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To enrich lives through firsthand interaction with living things.
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.

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.
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.

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

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

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

Hello my name is EmCee (the hammerkop)
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.
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
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
Tickets at LincolnZoo.org

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

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.
**SEPTEMBER**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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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