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Illuminated animal silhouettes and lighted animal photo opportunities!



One of the largest light shows in the Midwest with over 250,000 LED lights!



Over 1 mile of pathway LED lights, a 30 foot light tunnel and a tree canopy light walk!

This winter Lincoln Children's Zoo presents Zoo Lights Powered by LES! One of the largest holiday light shows in the Midwest, the event will feature a magical light display, train rides, holiday treats and more. "We have a tradition connecting children and adults with nature while creating life-long memories. Zoo Lights will continue that tradition by providing a destination for thousands of Nebraskans to visit their Lincoln Children's Zoo and celebrate the holidays. We are proud that this community event will be Powered by LES." Zoo President & CEO, John Chapo said. This holiday event will run November 29th through December 30th and will be a ticketed event. Tickets go on sale October 1st.

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



Holiday train ride with
lights, hot cocoa,
specialty foods and
exclusive Zoo
Lights merchandise!



A 34 foot tall
decorated tree
and a 40 foot
dancing tree!





THE CLOUDED LEOPARD, CAN YOU SPOT IT?

The Clouded Leopard is a truly mysterious and fascinating animal. They are a unique cat with their very own genus and are the 'bridge' between big cats (lions, tigers etc.) and the small cats (puma, lynx, ocelot, serval, etc.). Officially recorded as a species in 1821, the clouded leopard is rarely seen by humans aside from zoos. Clouded leopards remain a challenging animal to study due to their agile climbing ability and reclusive mannerisms. Using their specialized anklebones that rotate a full 180 degrees, clouded leopards are one of two cat species that can climb down a tree head-first.

Here at Lincoln Children's Zoo, Maui is our resident clouded leopard. Maui turned 1 year old in June of 2019, weighs about 44

pounds and will continue to grow up to 50 pounds. Maui enjoys playing with specialized toys made from recycled fire hoses and frolicking with anything that can be shredded such as egg cartons, newspaper and even squash!

In the wild, clouded leopards live primarily in lowland tropical rainforests, but are also found in woodlands and have even been spotted at elevations up to 9,000 feet in the Himalayan mountains. They are primarily found in Southeast Asia from Nepal and Southern China through Thailand, Indonesia and Borneo. At the Zoo, Maui's habitat includes tree trunks and limbs for climbing and an overhead enclosure which he uses as a perch to view his surroundings. Clouded leopards have the longest

canine teeth of any feline which allows them to hunt and enjoy a diet consisting of primates, deer, wild boar and birds. Here at the Zoo Maui enjoys a fortified meat-based diet and bones.

Although generally hard to spot, there are times of day when clouded leopards are quite active and visible. In the morning and evening Maui can be seen enjoying his overhead enclosure and jumping from limb to limb, playing and pouncing.

The next time you visit the Zoo, be sure to stop by the clouded leopard habitat located next to the Animal Kingdom and see if you can spot our friend Maui.



A close-up photograph of a sloth's hand, which is wrapped around a piece of light-colored wood. The hand is positioned inside a woven basket made of natural fibers. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural habitat.

FASCINATING FACTS

- CAN SPRAY A SCENT THAT IS FOUR TIMES STRONGER THAN A SKUNK
- ONE OF THE LOWEST BODY TEMPERATURES OF ACTIVE LAND MAMMALS
- SPECIALIZED MOUTH ALLOWS HER TO EAT UP TO 9,000 ANTS A DAY

hello
my name is

EDEN
(the tamandua)



COLLECTIBLE POSTER

WINTER AT THE ZOO

For the first time in its history, Lincoln Children's Zoo will be open year-round! You may be wondering "what happens at the zoo in the winter?" The Zoo boasts exciting experiences and activities no matter the season. From caring for the animals to preparing the grounds and even creating new adventures, the Lincoln Children's Zoo is a bustling place every month of the year.

There are many steps to preparing the Zoo for a harsh Nebraska winter. The animals here at the Zoo have access to warm, safe indoor enclosures during the cold months to ensure their comfort and well-being. Zookeepers carefully craft indoor habitats to suit each animal's individual needs. Some of our animals here at the Zoo

love the winter months. For example, the snow leopards, bald eagles and even the red pandas are cold-tolerant and enjoy the cooler temperatures. During the winter months you will still find many residents of the Zoo enjoying their outdoor spaces and playing in the snow.

