

# 2008 EVENTS

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| DEBUTS THIS SPRING       | KANGAROO KOUNTRY   |
| MAR 22                   | BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY  |
| APR 19                   | BUTTERFLY ENCOUNTER OPENS<br><small>(on display through July 27)</small> |
| APR 20                   | EARTH DAY: PARTY FOR THE PLANET  |
| APR 26                   | FARM DAY   |
| MAY 3                    | MIGRATORY BIRD DAY   |
| MAY 10                   | ZOO RUN  |
| MAY 17                   | BARONS LITTLE LEAGUE DAY   |
| JUN 2                    | SUMMER CAMP BEGINS<br><small>(through August 9)</small>                  |
| JUN 14                   | BIG SNAKE DAY  |
| JUL 19                   | ENRICHMENT DAY   |
| JUL 26                   | HARRY POTTER DAY   |
| AUG 2                    | WAKE UP WITH THE ANIMALS   |
| SEP 13                   | HARVEST DAY  |
| SEP 27                   | ZOO GALA   |
| OCT 10-12, 17-19 & 24-26 | BOO AT THE ZOO   |
| DEC 12-14, 19-23 & 26-30 | ZOO LIGHT SAVARI   |



## ZOO HOURS

Seven Days a Week 9-5  
 Christmas Eve 9-1  
 (Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Day)

## SUMMER HOURS

MAY 24 - AUGUST 3  
 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-5  
 Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9-7  
 AUGUST 4 - AUGUST 31  
 Monday - Friday 9-5  
 Saturday & Sunday 9-7

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# LEAP into a wild ADVENTURE



B I R M I N G H A M Z O O

## NEW! RIDE THE RED DIAMOND EXPRESS

Coming this May, for the first time in Zoo history, the Birmingham Zoo has two trains! Sit back, relax, see the scenery, and enjoy the ride!

## NEW! ENJOY A CAMEL RIDE

Enjoy the Zoo by taking a memorable camel ride (additional charge) or simply view the camels as they move through the exhibit. Experience the connection with wildlife by seeing baby and adult camels. Hear the guide's knowledge of these beautiful animals. Don't forget your camera and take lots of pictures! This experience is located near the Butterfly Encounter.

## GO WILD ABOUT LEARNING

Our Education Department presents curriculum-based, informal educational programs for children in grades pre-k - 12 as well as camps, Zoo Snoozes and our ZooKeeper for a Day program. Education program calendars are available at Visitor Services and our website, [www.birminghamzoo.com](http://www.birminghamzoo.com).

## TAKE A BIRTHDAY PARTY SAFARI

Want a birthday wilder than the African Savannah? Embark on a Party Safari at the Birmingham Zoo! Packages include Zoo admission, cake, ice cream, paper goods and train tokens. For reservations or more information, please call (205) 879-0409 ext. 274.

## DO THE ZOO!

See what's new! We have some exciting new animals for 2008! All of our new animals will have their debut this spring. We are leaping with excitement as the Zoo introduces several kangaroos and wallabies. Enjoy our new camel ride to experience the old form of desert transportation. See the wombats as they burrow and play in their new exhibit. Other exciting animals that will make the Birmingham Zoo home in 2008 include the naked mole rat, ring-tailed lemur, the red-fronted lemur and many more!



## FINE FEATHERED FRIENDS

From ostriches and flamingos to vultures and endangered white-naped cranes, more than 300 birds nest here. Feed brightly colored lorikeets and watch brown pelicans catch fish in their beaks.

## SEA LION SPLASH SHOW AND EXHIBIT

This wet, wild and fun show features the comedic behavior of sea lions, such as talking, whispering, dancing and special interactions with the audience. In between shows, stop by the pool to see our sea lions show off their grace and intelligence all day long.

## SAVANNAH SAFARI

The African Savannah is home to some of the wildest beasts around. Our own Savannah features lions, zebras, ostriches, kudu and giraffes.

## COLD HEARTED SNAKES

Face your fears and some of the most beautiful and deadly animals in the world. These reptiles will make YOUR blood run cold!

## WILD IN YOUR BACKYARD

Hike through Alabama Wilds and see Alabama animals like skunks, opossum, bald eagles and bobcats. Peer underwater at playful otters or get eye to eye with venomous snakes!

