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# ZOO NOOZ

Polar bears, up-close in  
Churchill, Manitoba

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Internationally, and in our  
own backyard, we play a  
key role in species survival.

# On My Mind: I Didn't Know Zoos Did That

Pamela Reed Sanchez | President and CEO | Seneca Park Zoo Society



It still surprises me how often people say, "I didn't know zoos did that" when they hear about the conservation work Seneca Park Zoo is a part of. And my response is always, "Yes, the best zoos -- like Seneca Park Zoo-- are conservation organizations, supporting and participating in conservation work around the globe."

Last year, the Seneca Park Zoo Society raised more than \$80,000 from Zoo guests, members, and event participants to provide support to our international conservation partners. In addition, our docents, through proceeds from their annual Party Madagascar event, awarded an additional \$13,000 in grants to Madagascar-related conservation organizations. Docents also granted nearly \$4,000 in funds raised through their button drives at the Zoo. Additionally, the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK) is a non-profit volunteer organization (U.S. 501C3) and Seneca Park Zoo's chapter raised \$7,200 in 2019 through Conservation Days at the Zoo and through their popular Bowling for Rhinos event, all which was granted to conservation partners. All told, that's well over **\$100,000 of conservation support!**

It may surprise you to know that while all our conservation partners need financial assistance, they are also in need of assistance we can only provide by sending staff members to their sites. In 2019, funds were made available to send Assistant Curator John Adamski to Panama to work with golden frogs, and Zoo Keeper Kevin Blakeley to SANCCOB in South Africa to rehabilitate African penguins. We also provided funds to send Director of Education Kelly Ulrich and Zoo Keeper Randy Krieger to a program coordinated by Polar Bears International aimed at training us how to better speak to our guests and the community about climate change in ways that inspire action, as

you'll read in this issue of ZooNooz.

And at the beginning of this year, with the assistance of additional private support, I was able to travel to Madagascar with Tom Snyder, Director of Programming and Conservation Action, where we took part in a reforestation effort that is the first of its kind in the world, which you'll read more about in an upcoming issue.

As members, I hope you are aware of and proud of the conservation work of Seneca Park Zoo. To be honest (though not humble), we are far more involved in both regional and international conservation than the vast majority of zoos. We take our mission — to inspire our community to connect with, care for, and conserve wildlife and wild places — very seriously, because the end result is species survival for the animals we revere.

Thank you for your support of our efforts, whether it was attending a ZooBrew, adding a small donation to your purchase at the ZooShop, running in Jungle Jog, or any of a dozen other ways being a Zoo member contributes to conservation.

I'd like to ask you to consider one more way in 2020: tell a friend. Tell them Seneca Park Zoo is more than a great place to visit. Tell them how proud you are that this wonderful community resource is also a conservation organization actively working to save animals from extinction, locally and around the globe. And while you're likely to hear the refrain, "I didn't know zoos did that," you'll be spreading the word so someday, everyone will know, "Yes, zoos do that!"

On a separate note, I am excited to share the good news that David Hamilton, Seneca Park Zoo's General Curator, has been named Acting Zoo Director by County Executive Adam Bello. David is a consummate professional with more than 25 years in zoo animal care management, and I look forward to working with David in partnership as we move the Zoo transformation forward.



**Up-close with polar bears in Churchill, Manitoba**

In Fall 2019, Zoo Keeper Randi Krieger and Director of Education and Visitor Studies Kelly Ulrich traveled to Churchill, Manitoba to participate in Polar Bears International's Climate Alliance Program. This is a travel log from their trip.

Churchill, Manitoba is known as the polar bear capital of the world. Polar bears migrate past, or through, town to reach the earliest developing sea ice, which forms at the mouth of the Churchill River in Western Hudson Bay. Once the ice forms, the bears go out to hunt seals on the sea ice, returning to land only when the ice recedes. Unfortunately, the sea ice is now forming later and melting sooner, leaving polar bears with less time to hunt. This is resulting in decreased body condition of polar bears, threatening their survival. This region exemplifies how conservation issues affect wildlife and humans. We had the opportunity to spend a week in Churchill with people from all over the country learning what we can do to help protect polar bears.

