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MARYLAND ZOO CELEBRATES 32ND ANNUAL ZOOBOOO!

-ZooBOOO! to feature trick-or-treating, costume contests, Halloween themed animal enrichment-

BALTIMORE, MD – It's a Baltimore Halloween Tradition! On October 23, 24, and 25, The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore will once again host ZooBOOO! presented by CFG Community Bank. The event takes place from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm at the Zoo in the Waterfowl Lake Pavilion area. This year ZooBOOO! includes Baltimore's safest Halloween trick-or-treating, visits from our Animal Ambassadors, two costume contests each day, carnival games, crafts, a hay maze, silly and magical entertainment and much more!

ZooBOOO! runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day and is presented by CFG Community Bank. Additional sponsors include KIND Bars, Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, Stifel, Goetze's Candy, Wolfgang Candy, Greenberries, ShopRite, Utz Potato Chips, and Metro PCS. The event is free for Zoo members and free with paid general Zoo admission, although some activities do require an additional fee.

Entertainment Stage Schedule

Silly Goose & Val's Musical Zoo| 10:30 a.m. show – Friday, Saturday and Sunday The Bert the Nerd Thrill Show |1:30 p.m. show – Friday, Saturday and Sunday

ZooBOOO! Costume Contests

11:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. daily. Registration for the first contest closes 11:15 a.m. and 2:15 pm. for the second contest.

Even the animals will enjoy some seasonal fun. Out and about on Zoo grounds, there will be keeper chats and special animal enrichment activities, including everyone's favorite – the Elephant Pumpkin Smash! Zoo guests can watch as many animals receive their own fall treats at different times during the ZooBOOO! weekend. Enrichment activities are designed to add variety and stimulation to the daily routines of animals at the Zoo. They also showcase the keepers care and knowledge of the animals, as the treats are specially created for each species.

The daily enrichment schedule is as follows:

	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 rd	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 th	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 th
10:30	Chimps	Chimps	Chimps
10:30	Lion	Lion	Lion
11:00	Otter	Otter	Otter
11:30	Raven	Raven	Raven
11:30	Elephant Pumpkin Smash	Elephant Pumpkin Smash	Elephant Pumpkin Smash
12:15	Warthog	Warthog	Warthog
1:30	Leopards	Leopards	African Watering Hole
2:00	Giraffe/Okapi	Porcupine	Giraffe/Okapi
2:30	Lemur	Lemur	Lemur
3:00	Penguin	Penguin	Penguin
3:30	Farmyard	Farmyard	Farmyard

The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is located in Druid Hill Park. For more information, please visit the Zoo's Web site, www.marylandzoo.org, or call 410-366-LION (5466). Stay up to date on Zoo events and information by becoming a Maryland Zoo fan on Facebook www.facebook.com/marylandzoo or following us on Twitter @MarylandZoo

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 www.marylandzoo.org.