

News

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Saint Louis Zoo Calendar of Events March-September 2010

March 2010

March 20, 2010

St. Louis Museum Stores Garage Sale. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in *The Living World*. Free admission. More information: (314) 781-0900; www.stlzoo.org.

Shop for close-out, clearance and almost-one-of-a-kind items from St. Louis area museum gift shops.

March 20-21, 27-28, April 3, 2010

Breakfast with the Bunny. 9 and 11 a.m. seating times. Zoo Friends members: \$20/adult, \$18/child (ages 2-12); Non-members: \$22/adult, \$20/child (ages 2-12); Children under 2 are free. For reservations: (314) 646-4857. More information: www.stlzoo.org.

Enjoy a full breakfast plus a family photo with the Bunny, treats, costumed characters and free parking. Pre-paid reservations are required and seating is limited.

April 2010

April 1, 2010

Zoo Conversations with Charlie Hoessle. 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Lee Auditorium at Missouri History Museum. Admission is free. For more information: www.stlzoo.org, (314) 646-4544 or www.mohistory.org, (314) 361-9017.

Dr. Robert Archibald, president of the Missouri History Museum, will sit down with Charlie Hoessle, Director Emeritus of the Saint Louis Zoo, to talk about some of his favorite memories from his 38 years at the Zoo. Expect stories of famous people and animals and probably at least one about the unfortunate escape of a spitting cobra.

April 4, 2010

Enrichment Eggstravaganza. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. For more information: (314) 781-0900 or www.stlzoo.org. Zookeepers will provide enrichment "egg hunt" activities for the animals.

April 7, 2010

Science Seminar Series. Salmon in the Trees: Life in Alaska's Tongass Rain Forest. 7:30 to 9 p.m. in *The Living World*. Free. Sponsored by Alaska Wilderness League. For information: (314) 646-4544 or www.stlzoo.org.

Salmon in the Trees tells the story of the Tongass, a rare rain forest spread among thousands of islands in the panhandle of Alaska. It's a place where everything grows everything. Young saplings grow on top of fallen, centuries-old trees. Bears, eagles, and Native cultures grow strong on wild salmon. Trees grow salmon, and salmon grow trees. Book signing, "Salmon in the Trees: Life in Alaska's Tongass Rainforest" with author Amy Gulick will follow the talk.

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April 13, 2010

Conservation Conversations: Wildlife CSI. 7:30 to 9 p.m. in *The Living World*. Dr. Laurel Neme, environmental journalist and author. Free. For information: (314) 646-4544 or www.stlzoo.org. Known as the “CSI of wildlife,” the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory in Ashland, Oregon is the first and only dedicated wildlife crime lab in the world. Join Laurel Neme, an international consultant and author of *Animal Investigators: How the World’s First Wildlife Forensics Lab is Solving Crimes and Saving Endangered Species*, as she reveals how the lab investigates a wide range of cases and handles its more than thirty thousand species of victims. Learn how these hardworking animal investigators are fighting the destruction of wildlife for profit. Book signing will follow the talk.

April 24 – September 26, 2010

Stingrays at Caribbean Cove presented by UMB Bank. Admission is \$3.00 for general public and \$1.50 for Zoo Friends members. Children under two are free. Feeding is \$1.00. Admission is free the first hour the Zoo is open. Group rate for 15 or more is \$1.50 per person. For information: (314) 781-0900 or www.stlzoo.org.

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April 25, 2010

Earth Day: Party for the Planet. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information: 314/781-0900, www.stlzoo.org or [www.stlouisearthday.org](http://www.stlouiseearthday.org). Celebrate “Earth Day in Forest Park” with family activities at the Zoo.

May 2010

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May 1, 2010

Trivia Gone Wild presented by Commerce Bank. 5:30 to 11 p.m. \$35/person or \$350/table of 10. For information and reservations: 314/646-4771 or www.stlzoo.org.

Get your “beastly bunch” together for the Young Zoo Friends’ trivia night. Proceeds benefit global conservation efforts of the Saint Louis Zoo. Sponsored by Commerce Bank.

Opens May 15, 2010

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May 16, 2010

ZooQuest. 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Members: \$40/team; Non-members: \$45/team. Register by April 30, 2010. For information and registration: (314) 646-4544 or www.stlzoo.org.

ZooQuest is a challenging quest-based program, taking place on Saint Louis Zoo grounds. Part trivia challenge and part scavenger-hunt, it guarantees your team will never look at the Saint Louis Zoo the same way again. You'll notice signs you usually walk right past, colors that aren't usually noticed, and details that make the Zoo unique. For example, do you know how many animals on the Conservation Carousel have purple saddles?

May 20, 2010

Zoo Conversations with Zoo staff. 6:30-8:00 p.m. at *The Living World* at Saint Louis Zoo. Admission is free. For information: www.stlzoo.org, (314) 646-4544 or www.mohistory.org, (314) 361-9017.

Oral Historian Jody Sowell, curator of the Zoo's centennial exhibit, will talk to a panel of current Zoo staff about what goes on behind the scenes at one of the country's best zoos. Hear what it is like to work in a place where your co-workers are literally animals and learn about the relationships that are formed between the Zoo staff and the animals their care.

May 23, 2010

St. Louis Children's Hospital Make Tracks for the Zoo. 8 a.m. to 12 noon. For information and registration: (314) 646-4771 or www.stlzoo.org.

