



News Release

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Boo at the Zoo 2025 to take place October 17-19; Ticket sales now open

LAFAYETTE, IN – September 15, 2025 – The Columbian Park Zoo has announced the annual Boo at the Zoo fundraising event will take place on October 17, 18, and 19 from 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm daily.

Freckles Graphics Presents Boo at the Zoo 2025; the annual event is geared towards pre-school and elementary-aged children. The event will feature daily costume contests with prizes, treat stops, educational experiences, the ever-popular Halloween Train Ride, character meet and greets, DJ with kids' dance area, and concessions available for purchase, including Arni's pizza. The Peterman Brothers "un-haunted hayride" will take attendees on a not-too-spooky trip through Columbian Park. The Wintek (*powered by Tipmont*) Family Fun Zone will feature inflatable games and obstacle courses for children to enjoy. Each ticket holder aged 12 years and under will get to select a pumpkin from the Subaru of Indiana Automotive Pumpkin Patch (while supplies last).

As far as character meet-and-greets, attendees of Boo at the Zoo will enjoy an appearance by Ace the Aviator on Friday, October 17, and some of their favorite well-known princesses on Saturday, October 18. On Sunday, October 19, attendees will enjoy a costumed group of characters from a galaxy far, far away.

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. Contest submissions are still being accepted. Call 765-807-1544 for more information.

According to Zoo Director Neil Dale, "Boo at the Zoo has been a local staple for many, many years. We are proud to continue offering a Halloween experience that's 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 can be redeemed for any evening of Boo at the Zoo. Tickets will be available at the gate for \$10 each.

"This is our biggest fundraiser of the year," said Dale. "It's also a lot of fun. We can't thank our community enough for their continued support and can't wait for another Boo at the Zoo!"

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.

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.



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Lafayette Parks Foundation, Inc.

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, and Crosser Sports Complex.

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