The concept of the trip was sparked in January 2019, when Krista Wright, the Executive Director of Polar Bears International (PBI) came to Seneca Park Zoo to give a talk on polar bears, and the conservation efforts and research of PBI. During this visit, we learned about PBI's Climate Alliance Program, which educates zoo professionals about polar bears, sea ice, and the effects climate change is having on the Arctic. Soon after, we applied and were accepted to participate in the 2019 program along with 18 other participants from zoos across the country. PBI also teamed up with the National Network for Ocean and Climate Change Interpretation (NNOCCI) to further the teaching and messaging of climate change for this session.

## Hours:

- April 1 - October 31:
  - 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
  - last entry at 4 p.m.
- November 1 – March 31:
  - 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
  - last entry at 3 p.m.
- Members may always enter at 9:30 a.m.

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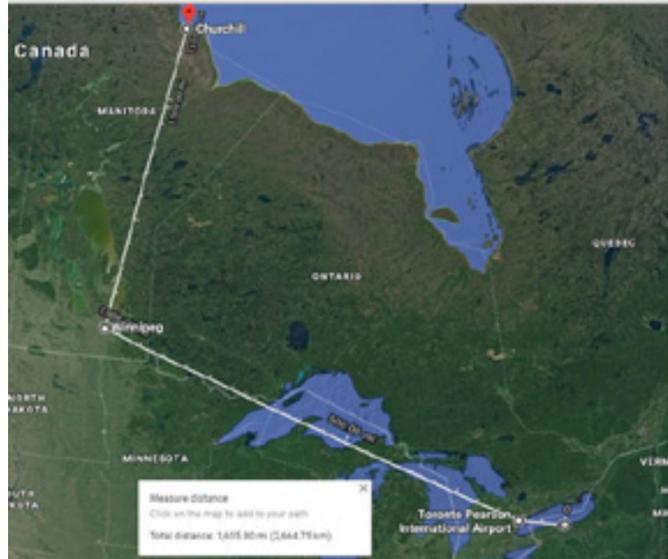
February 7 & 8	ZooBrrrew
May 2	Cinco de Rhino Craft Beer & Cider Festival
May 22	ZooBrew
June 6	Zoobilation
June 26	ZooBrew
July 19	Jungle Jog
July 24	ZooBrew
July 31	Party Madagascar
August 14	ZooBrew
September 11	ZooBrew
October 10, 11, 17, & 18	ZooBoo
October 23, 24, & 30	ZooBoo After Dark
December 4 & 5	ZooBrrrew
December 5, 6, 12, & 13	Breakfast with Santa



Clockwise: Zoobilation; ZooBoo After Dark; ZooBrew

## The learning begins at home

We began coursework months before our trip, with online learning modules, webinars, and a five-week crash course covering NNOCCI's interpretation techniques. The full NNOCCI training typically takes 70 hours over several months. We learned about the natural history of polar bears, the importance of sea ice, and the effects of climate change. By using evidence-based communication methods, we learned how to make conversations around climate change positive and solutions-focused. We learned the latest climate science findings and actions and how to apply them at the Zoo. All this prepared us for the week-long summit in Churchill, Manitoba, Canada.



The trek to Churchill started with a drive from Rochester to Toronto, a flight to Winnipeg, and then another flight to Churchill, Manitoba.

## The journey begins

Our Churchill summit started on a Sunday when we all met in Winnipeg. We had the privilege to go behind-the-scenes at the Assiniboine Park Zoo, where we met their nine polar bears and seven harbor seals. Five of their seals were rescued by the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Mammal Center, and several of their polar bears were brought to the zoo after being orphaned. Orphaned polar bear cubs are unable to be released back into nature because it is not possible for humans to teach them how to hunt, and the bears become habituated to humans. Manitoba struggles with how to deal with orphaned cubs as Canadian zoos are almost at capacity, and the Polar Bear Protection Act currently prevents bears from being exported out of the province of Manitoba to the United States. We received a tour of the Leatherdale International Polar Bear Conservation Centre, which has a variety of hands-on activities that provide information about polar bear research and conservation.