Runners and walkers of all ages can participate in a 5K run/walk or 1-mile fun run/walk through Forest Park. Kids ages 7 to 12 can participate in a half-mile kids' race, and kids ages 6 and under can participate in a quarter-mile kids' race. Registration: \$18/individual (before May 7); \$22/individual (after May 7); \$10/child for Kids' Race. \$50/family registration (limit four individuals in same family); \$10/additional family member (before May 7). No family registrations after May 7. Proceeds benefit the Zoo. Sponsored by St. Louis Children's Hospital, The Dave Mungenast Automotive Family, Breadsmith, 103.3 KLOU and 100.3 The Sound.

May 26, 2010

Bowling for Rhinos. 6 to 9 p.m. \$25 per person in advance or at the door (space permitting). For information: www.stlzoo.org/aazk.

St. Louis chapter of American Association of Zoo Keepers hosts a bowling event at Tropicana Lanes to benefit three rhinoceros conservation areas in Kenya, Indonesia and Sumatra.

May 28 – September 6, 2010 (Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day)

North Star Summer Zoo Weekends: Friday-Sunday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sponsored by North Star Frozen Treats and Soft Rock 102.5 KEZK. (Zoo will not be open late on Friday, June 18, due to A Zoo Ado, the Zoo's major fundraiser. Check web site for details.)

Weekday Summer Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Admission to the Zoo is free. For information: 314/781-0900 or www.stlzoo.org.

Fridays, May 28 – September 3, 2010

Jungle Boogie Friday Night Concert Series -- May 28: Ralph Butler Band. 5 to 8 p.m. Free. For information: (314) 781-0900 or www.stlzoo.org. Bring the whole family for a free concert in the center of the Zoo. Zoo is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. No concert on June 18, 2010. Sponsored by Soft Rock 102.5 KEZK.

May 28 – September 6, 2010

Emerson Children's Zoo Animal Shows. Animals will showcase their natural talents that they have learned to perform on cue. Show times at 10 and 11 a.m., 1, 2 and 3 p.m. daily. Additional show on Saturdays and Sundays at 4 p.m. No shows on Wednesdays. Admission to the Children's Zoo is \$4 per person with free admission the first hour the Zoo is open. Children under two are free. For information: 314/781-0900 or www.stlzoo.org.

Weekends only, May 1-27, 2010; Daily, May 28-September 6, 2010

PNC Bank Sea Lion Show. Sea lion superstars show off their natural abilities with front flipper walks, balancing acts, hurdle jumps in the water, Frisbee throws and lots of splashing! Daily shows at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. show on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays after Memorial Day. Admission is \$3/person. Children under two are free. For information: 314/781-0900 or www.stlzoo.org.

May 29-31, 2010

African Arts Festival. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. For information: 314/781-0900 or www.stlzoo.org.

In conjunction with Forest Park's African Arts Festival, the Zoo will feature special activities on a different African animal each day this weekend.

June 2010

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June 4 -- The Usual Suspects

June 11 -- Charles Glenn

No concert on June 18

June 25 -- Ticket to the Beatles

June 10, 2010

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Dr. Robert Archibald, president of the Missouri History Museum, will ask Jeffrey P. Bonner, Ph.D., Dana Brown President & CEO of the Saint Louis Zoo, to look into his crystal ball and predict what the future of zoos will look like. What plans are in store for the Saint Louis Zoo and how will zoos around the country have to adapt to a changing world for both animals and visitors?

June 18, 2010

A Zoo Ado 2010. 7 p.m. to 12 midnight. \$75/person; \$1250 table of 10. For reservations: 314/646-4771. For information: www.stlzoo.org.

Creative casual party benefits the Saint Louis Zoo. Evening includes dinner, live music, dancing, silent auction and more. Ages 21 and up only. Underwriters include Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., Monsanto, Schnuck Markets, Inc., Fifth Third Bank, Peabody Energy and Southwest Bank an M&I Bank.

June 21-27, 2010

National Pollinator Week. For information: (314) 781-0900 or www.stlzoo.org.

What is Halloween without pumpkins, Thanksgiving without cranberries, or life without chocolate? Not much without the help of pollinators, who make one out of every three bites of food you eat. Buzz by the Monsanto Insectarium during to celebrate the many reasons we should *bee* thankful for pollinators!

June 22, 2010

Pollinator Dinner. 6 to 9 p.m. in *The Living World*. \$29.95/adult; \$20/children 12-and-under. Advance registration required. For information: www.stlzoo.org. For reservations: (314) 646-4857.

Sit down to a special dinner where you can sample the many foods pollinators help provide. In celebration of National Pollinator Week, June 21-27, 2010, sip mead and honey wine, enjoy a honey tasting, and peruse booths with information and activities related to pollinators. After a buffet dinner, hear a presentation on pollinators and learn what you can do to help.

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July 2 -- Arvell and Co.

July 9 -- Lamar Harris

July 16 -- Mighty Big Band

July 23 -- Boogie Chyld

July 30 -- The Sean Holland Band

July 28, 2010

Jammin' at the Zoo. 6 to 10 p.m. For information: www.stlzoo.org/yzf or 314/646-4771.

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August 6 -- Spur/The John Henry Band

August 13 -- Gumbohead

August 20 -- Hudson and the HooDoo Cats

August 27 -- The Bottom's Up Blues Gang

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