

Lots Happening this Weekend at Lehigh Valley Zoo!



LV Zoo Celebrates World Giraffe Day

By now, many of you probably know that giraffes are currently a special focus at our Zoo. We are working hard to build a home for two Masai giraffes that we will be bringing to the Lehigh Valley. World Giraffe Day was on June 21st - but we wanted to devote our own special day to these beautiful creatures. SO - this Saturday, July 2nd will be World Giraffe Day at the Zoo.

Special activities planned include:

- Special keeper talks about giraffes and the efforts of the Zoo to bring them to the Lehigh Valley
- Make a giraffe bracelet
- Make a giraffe mask
- Make paper bag giraffe puppets
- Coloring contest
- Raffle to win a giraffe feeding for a family of four
- Raffle to win a framed photo of the Zoo's soon-to-be newest family members
- ...and more!

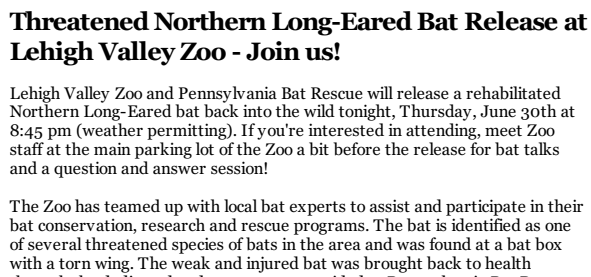
All proceeds from the Zoo's Giraffe Day activities will directly benefit the building of a home for the two giraffes.



Spots Still Available for our Wild Tracks Summer Camp - Register Today!

Wild Tracks July 11-15, 9am-3pm Age 9-11
\$250 per person, members save \$25

Have you ever wondered what animal tracks you're looking at as you walk through a forest? Or how predators are able to track their prey when footprints are nowhere to be seen? Campers will learn how to find and identify different animal species while learning how to cast a footprint. Each day is packed with fun-filled activities that include animal encounters, nature hikes, interactive games, crafts, and zoo tours. To register, call the Education department at 610-799-4171x229, 227, 238, or 228.



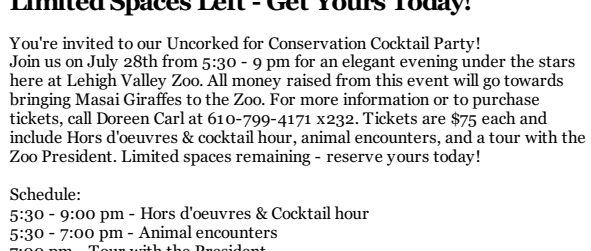
Join or Renew Your Zoo Membership Today to Save - Price Increases Begin August 1st!

Now is a great time to start or renew your Lehigh Valley Zoo membership—because as of August 1, 2016 ALL memberships will have a necessary price increase. **Join or Renew now to save!**

Membership information and purchase/renewal is available every day at the Zoo. Ask a staff member for details!

Or for more information, click [here](#).

Zoo News



Threatened Northern Long-Eared Bat Release at Lehigh Valley Zoo - Join us!

Lehigh Valley Zoo and Pennsylvania Bat Rescue will release a rehabilitated Northern Long-Eared bat back into the wild tonight, Thursday, June 30th at 8:45 pm (weather permitting). If you're interested in attending, meet Zoo staff at the main parking lot of the Zoo a bit before the release for bat talks and a question and answer session!

The Zoo has teamed up with local bat experts to assist and participate in their bat conservation, research and rescue programs. The bat is identified as one of several threatened species of bats in the area and was found at a bat box with a torn wing. The weak and injured bat was brought back to health through the dedicated and expert care provided at Pennsylvania Bat Rescue and is now ready to be returned to the wild. For the full press release, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events



Limited Spaces Left - Get Yours Today!

You're invited to our Uncorked for Conservation Cocktail Party! Join us on July 28th from 5:30 - 9 pm for an elegant evening under the stars here at Lehigh Valley Zoo. All money raised from this event will go towards bringing Masai Giraffes to the Zoo. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Doreen Carl at 610-799-4171 x232. Tickets are \$75 each and include Hors d'oeuvres & cocktail hour, animal encounters, and a tour with the Zoo President. Limited spaces remaining - reserve yours today!

Schedule:
5:30 - 9:00 pm - Hors d'oeuvres & Cocktail hour
7:00 - 7:00 pm - Animal encounters
7:00 pm - Tour with the President

Silent auction
Business casual
*LVZ is a 501c3 - Donations are tax deductible



Save the Date! Our Annual Zoo in Paradise Fundraiser is Set for August 20th

If you like Jimmy Buffett and Island Music...

If you like to dance...

