to hospitals in late summer. To find out more about the project and how hospitals can receive the videos, visit LincolnZoo.org.

A special thanks to the Abel Foundation for their assistance in funding the Zoofari project.





About the Git R Done Foundation: The Git-R-Done Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created by Larry the Cable Guy and his wife, Cara, as a focal point for the family's philanthropy in 2009. The foundation's mission is to provide assistance to charitable organizations that have experienced hardships beyond their control, with an emphasis on children and veterans. The Git-R-Done Foundation has made numerous donations, including donations to the Arnold Palmer Foundation for the treatment and cure of hip dysplasia, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital and Operation Homefront. For information or to donate, visit www.gitrdonefoundation.org.

Lincoln Children's Zoo
Zoofari
 with Larry the Cable Guy



A FRESH LOOK

ANIMAL KINGDOM BUILDING



BY RYAN GROSS

It takes thousands of brush strokes of hundreds of colors on a blank canvas to create a work of art. Mike Nelson and Dan Gutzman of Mural Mural Graphics know this process quite well. For 20 years they have transformed canvas, walls, ceilings and countless other surfaces into extraordinary and beautiful showcases. Their work is on display throughout the Zoo. Laura's Butterfly Pavilion, The Hive, The Rainforest Room, Zoonique Boutique and now the renovated Animal Kingdom Building.

Their newest project covered the cold, concrete block walls of a 40-year-old building at the Zoo. The Animal Kingdom Building renovation includes new carpet, animal learning signs and a jungle themed mural. The carefully hand-crafted mural is the center piece of the new Animal Kingdom Building. "We wanted to create a place that is inviting, colorful and fun," president and CEO John Chapo said. To fulfill this vision he knew exactly where to look. "I immediately picked up the phone and called Dan and Mike," Chapo said.

Nelson and Gutzman started Mural Mural Graphics in 1993 after working as artists for a billboard company. They formed their



company to paint the exterior of busses in Lincoln and across the country. They then transitioned into painting murals in Lincoln and Omaha. Their work can be seen in schools, churches and businesses throughout the area, including the Downtown Visitors Bureau located in the Haymarket.

The Animal Kingdom Building project is the biggest they've done at the Zoo. It took nearly a month to paint all the interior walls. The work started with a background coat of paint followed by trees, grass, leaves and more foliage. Each layer of paint added more detail to the mural. Once the jungle scene was complete, animals were added. A variety of animals were chosen to fit into

the mural including a gorilla, orangutans and pandas.

"The mural, carpet and learning signs will better showcase the amazing animals in the building," Chapo said. The Animal Kingdom Building is home to more than 40 animals including many of the Zoo's endangered animals such as the Matschie's tree kangaroo, pygmy marmosets, kuhli marmoset and golden lion tamarin.

The renovation is scheduled to be completed in two phases. The first will be completed by opening day, Saturday, April 13. The second phase, which includes painting the inside of each animal exhibit is scheduled for 2014.

ZOO CALENDAR

WE WILL SEE YOU AT THE ZOO

APRIL

SAT 13

OPENING DAY

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Lincoln Children's Zoo

SAT 20

RECYCLING RAINDROPS

TBA | Auction at SouthPointe Pavillion's Marcus Theatre

Help support the Zoo by bidding on artistically painted rain barrels. Rain Barrels can be viewed at SouthPointe or online at LincolnZoo.org.



FRI 26

ZOO EXPLORER CAMP

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | 5 to 7 & 8 to 10 year olds | Lincoln Children's Zoo

Explore the Zoo in this new exciting camp. Get a Zoo map and spend the week going behind the scenes and hunting for unknown treasures. Register at LincolnZoo.org.