## Off to Churchill, and our first polar bear sighting!

Early Monday morning, our flight departed for Churchill. Twenty minutes after landing, we saw our first polar bear! The bear ran out of the trees, across the road, and down the beach, diving into the Hudson Bay. It was thrilling that we had seen a bear so soon into our trip, and we hoped it wouldn't be the last! We had our first Tundra Buggy tour, where we saw bald eagles, ptarmigans, and other wildlife. Tundra Buggies are elevated all-terrain vehicles designed to photograph and study polar bears. The trails the Buggy



From top: Ptarmigans in Churchill; Our first polar bear sighting! Photos by Randi Krieger.

follow are old military roadways; there is no maintenance plan for these trails, which resulted in a very bumpy ride. For the first two nights, we stayed at the Churchill Northern Studies Centre. This field station focuses on research and education in the subarctic. Their goal is to enhance peoples' understanding and appreciation of the natural, social, economic, and cultural environments of the North.



The diversity of not only animals but the plant life on the tundra is incredible!  
-Kelly Ulrich



From top left: Kelly on the dog sled; Polar bear holding facility; Tundra Buggy Lodge at Polar Bear Point. Photos by Randi Krieger

Tuesday after our morning classes, we visited Wapusk Adventures where we met David Daley and his sled dogs. He is a musher who taught us about the traditional connections to dogsledding and how he kept it alive by starting the Hudson Bay Quest, 211-mile race between Churchill and Gillam. We all had an opportunity to go dog sledding with his team, a very fun experience. The next stop of the day was at the Polar Bear Holding Facility where we met Bob Windsor, a conservation officer in Churchill. He taught us how the Polar Bear Alert Program was formed and their protocols for removing bears that wander into town. Their main goal is to scare the bears out of town using "cracker" shells. This doesn't always work, so some bears must be tranquilized and brought to the holding facility. After a short stay, the bears are released away from town. Our day ended with a tour of Cape Merry and a presentation on trapping culture in the North.

## Off to Polar Bear Point

Wednesday morning, we all packed our bags again and prepared to move to the Tundra Buggy Lodge at Polar Bear Point. We were lucky to spend two nights sleeping out on the tundra, where we could have any kind of wildlife coming right up to the lodge. We were all very excited, since we knew this was our best chance at seeing more bears. All week we were joined by Bill Watkins of the Manitoba Department of Sustainable Management and Heather MacLeod of Parks Canada. They were wonderful

and taught us about the history of Churchill and its culture. From the permafrost and periglacial landscape to nomadic tribes hundreds of years ago, we learned how the town developed through exploration and the fur trade.

Thursday after class, we spent almost eight hours driving around on the buggy looking at wildlife. The diversity of not only animals but the plant life on the tundra is incredible! We saw red fox, fox dens, and more ptarmigans. The pine trees grow with branches on one side because once the lower portion of the tree gets buried (and protected) in snow, the rest is exposed to the harsh winds and snow blowing and hitting against the tree. This strips the branches completely off in the middle of the tree. The few branches that are left at the top grow away from the northwest winds coming off Hudson Bay, leaving a little flag of green at the very top of the tree. These trees are referred to as flag trees, as the buggy drivers can use them in a whiteout to help find their way across the tundra.



A pine tree shows the impact of the weather.  
Randi Krieger



A polar bear peeks at the group. Photo by Randi Krieger.

**Polar Bear Spotting!**

Finally, as we were driving along the path, someone from the back of the Buggy yelled out, "STOP! BEAR!" Neither of us can recall a group of people falling silent as quickly as we did, until all you could hear were cameras clicking away, as everyone tried to get a snapshot to capture and remember the moment forever. We were lucky to see a beautiful female bear, and based on her behavior, our guides assumed she was a younger bear.

Randi recalls, "After I took a few hundred photos, I put my camera down and just enjoyed the moment. I didn't want to experience it through a lens. As I stood out on the observation deck, I was trembling from excitement at seeing a polar bear in its natural habitat. She was beautiful, and her body condition was good. I wiped tears from my eyes, so happy to have this opportunity to see such an amazing animal up close."

