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## EVERYONE IS BUZZING ABOUT UNION CRAFT BREWING HOSTING A SPECIAL MARYLAND ZOO FIELD TALK ABOUT POLLINATORS!

**BALTIMORE, MD** – It's all about the beers and the bees at a special conservation Field Talk about pollinators offered by The Maryland Zoo at Union Craft Brewing on Thursday, June 13, at 7 p.m.

Dr. Jody Johnson, a Baltimore-based pollinator researcher and advocate, will speak about the status of bees in Maryland, and about conservation efforts in the wild. In 2014, Johnson established Cullaborate to research pollinator health and raise public awareness about pollinators. Johnson teaches classes on environmental science, pollinators, and sustainability, and works closely with Zoo staff to maintain multiple honeybee hives at the Zoo.

"We're offering a cool twist for this Field Talk since it will be held at Union Brewery," said Hannah Rupert, education manager at the Zoo. "The bees and other pollinators provide us with many things, among them almonds, apples, and....hops for beer! This is a great opportunity to sit back and sip some local brews while learning how pollinators play an important role in our lives."

Field Talks give you a chance to experience life on the front lines of wildlife conservation with the biologists, animal experts and wildlife advocates making a difference for threatened and endangered species around the globe.

Admission to the Field Talk is \$19 for non-members and \$9 for Zoo members. Proceeds from the event will benefit Maryland Zoo's conservation programs. Tickets are available online at <a href="https://www.marylandzoo.org">www.marylandzoo.org</a>. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

## **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 such as the award-winning Penguin Coast, Polar Bear Watch, the Maryland Wilderness, African Journey and the 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 <a href="https://www.marylandzoo.org">www.marylandzoo.org</a>.