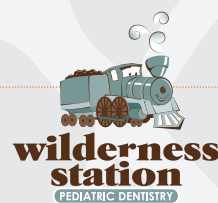
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SAT 11

TRAIN DAY

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Lincoln Children's Zoo

Put your conductor hat on and board the train. This event features demonstrations by the Lincoln Area Railway Historical Society, activities by Operation Lifesaver, the annual Conductor of the Day contest, and special prices on train rides. Regular admission or membership prices apply.



SUN 12

MOTHER'S DAY

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Lincoln Children's Zoo

Moms receive free admission and one free train ticket.



SAT 25

ZOO FUN RUN

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Lincoln Children's Zoo Plaza

This is the wildest kids race in town. The one mile race starts at 10 a.m. and all runners get 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. You can sign your child up in advance by visiting Lincoln Fire and Rescue or just come early on Saturday and sign up. This race is organized by Lincoln Fire and Rescue.

JUNE

SAT 1

RUNZA READING DAY

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Lincoln Children's Zoo

Your favorite children's books will come to life at the Zoo this weekend. Stop by and listen to stories read by local heroes and celebrities. Get an activity bag for kids, free train rides from 10 a.m. to noon, and other fun activities. After listening to stories, explore the Zoo to interact with over 300 animals.



FRI 7

GARDEN PARTY

6 p.m. | Lincoln Children's Zoo | Zoo closes at 2 p.m.

RECYCLING RAINDROPS

BY JESSICA SIMPSON

Recycling Raindrops Benefits Entire Lincoln Community

For a fifth year in a row, Lincoln Children's Zoo and the City of Lincoln Watershed Management partnered to promote the Recycling Raindrops artistic rain barrel project. The program gives local artists an opportunity for exposure and educates community members about the benefits of saving water, in addition to providing funding for the Zoo.

Since 2009, the rain barrel program has been uniting local artists, environmentalists, zoo supporters and community members. This year the program kicked off in mid-March and will wrap up April 20 with an auction at SouthPointe Pavilions. Lincolniters will have the chance to take home one of the 25 hand-painted rain barrels by being the highest bidder, and 100 percent of the proceeds will go to the Zoo.

After the City of Lincoln Watershed Management constructed the barrels, community artists were invited to apply to paint one of the 25 barrels. Artists had to come up with a theme and illustrate the message on the barrel. This year, Matt McKay, program director and well-known DJ for 106.3 KFRX, was one of the artists selected. McKay's barrel

depicts the theme "Positive Prints On Earth." "[Zoo president and CEO] John Chapo asked me to participate, and I was excited about the opportunity," said McKay. "Knowing all of the proceeds go to the Zoo put more pressure on me, because I want to raise as much money as possible. My family and I think the Zoo is a gem in Lincoln."

McKay gained inspiration from his family and some pictures he saw. "We all leave prints on the earth – positive and negative. My theme asks, 'What's your print?' I'm using hand and fingerprints to create flowers across the barrel. My wife and daughter's prints and mine will be combined to create a garden scene."

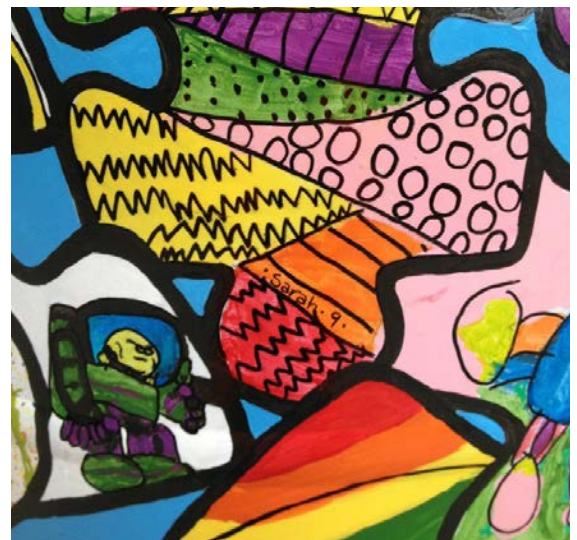
Since McKay's 5-year-old daughter was old enough to take in the scenery around her, his family has been frequenting the Zoo. And, McKay's position as a voice on one of Lincoln's most popular radio stations has given him a chance to raise awareness for the Recycling Raindrops program. "Any time we can support the Zoo and whenever it makes sense for the community, we talk about it on the radio. The rain barrel program is such a simple idea. Using water that we're usually wasting to water plants is a great idea. Hopefully we're bringing awareness to it and doing our part to help the environment and the Zoo at the same time."