For Kelly, "The moment was surreal. As we drove through the tundra, I could imagine polar bears traversing the landscape, but now I was seeing one with my own eyes! It was an experience that I had hoped for almost half of my life, and now it was a reality."

The polar bear slowly made her way across the land and through the water. Our driver realized she was making her way towards the lodge, and we hoped she would appear later that night. When we arrived at the lodge, we all kept a close eye on the horizon for a mass of white fur to appear. About an hour later, again "BEAR!" was yelled through the lounge car.



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-Randi Krieger

The bear visited the lodge at dusk. Photo by Randi Krieger.

We were in the middle of a NNOCCI discussion, but class was quickly dismissed as we grabbed our cameras and binoculars and went onto the back deck. It was the same female; she had finally made it down the path, the sunset casting a beautiful light around this magnificent bear.

Randi remembers "I again took the photos I wanted and then put the camera down, enjoying the moment. I knew this could be our last sighting of a polar bear, so I called my husband and my parents to share the experience with them. I'm sure they could hardly make out the speck of white on the screen, but it was important that I let them share in this special moment."

On Friday morning as we were all packing our bags and getting ready to depart, we had another animal sighting of a wolf that had ventured close to the lodge. After days of traveling over the tundra, on our way back to town, we were able to get on the ground where Heather dug down to the permafrost layer, a very cool thing to feel. Once in town, we stopped at the Itsanitaq Museum and Parks Canada for a tour and had our final meeting at the new Polar Bears International House, one day prior to their grand opening. In addition to providing housing for PBI staff and volunteers, this house educates visitors and locals about polar bears, climate change, and the urgent need to take action.



Polar Bears International House. Photo by Randi Krieger.



Next time you're at the Zoo observing Anoki, take a moment to imagine the lives of polar bears around Churchill and throughout the Arctic.

Kenny Krieger

Anoki at Seneca Park Zoo

**Bringing the experience back to Rochester**

Getting to see the Arctic tundra firsthand was a wondrous experience. The landscape looks vast and open, yet the wildlife can find shelter and aptly camouflage with their surroundings. While driving on the tundra, it's possible we passed many animals, maybe even polar bears, without knowing of their presence. Getting to see the bears in their natural range was amazing but it is equally incredible that you can see one right here in Rochester by visiting Anoki. Next time you're at the Zoo observing Anoki, take a moment to imagine the lives of polar bears around Churchill and throughout the Arctic. Depending on the time of year, those bears may be on the sea ice hunting seals, breeding, or getting ready to den down to give birth to cubs. Once the ice melts for the season, the bears come onto land and fast for months, just waiting for the ice to form again. They may forage for any food they can find, whether it be carcasses, eggs, or seaweed, but these things do not provide the nutritional support the bears need to build up their fat reserves. The sea ice is vital for polar bears to survive.

The shorter sea ice season is due to changes in our atmosphere. Regular carbon dioxide is used and created by normal life processes; plants absorb what animals exhale. Rampant carbon dioxide comes from the burning of fossil fuels like coal, oil, and natural gas for energy.

There is too much of it, and it's getting out of control. This excess carbon dioxide builds up in the Earth's atmosphere, which is like a blanket, and when we add carbon dioxide to this blanket, it gets thicker and traps heat underneath. This "blanket effect" leads to warming which disrupts the climate. This may seem like a difficult problem to fix, but by taking practical, common sense actions now, we can make real progress to address the problems facing our environment today and protect it for future generations.

Through the Climate Alliance Program and NNOCCI Leadership Camp, we gained valuable information and skills that we can share at the Zoo and in our community. By talking about climate change, we open a dialogue that can lead us to formulating and finding solutions to reduce or move away from our use of fossil fuels and protect the Arctic for polar bears and for anyone else who dreams of visiting this inspiring place. We would like to thank Polar Bears International and their partners at NNOCCI and Frontiers North Adventures for providing this experience, and for Zoo and Zoo Society leadership for allowing us to attend! Finally, we want to thank you, our members and guests, whose support makes professional development experiences like these possible!

