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## SIP & STROLL ZOO HAPPY HOURS RETURN THIS FALL

**BALTIMORE, MD** – The popular Sip & Stroll adults-only small group happy hours have been scheduled for September and October. Guests will enjoy local craft beers and wine while taking a guided twilight tour of the Zoo, focusing on a specific zoo-themed topic each evening.

Sip & Strolls will be held from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm with themes varying from week to week. Tickets are \$65 per person which includes three drink tickets, one meal ticket, after-hours visits to various habitats on a guided tour, and keeper chats. For more information or to register, visit www.marylandzoo.org/sip. Themes and dates are listed below:

- Saving Species September 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Explore the role zoos play as conservation organizations tasked with protecting species through research, education, and excellence in animal husbandry. Learn about The Maryland Zoo's role in cooperative breeding and species management programs and discover what it takes to ensure excellent welfare for the individual animals in the Zoo's care. Food provided by Triple J Food Co.
- Animal Sex and Mating Habits September 11<sup>th</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Discover the secrets, scandals and shockingly true facts about animal courtship. Go inside the world of wildlife matchmaking at zoos. Food provided by Triple J Food Co.

  - **Zoo History** September 24<sup>th</sup>
    - Using historic photos and vintage Zoo maps, this tour charts the history of the Maryland Zoo from its inception in 1876 as park attraction to its current role as a major urban cultural and conservation organization in Baltimore. Food provided by Triple J Food Co.
- **Predators!** October 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Predators need to put forth a strong attack in order to have the resources needed to survive. Explore the different ways animals survive through both physical and behavioral adaptations. Food provided by Triple J Food Co.

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 <u>www.marylandzoo.org</u>.