Artists lay the foundation for a successful rain barrel auction, and bidders seal the deal. Last year Jennifer Kirkland and her husband Matt of Lincoln placed the winning bid on a nature-themed rain barrel painted with an eagle and a coyote. "Last year my mother and I attended, and we bought two – one for my family and another for my sister in St. Louis," Kirkland said.

Kirkland's family tries to be green and recycle, and having the rain barrel in their yard helps them give back to the environment in another way. "I plant flowers and potted plants every spring, and I use the rain barrel water for the flowers instead of using extra water from the spigot outside."

The fact that the auction supports the Zoo is an added bonus. Kirkland's 8- and 6-year-old kids have attended Zoo camps, and her family loves visiting the Children's Zoo, she said. "It's a win-win," said Kirkland. "Rain barrels help us be more environmentally conscious and we enjoy helping the Zoo. Also, there are tons of people out there who are still learning about rain barrels, so I don't think the program will get old. It will continue gaining popularity."

For more information about the Recycling Raindrops program, visit LincolnZoo.org.



Children at Art Planet work on their rain barrel for 2013's Recycling Raindrops Auction



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By Lincoln Children's ZOO

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CUBS ON THE MOVE

RED PANDA CUBS OFF TO NATIONAL & BRONX ZOO

BY RYAN GROSS

In 2012, Lincoln Children's Zoo was home to the births of the endangered Matschie's tree kangaroo, ring-tailed lemur, pygmy marmoset and the nearly endangered red panda. These births are part of the critical process in saving animals from extinction. The red panda offspring will have a temporary home at Lincoln Children's Zoo. After a waiting period they will be moved to zoos across the country to be paired with a mate in hope of breeding and helping increase their population.

The Zoo's two red panda cubs, born in July of 2012, will each find a new home in late spring. One will travel to the Bronx Zoo in New York City

and the other to The Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington D.C. Once at the zoos they will spend time getting acclimated to their new surroundings. After this, they will be introduced to their selected mate and the process of breeding will begin. The entire process is part of a detailed and highly tracked system that ensures animals in captivity are properly expanding the gene pool of their species.

Most animals in captivity at accredited zoos have an incredibly documented family tree. "Imagine knowing who your third, fourth and even fifth cousin is as well as their extended family and their extended family," president and CEO John Chapo said. Zookeepers have

access to an online database with tens of thousands of animals in captivity. Once the Zoo's red panda cubs were born they were added to this database. The data was then analyzed to find an appropriate breeding partner. The search for the right mate and the coordination with other zoos is an intricate process and takes months to complete.

"It is pretty amazing to think that these two red panda cubs born at our Zoo are part of something so big and so crucial as saving a species," Chapo said.

To learn how your support can help the endangered animals at Lincoln Children's Zoo contact president, John Chapo, at the Zoo.



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Lincoln Children's ZOO

6.7.2013

6 p.m.

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Tickets

Tickets available Monday, April 1.
Adult-only event.

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\$75 per person
\$1000 per table

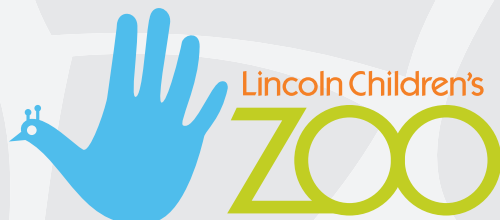


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