-Randi Krieger and Kelly Ulrich

**Meet Randi and Kelly**



**Randi Krieger**

My name is Randi Krieger. I am the primary keeper of our polar bear, Anoki, and Amur tiger, Katya. I have been working at the Zoo as a zoo keeper for almost five years now. My daily routine includes feeding and training the animals, cleaning up after them, and providing enrichment throughout the day.



**Kelly Ulrich**

As the Director of Education and Visitor Studies, I manage the Zoo's volunteer opportunities and onsite education programs, including camps, scout workshops, school expeditions, overnights, and more. I have lived in Rochester for two years now but have spent 19 years working in zoo education. Before pursuing a career in zoos, I thought I would be a field researcher and envisioned myself crawling into bear dens to collect data.

### Details

- Theme: Winter Wonderland
- Timeframe: February 1, 2020 through February 29, 2020
- How to enter: Upload your photo using the form at [senecaparkzoo.org/photocontest](https://senecaparkzoo.org/photocontest)
- Share your photo on social media by tagging @SenecaParkZoo #senecaparkzoo

### Prize

Submissions will be posted to an album on the Zoo's Facebook page the week after the contest closes for people to "like" their favorite photo. The photo with the most Facebook 'likes' after one week will be the winner!

The winning photograph will be announced on our social media channels and the winner will receive a one-month extension on their membership!

### Contest Rules

For complete photo contest rules and details, visit [senecaparkzoo.org/photocontest](https://senecaparkzoo.org/photocontest). Our next photo contest theme will be announced in the next issue of ZooVooz.

Show your love of Seneca Park Zoo by entering our ZOOPIcsROC photo contest! During your next visit, capture an image of an animal or your loved ones enjoying the Zoo that you think fully expresses the theme 'Winter Wonderland' and submit it for a chance to win.



October 2019 – snow leopard photo by Nancy Savastano

## Zoo celebrates volunteers at appreciation event

In October, Seneca Park Zoo Society and Seneca Park Zoo leadership recognized and celebrated the tremendous impact of our volunteer corps at a breakfast in Eagle's Landing Pavilion. The contributions of eight individuals/groups were recognized with awards.

### Can-Do Award:

**Elesa Kim** was recognized for her can-do attitude no matter what the task. Elesa is a volunteer photographer and designer for the docent publication, *Trunklines*.

### Expert Award:

The Zoo recognized two individuals with the Expert Award. **T.C. Pellet** was recognized for volunteering his creative talent for the Zoooblation 2019 marketing campaign, and **Peter Kalenda** was recognized for lending his expertise to help our Education Department develop a logic model for the ZooScholars program.

### Leader of the Pack:

**Chris Stern** was honored with our Leader of the Pack Award for his work as Zoooblation Committee Chair for the last two years, helping the annual fundraising event bring in record numbers.

### Rookie of the Year:

**Rahim Shabazz** received Rookie of the Year honors for always coming prepared with great questions, his attention to detail and willingness to learn. He left a lasting impression on everyone who worked with him.

### Community Partner:

The Zoo recognized **Edison Tech** for their year-round support through their work-based learning program. 2019 marketing campaign, and the group helps the Zoo with leaf clean-up, recycling, and even built handicap-accessible picnic tables for the Zoo.

### Most Flexible Award:

This award went to **Madison Petrezzeili**. Maddly was one of the ZooTeens selected to be a ZooCamp Assistant over the summer. She was a great help to the camp counselors and was always ready to pitch in with whatever was needed.

### Up and Comer Award:

This award is given to a volunteer, who is 17 or younger, that makes an impact. **Michelle Cotrain**, a ZooTeen Leader, was recognized for working tirelessly to provide Zoo guests with knowledge about animals and conservation.



From top: Volunteer photographer Elesa Kim, winner of the Can-Do Award.; Edison Tech built a handicap-accessible table for the Zoo.

