

## AUDUBON ZOO AND AUDUBON PARK GOLF COURSE EXPAND DAYS OF OPERATION

## Organization makes progress in its recovery efforts

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(NEW ORLEANS, LA) -- Audubon Nature Institute facilities continue to recover from Hurricane Katrina and will soon expand days of operation for Audubon Zoo and Audubon Park Golf Course.

Beginning March 1, 2006 **Audubon Zoo** will be open Wednesdays through Sundays 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Admission is Adults \$12, Seniors [65+] \$9, Children [2-12] \$7, and members free. Audubon Zoo is now accepting group reservations. Audubon Marketplace Gift Shop at the zoo is during zoo hours (see above) and features a variety of toys, apparel, educational games, jewelry, unique gifts and New Orleans items. Additionally, special event venues at Audubon Zoo are available for rental.

Also beginning March 1, **Audubon Park Golf Course** will be also open Wednesdays through Sundays 7:00 a.m. to dusk. Call 504-212-5290 for tee times.

**Audubon Nature Institute** has a total economic impact of \$330 million, and operates nine parks and museums in New Orleans dedicated to *Celebrating the Wonders of Nature*, including Audubon Zoo, Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, Entergy IMAX® Theatre, Audubon Louisiana Nature Center, and Audubon Center for Research of Endangered Species, Freeport-McMoRan Audubon Species Survival Center, Wilderness Park, Woldenberg Riverfront Park and Audubon Park. Its 10<sup>th</sup> facility, **Audubon Insectarium** is scheduled to open in 2007.

For more information or to donate to Audubon's recovery, visit <u>www.auduboninstitute.org</u> or call 504-581-4629.

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