Not only do the animals need special care during the winter, the Zoo's lush landscaping receives extra attention as the cold weather approaches. Every year the flower beds are carefully trimmed, cut back and prepped for the frigid weather. This year the horticulture team, with the help of Santa's elves, has the additional, exciting task of helping prepare the grounds for Zoo Lights Powered by LES. Over 250,000 lights will cover the Zoo this holiday season and the

grounds team will be tasked with hanging them as well as erecting a 34 foot decorated tree plus over one mile of lit paths and more than 30 illuminated animals.

On days when it's too cold for people to play outside, the Secret Jungle offers a chance for families to explore, climb, and interact with spider monkeys. The 1,500 square feet of climbing space and 24-foot slide create the perfect place to expel extra energy and fight the winter blues.

Even in the cold winter months, Lincoln Children's Zoo holds opportunities for animal encounters, education, and lifelong memories.

ZOO HOURS & CLOSURES

Hours

Daily, 10 a.m. - 5p.m.

Special Closure Dates

Zoo Closed: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, New Years Day

Historic Zoo closed October 23 - November 1
Expansion remains open

Zoo closes at 3 p.m. October 26 - 30.

Train is open daily dependant on weather.



OCTOBER 17-18

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

OCTOBER 21

8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

LPS NOT IN SESSION

MEMBERS: \$45 | NON-MEMBERS: \$60

HAPPY HOOVES AND LONG NECKS | AGES 5 – 7
WILDLIFE RESCUERS | AGES 8 – 12

NOVEMBER 27

8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

LPS NOT IN SESSION

MEMBERS: \$45 | NON-MEMBERS: \$60

MINI ZOO VET | AGES 5 – 7
ANIMAL TRAINING 101 | AGES 8 – 12

DECEMBER 23

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 2,3,6

8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

LPS NOT IN SESSION

MEMBERS: \$135 | NON-MEMBERS: \$180

AD-VET-TURES | AGES 5 – 7
JR. ZOO VET | AGES 8 – 12

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Lincoln Children's ZOO



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TOTS &
TURTLES
Lincoln Children's ZOO

Tots & Turtles

Ages 2 – 4 + Parent

Wednesdays | 10 – 11 a.m. | Sept. 18 – Oct. 23

Thursdays | 10 – 11 a.m. | Sept. 19 – Oct. 24

Tots & Turtles is a six-week 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

BOO AT THE ZOO

A LETTER FROM THE WIZARD

Hello all you trick-or-treaters out there!

It's the wizard again! I am fresh off my summer vacation and ready to pumpkin roll into my favorite time of year, Boo at the Zoo! I love my yearly visit to the Zoo to see you all more than I love putting pumpkin in all my food, which is to say a lot. Five days of costumes, pumpkins, and my personal favorite, candy. How could it be any better? This year will be no different as I will be there to welcome you all into the biggest trick-or-treat event in Lincoln.

I tell you all about Boo at the Zoo every year and you probably know every treat bag and gummy worm by now. So I am going to tell you some news that made me almost drop my summertime version of a jack-o-lantern, made out of a watermelon, of course. Anyway, I ran into a bunch of Santa's elves when I was on vacation this summer and guess what they told me? There will be a whole new holiday event at the Zoo this year!

It's called Zoo Lights Powered by LES. Over the course of the holiday season you will have the opportunity to come see the Zoo decorated with over 250,000 lights, a 40 foot tall dancing light up tree, light up animal silhouettes and more! The elves had so much to tell me all about their plans for Zoo Lights Powered by LES. I want to tell you every light up detail of the event, but then where would the holiday magic be? Plus, the elves swore me to secrecy on holiday classified information, like the fact that there will be holiday train rides with lights. oOPS! I wasn't supposed to tell you that. Don't tell the elves, okay? I don't want to end up on the naughty list this year, I have a lot of candy-related gifts I want Santa to bring me.

Maybe I should go back to talking about Boo at the Zoo. I can't get in trouble for talking about that, but what haven't I told you yet. Candy apples! How could I forget? This spook-tacular event will feature 40 trick-or-treat stations from local businesses and organizations where you can fill your treat bags with Halloween time goodies and tons of volunteers here ready to help make Boo at the Zoo the greatest event at the Zoo! Again, please don't tell the elves I said that because they might disagree.

I should get back to preparing for the most fang-tastic time of the year. I want to personally invite each and every one of you to Boo at the Zoo. So, grab a treat bag and join me at Boo at the Zoo this year. The elves said to tell you they can't wait for you to see their handiwork at Zoo Lights Powered by LES.

