



News Release

Samantha Haville
Marketing Manager
Parks and Recreation
City of Lafayette
(765) 807-1505
shaville@lafayette.in.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 26, 2023

Boo at the Zoo 2023 to take place October 20-22; Ticket sales now open

LAFAYETTE, IN – September 26, 2023– The Columbian Park Zoo has announced the annual Boo at the Zoo fundraising event will take place on October 20, 21, and 22 from 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm daily.

This not-so-spooky event is geared towards pre-school and elementary-aged children. It will feature an inflatable obstacle course, live DJ, character meet and greets, pumpkin patch, daily costume contests with prizes, enchanted train ride, encounters with CPZ animal residents, treat stops, festive hayride, and educational opportunities throughout. Due to the tremendous success of years past, Boo at the Zoo will once again feature the community pumpkin decorating contest in which attendees may vote for their favorite pumpkin.

According to Zoo Director Neil Dale Boo at the Zoo has been a favorite local event for over 20 years with excitement continuing to build each year. “Last year we saw some of our biggest crowds and welcomed over 6,100 people through the gates. We are proud to continue offering a Halloween experience with fun for the whole family.”

Ticket sales are now open to the public for \$8 each online at www.columbianparkzoo.org. Children ages two years and under are free. Tickets are non-refundable. Tickets will be available at the gate for \$10 each.

“This is our biggest fundraiser of the year,” said Dale. “We are thankful for all of the support we’ve been given from the community and can’t wait for another year of Boo at the Zoo festivities!”

Boo at the Zoo is a fundraiser for the Lafayette Parks Foundation. All proceeds benefit the Columbian Park Zoo and are used to fund capital improvements, various Zoo projects, and educational programs. For more information about Boo at the Zoo, please call 765-807-1540 or visit columbianparkzoo.org. Stay up to date on Zoo happenings at www.facebook.com/cpzoo and www.twitter.com/ColumbianPrkZoo!

Columbian Park Zoo

Founded in 1908, Columbian Park Zoo is the second oldest zoo in Indiana. It is approximately 6 acres in size and is located in historic Columbian Park. The Zoo features several “immersion” exhibits and the animal collection consists of nearly 200 animals representing approximately 90 species.

Lafayette Parks Foundation

Since its formation in 1994, the Lafayette Parks Foundation serves to support the Lafayette Park Department through fund development, assistance with capital projects, special events and programs. The mission of the Foundation is to solicit and encourage donations to assist Lafayette Park capital improvements and programs. Most recent projects include the new Penguin Exhibit at the Columbian Park Zoo, Crosser Sports Complex, and the Columbian Park Carousel.



@LafayetteParks



@LafayetteParks



@LafayetteParks



@LafayetteParks