

Zoofari 2020 is just a few days away and we are excited to welcome you to enjoy bites, brews, and beasts on Friday, August 7th. This has been a challenging year for the Zoo financially and your support is vital to our daily operations. Zoofari is one of our largest fundraising events, with the funds being raised supporting all aspects of our annual operations, including food for our animals, maintenance for your favorite rides, on-grounds education efforts, veterinary care, and so much more. Thank you for supporting our mission especially through these challenging times.



This year's Zoofari will look a little different than in past years, but our food and beverage partners, bands, Zoo staff, board of directors, volunteers, and amazing animals are ready to celebrate one of our favorite nights of the year with you. However, we need your help to ensure the safety of all Zoofari guests in the midst of the pandemic. If you have others who will be joining your party, please share this information with them as it contains important instructions for all guests.

#### **Plan Ahead for Safety:**

- Don't forget your **state-issued photo ID** and **printed ticket**. We are required by the State to check the ID of each guest.
- In accordance with Governor Holcomb's statewide mask mandate, masks, facial coverings, or face shields are required for all guests to enter the Zoo.
  - We will have limited masks and sanitizer available for guests but encourage guests to bring your own.
- Your mask, facial covering, or face shield may be removed when eating or drinking.
- As always, Zoofari involves a lot of walking and is held rain or shine. Please plan your footwear and clothing accordingly.
- Please practice social distancing, follow our directional signage, and maintain a 6' distance when possible throughout the Zoo from guests not in your party (more information on this below).
- **Sign up for text alerts by texting [zoofari2020 to 76278](tel:76278).**
  - The Zoo will provide information throughout the week and day of the event via text
  - This also registers you to participate in our online auction which is live now at [Zoofari-auction.com](https://zoofari-auction.com)
- *An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. The Fort Wayne Children's Zoo is making significant efforts to ensure a reasonably safe environment; however, the safety of visitors, volunteers, and staff cannot be guaranteed due to the nature of the pandemic. Individuals who are medically vulnerable to COVID-19 should ensure they take measures to be safe and not subject themselves to the risks this virus could pose. By attending Zoofari, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19. The full Zoo plan for stage 4.5 including the mask mandate is viewable at our [website](#).*



## **Arriving at Zoofari**

**5:00 pm – VIP Early Admission Opens**

**6:00 pm – General Admission Opens**

- To promote social distancing, we decreased the number of tickets available for Zoofari, however, expect for lines to appear to be long due to social distancing markers. Queuing lines will be set up outside of the Zoo's entrance to aid with the initial entry process.
  - Please plan meet others in your party outside the Zoo gates as entry will be staggered with different starting points recommended for each group of guests - this will make meeting guests inside difficult.
  - Volunteers will be performing ID and ticket checks in the queuing lines in order to make the entry process as quick as possible. Please have this information ready once you or your party has entered the queuing area.
- Please check your program booklet and signage for your recommended starting location upon entering the Zoo.
- Private Den Guests should check-in at Den Registration to pick up their access pass and den location information.

## **Enjoying the Activities**

- **There are more than 50 food, beer, and wine sampling stations and 7 bands for your enjoyment spread across our 40 acre campus.**
  - Proper distancing has been put in place between stations. Please wear your masks, face coverings, or face shields when approaching stations.
- Please follow the one-way and other directional signage, please do not enter areas through exit routes.
- New for 2020 - Tip Jars: Our friends in the hospitality field have been greatly impacted by the pandemic. These food and beverage partners, and bands donate their time and samples to help the Zoo each year. This year, due to the trying circumstances they have also faced, we are allowing our partners to have tip jars available. While not required, we are making it possible for you to show these businesses a little love as we work through these unprecedented times together.

**8:45 pm – Last Call**

**9:00 pm – Event Ends**

Again, we're so excited to have you join us at Zoofari. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the donor relations team at 260-427-2040. We are looking forward to seeing you on Friday, August 7.



## Join in Zoofari Virtual

2020 has been a unique year for everyone. We understand guests may be unable to attend Zoofari due the pandemic, or may not feel comfortable. We don't want you to miss out on the fun! You are encouraged to support one or more Zoofari vendors by ordering from their restaurant. Then follow along with the Zoofari auction from the comfort of wherever you are, bid early, bid often! Even if you cannot attend in person, you can still participate in our online auction and supporting our food and beverage partners in a way you feel comfortable.