Spellbindingly yours,
The Wizard





Lincoln Children's ZOO
BOO AT THE ZOO

OVER 40 TRICK-OR-TREAT BOOTHS

OCTOBER 26, 27, 28, 29 & 30 | 5:30 – 8:00 P.M.
TICKETS GO ON SALE SEPTEMBER 3RD!

SAVE TIME! PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE AT LINCOLNZOO.ORG OR AT THE ZOO TODAY
RAISING CANE'S CHICKEN FINGERS MEALS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT LINCOLNZOO.ORG
OR WITH CASH DURING EVENT. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ZOO AND HELP CARE FOR THE ANIMALS.

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.
08**

GRANDPARENTS WEEKEND | 10 A.M. – 5 P.M.

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

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**SEPT.
11
AND
25**

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 for children and additional Animal Encounter shows! The Zoo is open to non-members 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**SEP.
18
THROUGH
OCT.
23**

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SENSORY SAFARI | 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.

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

OCT.
17-18
OR
OCT.
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OFF SEASON CAMP | 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Take advantage of LPS not being in session and attend the first of our off season camps! On October 17 and 18 ages 5 - 7 can attend Critter Keepers while ages 8 - 12 attend Jr. Zoo Crew. On October 21, ages 5 - 7 can attend Happy Hooves and Long Necks and ages 8 - 12 attend Wildlife Rescuers.

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. Tickets will go on sale September 3rd.

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NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

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ZOO LIGHTS POWERED BY LES | 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

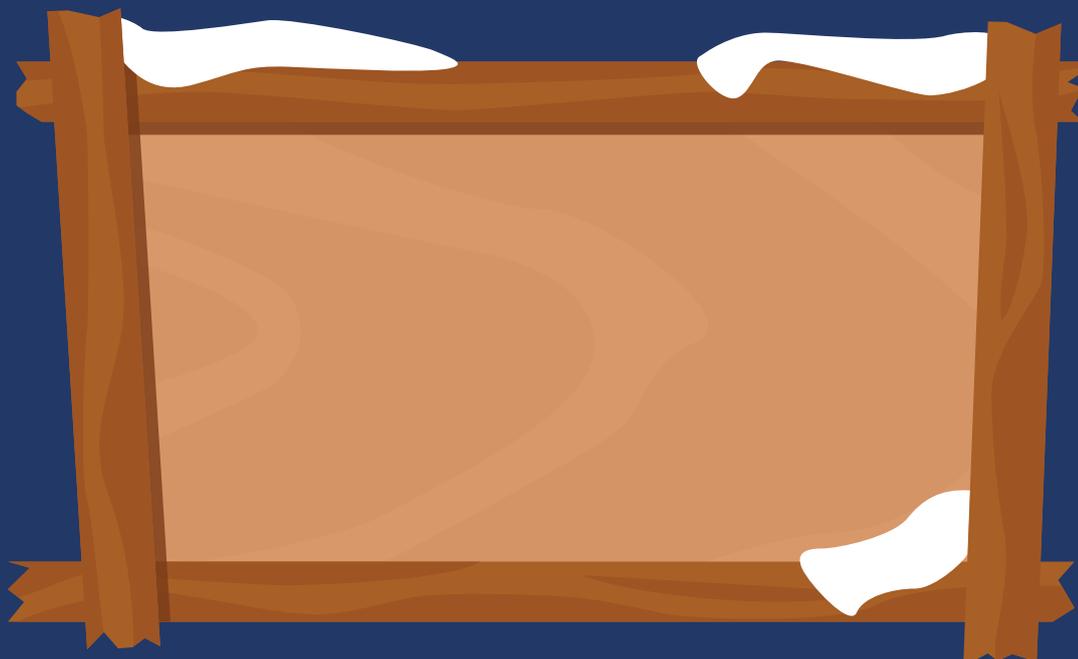
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LINCOLN CHILDREN'S
ZOO
LIGHTS
POWERED BY *LES*

NOV. 29 - DEC. 30

Member | \$10.95 online | \$12.95 at gate
Non-members | \$13.95 online | \$15.95 at gate

Dancing Tree • Holiday Train Rides • Hot Chocolate • & More!
PURCHASE TICKETS AT LINCOLNZOO.ORG | ON SALE OCTOBER 1

