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GET YOUR HOOVES THUMPING AT THE SAINT LOUIS ZOO
This year's A Zoo Ado theme is "Footloose at the Zoo"

What: A Zoo Ado 2008 "Footloose at the Zoo"
When: Friday, June 20
6:30 p.m. to midnight
Where: Saint Louis Zoo

Hoof it on down to the Saint Louis Zoo for A Zoo Ado 2008 "Footloose at the Zoo," a celebration where you can drink, dine and dance the night away. On Friday, June 20 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight, we will be rockin' in Red Rocks to celebrate some of the Zoo's hoofed animals. Proceeds from the biennial creative-casual fundraiser benefit the Zoo in its efforts to save endangered species at home and around the world.

Two-step toward the vibrantly decorated Red Rocks area of the Zoo. Wiggle with the warthogs and shimmy your way over to the Somali wild asses, reticulated giraffes and Grevy's zebras to enjoy authentic African cuisine and other savory foods, served at 6:30 p.m. Do the cakewalk with the camels while snacking on chickpea and eggplant dip with plantain chips, which will be making its way around the tables. Tap with the takins while filling your plate with sweet potato pancakes, lamb burgers, Zulu cabbage, mango couscous, jerk chicken, barbecue pork ribs and cornbread. Fox trot to any of the various beverage stations around the area.

Samba in place while Afriky Lolo, a West African dance group, reflects its rich culture through traditional dance, drumming and festive beaded costumes. Watch the performers weave and shake along the pathways during dinner. All animals in the Red Rocks area will be out in their habitats during this time.

After dinner, strap on your haute hooves and stampede to the dance floor in Schnuck Family Plaza to show off your inner jitterbug. Twist around the Fragile Forest pathway to enjoy dessert. At 8:30 p.m. jam and jive to live entertainment by Fabulous Motown Revue and Arvell & Co. Sway like the sea lions, polka like the prairie dogs, and flash your footwear to win a prize in a shoe contest.

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Swing by the silent auction throughout the evening to place your bid on great items, including behind-the-scenes tours of the Zoo, goods from the St. Louis Cardinals, Chase Park Plaza, Fox Theatre, Monarch, Ritz-Carlton and the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, golf outings, a sailing lesson at Carlyle Lake, framed oil paintings, a lion claw pendant and other “zoolry,” gift baskets and much more.

Advance registration is required and can be made through June 11. Reservations are \$75 per person for general admission. Night Owl admission is \$50 per person and includes admission from 9 p.m. to midnight for drinks, dessert and dancing (dinner not available). A reserved table for ten is \$1,250 and includes early admission at 6 p.m., program listing, table sign and centerpiece.

Registration will be held at the South Entrance. Free parking is provided on the South Lot on Wells Drive. Reservations are non-refundable. Attendees must be 21 years of age or older. The party will be hoppin’ rain or shine.

A Zoo Ado co-chairs are Susan Block and W. Thomas Chulick.

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For more information and to make reservations, call (314) 646-4771 or visit www.stlzoo.org.

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