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THE MALL IS A ZOO THIS TIME OF YEAR. FORTUNATELY, THE ZOO IS ALSO A MALL.
[Find the perfect holiday gift at the Saint Louis Zoo](#)

Find holiday gifts for everyone on your list at the Saint Louis Zoo this year. Proceeds from all sales benefit the animals and programs of the Zoo. For more information, visit www.stlzoo.org.

Holiday Zootique

Shop Holiday Zootique for gifts you won't find at the mall, including animal and nature-themed ornaments, plush animals, hand-painted African pottery, clothing, puzzles, books, toys, vases, picture frames, candles and many items only available at the Saint Louis Zoo. Holiday Zootique is open November 12 through December 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gift shops are also open from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. during U.S. Bank Wild Lights on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, November 27 to December 13, and nightly from December 18 to 23 and December 26 to 30, 2009. Admission charge applies for Wild Lights.



Exclusive Zoo Ornament

Collect the Zoo's limited edition, exclusive ornament featuring the Amur tiger from the Mary Ann Lee Conservation Carousel. The glass ornament is sold gift-boxed for \$15. Purchase ornaments at Zootique, online at www.stlzoo.org or by phone at (314) 781-0900, ext. 4779.

Holiday Card

The box of 12 cards features four different wildlife illustrations by students in Tanzania as part of an art exchange with fourth grade students in St. Louis. The exchange was facilitated through the Zoo's WildCare Institute Center for Cheetah Conservation in Africa. The greeting reads: *'Tis the season to celebrate the world and all of its creatures*. Cards are available for \$10 at Zootique or by phone at (314) 781-0900, ext. 4779. For more information, visit www.stlzoo.org.



Zoo Parents Holiday Adoption

Go ape this holiday! Adopt a gorilla for someone on your list. Each proud Zoo Parent will receive a cuddly plush gorilla (while supplies last), personalized adoption certificate, color photo and fact sheet, car decal and T-shirt transfer, invitation to the annual Zoo Parents Picnic and the recipient's name on the Zoo Parents Kiosk for one year. Holiday adoptions are \$35 by November 30 and \$40 after November 30. Orders include shipping and handling to anywhere in the United States. Order adoptions online at www.stlzoo.org, by phone at (314) 646-4771 or in person at Zoo Welcome Desks. Place orders by December 15 for delivery by December 24.

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Holiday gift ideas
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Zoo Friends Holiday Membership

A Saint Louis Zoo Friends gift membership includes presents big and small and can be used all year long! A \$60 membership includes six free parking passes, free passes for the Zooline Railroad, Children's Zoo and Sea Lion Show, as well as Zoo discounts, *stlzoo* member magazine, e-newsletter and more. The membership includes a collectible ornament available only with holiday gift memberships (while supplies last). Order memberships online at www.stlzoo.org, by phone at (314) 646-4771 or in person at Zoo Welcome Desks. Place orders by December 15 for delivery by December 24.

New Book: *Animals Always – 100 Years at the Saint Louis Zoo*

Overflowing with stories, photographs, and fascinating sidebars, this captivating coffee-table book covers the Zoo's rich history and its emergence as a modern-day center of research and conservation. Available for \$29.95 at Zootique, online at www.stlzoo.org, or by phone at (314) 781-0900, ext. 4779.

Behind-the-Scenes Tours Gift Certificates

Have you ever met a penguin, fed a giant tortoise, scratched a legless lizard? For the person who has everything, give a gift certificate for a behind-the-scenes tour at the Zoo. Tours include Gentle Giants (giraffes), Leaping Lemurs, Snakes Alive, Penguin Encounter, Tour de Tortoise, Playful Primates, Tiger Tales, Sea Lion Encounter, Chirping Cheetahs, Family Safari, Rhino Ramble, Creepy Crawlies and After School Zookeeper. Tours vary in price and have some restrictions. For tour gift certificates and reservations, call (314) 781-0900, ext. 4840.

Engineer for a Day Gift Certificates

Come aboard and learn to be an Engineer for a Day! Ages 7-97 can work alongside an engineer and get a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to be a part of the Zooline Railroad at the Saint Louis Zoo. Participants will receive a nametag, Zoo bandana, engineer cap, certificate and lunch with a Zooline Railroad engineer. Prices are \$125 for Zoo Friends members and \$135 for non-members. For engineer gift certificates and reservations, call (314) 646-4771.

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