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ZOO LIGHTS, PRESENTED BY CHASE, RETURNS TO THE MARYLAND ZOO

BALTIMORE, MD – Zoo Lights, presented by Chase, will return to The Maryland Zoo to brighten up the town with colorful evenings of holiday light displays! From Friday, November 19th through Sunday, January 2nd, this seven-week event will bring to Baltimore twinkling lights and holiday flare in the shape of many of your favorite zoo animals. More than 80 light displays with 150,000 environmentally friendly LED lights will transform the Zoo into a sparkling winter wonderland!

“Last year we were overwhelmed by the support from the public when we brought this festive event back to the Zoo after a very long hiatus,” stated Kirby Fowler, president & CEO of the Zoo. “This year we are very excited for the return of Zoo Lights as a holiday tradition, offering separate evenings to walk or drive through the holiday light displays here on grounds.”

Zoo Lights is a seasonal spectacle after-hours event that will run five nights a week, Wednesday-Sunday, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, guests will be on foot walking along a beautifully lit path past dazzling displays including some favorite animals reimagined as light sculptures beginning at the Main Gate, heading down Buffalo Yard Road into Zoo Central and the Farmyard for carousel rides, hot cocoa and maybe even a glimpse of Santa! On Wednesdays and Thursdays, guests can experience Zoo Lights from the comfort of their vehicles beginning at Eagle Gate and proceeding down Buffalo Yard Road; this option is ideal for those who would prefer to stay socially separated or aren’t comfortable walking long distances.

Tickets are \$33 per vehicle for the drive-thru experience and \$28 per person for the walk-thru experience; advanced purchase is required. Members receive a \$5 discount on each ticket purchased. Zoo Lights will be closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas, and the event may be modified due to inclement weather.

“We hope folks who enjoyed Zoo Lights last year will spread the word and share Zoo Lights with family and friends,” Fowler added. “It’s a great way to make lasting memories while supporting the Zoo’s animal care and conservation programs at the same time.”

Thank you to our generous sponsors, Chase and Weis. For more information on event times or to reserve your tickets, please visit www.marylandzoo.org/ZooLights.

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, and the African Journey. 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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