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MARYLAND ZOO CELEBRATES 36TH ANNUAL ZOOBOOO!

-The elephant Pumpkin Smash is Back!-

BALTIMORE, MD – For the 36th year, The Maryland Zoo brings growls and ghouls together in ZooBOOO! presented by Chase. The Zoo offers the *wildly* festive event on October 25, 26, and 27, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. ZooBOOO! includes safe Halloween trick-or-treating, visits from our Animal Ambassadors, two costume contests each day, carnival games, crafts, a “not-so-spooky” hay maze, family entertainment and much more!

The Zoo’s newly expanded and renovated African Journey habitats set the stage for one of the most popular Halloween traditions – the Elephant Pumpkin Smash! Watch as African elephants Anna, Felix, Samson and Tuffy enjoy their fall treats in a big way at 11:00 am each day of the event weekend.

Thanks to our generous sponsor, Chase, the event is free for Zoo members and free with paid general Zoo admission. Activity sponsors include Goddard School, Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, and Stifel. Some activities do require an additional fee.

Entertainment Stage Schedule:

- Silly Goose & Val’s Musical Zoo | 10:30 a.m. show
- KAPOW Show – featuring Evan Young | 1:30 p.m. show

ZooBOOO! Costume Contests sponsored by Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital

- 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.

Many Zoo animals receive pumpkin enrichment during the festivities, as well. 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.

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The daily enrichment schedule is as follows:

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
10:30	Lions	Lions	Lions
11:00	Otters/Bobcats	Otters/Bobcats	Otters/Bobcats
11:00	Elephant Pumpkin Smash	Elephant Pumpkin Smash	Elephant Pumpkin Smash
11:30	Farmyard	Farmyard	Farmyard
12:30	Bears	Bears	Bears
1:30	Leopard	Leopard	Leopard
2:00	Cheetahs	Warthogs	Warthogs
2:30	Chimpanzees	Chimpanzees	Chimpanzees

Parents and kids of all ages are encouraged to bring trick-or-treat bags and wear costumes! If you forget your costume, face painting will be available for a small additional cost. This event is rain or shine.

For updates on ZooBOOO! presented by Chase and other upcoming Zoo events, please visit www.marylandzoo.org and www.facebook.com/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 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 www.marylandzoo.org.

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