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## 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OKTO'BEAR'FEST AT THE MARYLAND ZOO IN BALTIMORE Early bird tickets on sale starting Wednesday, August 3rd

**BALTIMORE, MD** – The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is excited to announce the  $5^{th}$  annual "OktoBEARfest," Fall beer festival to be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016, in conjunction with Baltimore Beer Week. The event runs from 12:00 pm until 4:00 pm at the Zoo's Waterfowl Lake Pavilion area and will feature a host of seasonal ales, Oktoberfest inspired foods and live music, sponsored by Jerry's Toyota.

Beer brands to be poured include, but are not limited to: Angry Orchard, Bell's, Boulevard, Brewers Art, Coney Island, DuClaw, Flying Dog, Harpoon, Hofbrau, Jailbreak, Key Brewing, Monument City, Natty Boh, New Belgium, New Holland, Sam Adams, and Stiegl. (List is subject to change.)

OktoBEARfest tickets range from \$15-\$65 and each ticket includes unlimited sampling, a commemorative event glass (for those 21 and over), live music from the Sam Adams Stage, admission to the Zoo, as well as access to food and artisan vendors. **Purchase tickets by August 15<sup>th</sup> and save \$10 off gate price of \$50.** 

The OktoBEARfest VIP ticket is back! VIP tickets include a special mason jar commemorative glass for full-sized sampling and are available in limited quantities. VIPs must be 21 or over. Zoo members save \$10 off all tickets with membership number at checkout.

This year the Zoo will once again partner with Transdev Transportation to provide FREE shuttle service from Baltimore's Penn Station. Shuttles will run from 11am-4:30pm on event day and will pick up on the Charles Street side of Penn Station which is accessible by Light Rail and by the Purple line of Baltimore's free bus, the Charm City Circulator.

It's time to think cool and plan for a great day at The Maryland Zoo's OktoBEARfest. Tickets go on sale at <u>www.marylandzoo.org</u> on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**About The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore** 

Founded in 1876, The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is the third oldest zoo in the United States and is internationally known for its contributions in conservation and research. More than 1,500 animals are represented in the Zoo's varied natural habitat exhibits in areas such as Polar Bear Watch, the Maryland Wilderness, African Journey and the award-winning Children's Zoo. Situated in Druid Hill Park near downtown Baltimore, the Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums. For more information, visit <u>www.marylandzoo.org</u>, "like" us on Facebook <u>www.facebook.com/marylandzoo</u> and follow us on Twitter @MarylandZoo