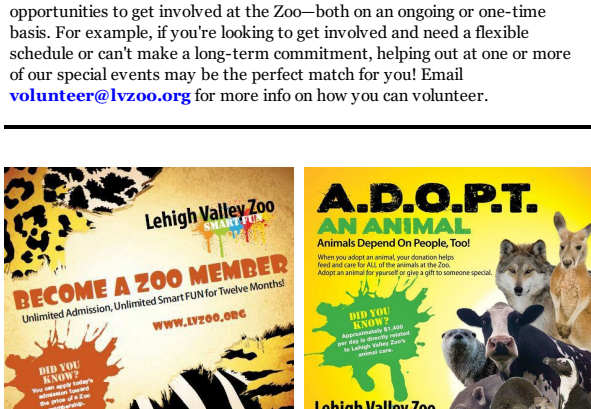
If you enjoy a fun evening out under the stars...

Be sure to join us for a magical event at *Lehigh Valley Zoo*! Enjoy the sounds of Jimmy Buffet tribute band, *Parrotbeach*, while you dance or stroll through the Zoo. Sip a beverage or have a casual dinner with friends while supporting the Zoo.

Call your friends, save the date, and purchase your tickets. Choose a general admission pass or treat yourself to the all-new VIP package. Tickets available online!

Check out our event page [here](#).

Capital Campaign 2016

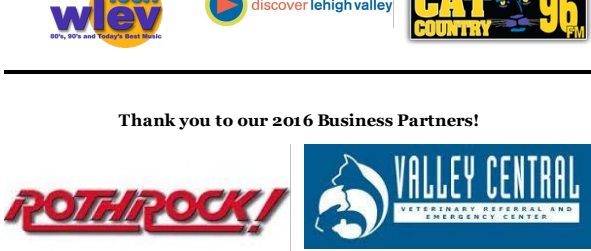


Adopt a Giraffe for Lehigh Valley Health Network's Children's Hospital!

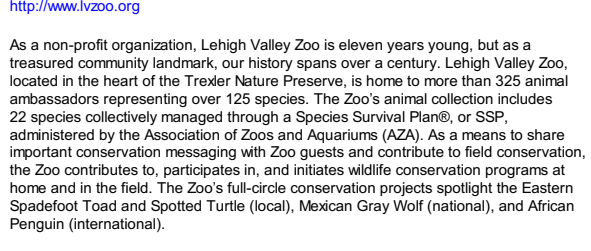
Lehigh Valley Zoo has partnered with the Children's Hospital at the Lehigh Valley Health Network to sell "ADOPT A Giraffes" that benefit our community's sick children. You can sponsor three children for \$90 or sponsor five children for \$150. The "ADOPT A Giraffe," which includes a plush giraffe, one child's Zoo pass and a Zoo campaign sticker, will go to a child upon release from the Children's Surgery Center and the funds will support the Zoo's Capital Campaign to bring giraffe to the Zoo in 2016.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child, contact Doreen Carl, Development Manager, at the Lehigh Valley Zoo. Email at dcarl@lvzoo.org, or call 610-799-4171, ext. 232.

Meet the two male giraffes that we are fundraising to build a new home for! Help us bring them to the Lehigh Valley!



Volunteer at the Zoo



Get Involved as a Guest Engagement or Special Events Volunteer

Volunteers are an integral part of our Zoo family. There are lots of opportunities to get involved at the Zoo—both on an ongoing or one-time basis. For example, if you're looking to get involved and need a flexible schedule or can't make a long-term commitment, helping out at one or more of our special events may be the perfect match for you! Email volunteer@lvzoo.org for more info on how you can volunteer.

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Best Family-Friendly Afternoon Outing
LEHIGH VALLEY ZOO

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Zoo Hours
Every Day from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
April through October
Every Day from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
November through March

As a non-profit organization, Lehigh Valley Zoo is eleven years young, but as a treasured community landmark, our history spans over a century. Lehigh Valley Zoo, located in the heart of the Trexler Nature Preserve, is home to more than 325 animal ambassadors representing over 125 species. The Zoo's animal collection includes 22 species collectively managed through a Species Survival Plan®, or SSP, administered by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). As a means to share important conservation messaging with Zoo guests and contribute to field conservation, the Zoo contributes to, participates in, and initiates wildlife conservation programs at home and in the field. The Zoo's full-circle conservation projects spotlight the Eastern Spadefoot Toad and Spotted Turtle (local), Mexican Gray Wolf (national), and African Penguin (international).

Accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), the Zoo hosts year-round family-friendly events and activities, educational programs, and camps. During calendar year, attendance reached over 175,000. Lehigh Valley Zoo is proud to be listed as an educational improvement organization under the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC). Open year-round, the Zoo was voted Best Family Day Trip in The Morning Call's Readers' Choice Awards 2009-2014 and Best Family-Friendly Outing in Lehigh Valley Style's Best of the Lehigh Valley 2014 and 2015! To learn more about Lehigh Valley Zoo, we invite you to visit our website, www.lvzoo.org, or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