## NEW! INTERACTIVE KANGAROO KOUNTRY

Children and adults alike can explore this interactive area that allows visitors to walk to a covered overlook to view Kangaroos and Wallabies. Take a personal walkabout and view a "mob" of Kangaroos lying along the pathways or jumping throughout the exhibit. Meet the Outback Ranger as questions are answered about the interactive experience. Explore an abandoned mine and encounter several species such as bearded dragons, blue tongued skinks, cane toads, Huntsman's spiders and much more. Find out why the young and young at heart are fascinated with this wonderful new exhibit. Entryway located near the Lorikeet exhibit.

## FEROCIOUS FELINES

In the wild, animals are either hunters or hunted. In our Predator building, stalk a white Bengal tiger, catch a fishing cat and pounce on a Pallas cat. These kitties prefer fresh meat to catnip any day!

## MONKEY BUSINESS

From 100-pound western lowland gorillas to pocket-sized tamarins, primates have lots of personality. Listen for the distinct call of gibbons and look for lemurs, primates found only on the island of Madagascar.

## CHILD'S PLAY

The Junior League of Birmingham - Hugh Kaul Children's Zoo is the place to be for the young and young at heart. See fish native to the Cahaba River at the stream, ride the carousel and brush the sheep in the barn.

## FROGS, FROGS AND MORE FROGS

2008 is the Year of the Frog. Help support the amphibian crisis and prevent extinction. See various frogs such as the horned frog, the colorful, poisoned dart frog, the soloman island leaf frog and many more. Watch them as they crawl and hop around the exhibit in our predator building. The Birmingham Zoo is committed to ensuring the survival of all amphibian species.



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|  On Exhibit all Year                       |  The Savannah<br>(Giraffes, Ostrich, Red River Hog)                 |
|  Exhibit Schedule Noted Below            |  Zebras   |
|  Macaws                                  |  Cranes   |
|  Bird Aviary                             |  Tortoises  |
|  Pelicans                                |  Lions  |
|  Flamingo Lagoon                         |  Predators (Big Cats)   |
|  Birds                                   |  Native Butterflies<br>(4/20 through 7/27)                        |
|  Toucans                                 |  Fish   |
|  Snakes                                  |  Alabama Barn   |
|  Sea Lions                               |  Chickens   |
|  Lorikeet Aviary                         |  Alabama Wild Animals   |
|  Alligator Swamp                         |  Bald Eagles  |
|  Primates                                |  Offers   |
|  Waterfowl Ponds                         |  Camel Ride NEW!<br>(Through 8/10 - Additional Charge)            |
|  Cassowary NEW!                          |  Wildlife Show<br>(Through Labor Day)                             |
|  Frog NEW!                               |  Giraffe Interaction<br>(Donations support giraffe conservation.) |
|  Wombat NEW!                             |  Sea Lion Splash Show   |
|  Kangaroo NEW!<br>(Debuts this Spring) |  |

Check your park map insert for today's schedule of events.

## ZOO MANNERS

Please! Zoo policy prohibits food or drink from being brought in to the zoo. Picnic tables are available outside the zoo for those who want to bring their own food.

Please respect the special diets of the animals. Treats or "people food" can cause stomach problems for these wonderful creatures.

Please help us by not throwing items into the habitats of the animals. Even simple objects can be hazardous, if swallowed.

Fences and barriers around the animal areas are there for your safety and that of the animals. Please stay on the walkways and viewing areas provided.

We want all children to have a great time in the Children's Zoo play area. Parents and chaperones, please guide children to use the play area properly. Climbing on the rockwork walls to the play area is prohibited.

Thank you for not bringing your pet to the zoo today. We do allow service dogs for the visually impaired. Please check with Visitor Services for exact instructions, if you are here with a service dog.

Thank you for not smoking while inside the zoo. Smoking areas are provided outside the entrance area of the zoo.



## FIND IT HERE!

**Stroller/Wheelchair Rental & ATM** Available in the gift shop just inside the entrance.

**Handicapped Access** We recommend that visitors with physical challenges pick up an Accessibility Guide from Visitor Services on how best to enjoy a day at the zoo.

**Lost Parents, First Aid, Lost and Found** Located at Guest Services, next to the front entrance Gift Shop.

**Baby Changing Areas** Available in all restrooms. A private room for nursing mothers is available at the Primate building.

**Tokens** Tokens are required to ride the train, carousel, and goat wagon ride. Tokens can be purchased at the front gate, the train, or carousel locations. All riders must be dry.

**Camel Ride Tickets** Tickets can be purchased at the Camel Ride location. Camel rides are available (weather permitting) through August 10.

Want **UNLIMITED Zoo** admission for one full year?

Apply your admission ticket for today towards a Zoo membership!

See the membership office for details

(offer good only on day of visit).



Restrooms



Baby Changing Area



First Aid



Food



Gift Shop



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