## Zoo Society hosts

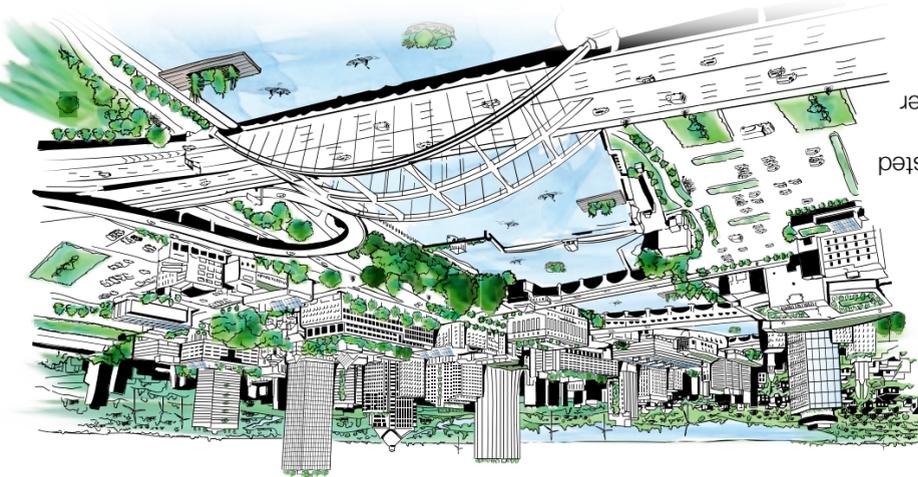
## second-annual Environmental

## Innovation Awards

On October 30, 2019, Seneca Park Zoo Society hosted its second-annual Environmental Innovation Awards and Symposium at the Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center.

The awards ceremony, hosted by WXXI's Evan Dawson and attended by approximately 200 people,

was developed to recognize innovators creating solutions to complex environmental problems in our region. It was followed by a symposium, "The Business Case for Sustainability," led by environmental entrepreneur Brett Howell. The event was steered by a committee of environmental experts from the region, including committee chair Suzanne Hunt, founder of HuntGreen LLC, who also moderated the symposium with Howell.



### Meet the Winners

Dozens of nominations were submitted, and awards were given out in five categories.

### Youth Award:

**The Rochester Youth Climate Leaders**, a group of young people focused on advocacy and raising awareness, was recognized for their efforts to push for solutions to current environmental issues.

### Individual Award:

**Cameron Schauf**, Director of Dining and Auxillary Services at the University of Rochester, was recognized for his efforts to reduce food waste, increase their use of locally-sourced food, and reach zero-waste goals.

### Civic/Nonprofit Award:

There was a tie in the Civic/Nonprofit category. **Rochester People's Climate Coalition (RPCC)** was awarded for working with numerous partners to decrease energy usage, improve public green transportation, increase the use of renewable energy, and mobilize people for action. **St. John Fisher College** was also recognized in this category for creating a new degree program – the BA in Sustainability – and a new administrative unit – the Center for Sustainability – to create synergistic opportunities for students, faculty, staff, and the community.

### Small Business Award:

**Once Again Nut Butter** was recognized for their "Honest in Trade" program and their efforts to ensure every team member understands sustainability and what they can do protect the environment. They monitor water usage, energy use, and carbon emission to make sure only the best green practices are used.

### Check out more from the awards

**Photos and videos of the winners:** [senecaparkzoo.org/innovation](https://senecaparkzoo.org/innovation)

**Event program:** [senecaparkzoo.org/EIAS19](https://senecaparkzoo.org/EIAS19)

All photos by David Zimmerman



The awards reflected the theme of the event - succulent trays that bring nature into the workplace, require little maintenance, and help purify the air.



Environmental entrepreneur Brett Howell gave a keynote speech about the cleanup efforts at Henderson Island, deemed the world's most polluted beach. He also led a symposium following the awards breakfast titled "The Business Case for Sustainability".

"Attendees tell us the event inspires them and makes them feel hopeful. They tell me they are grateful the event informs them about the many companies, organizations, and people leading innovative efforts for a more sustainable future for the environment." – Pamela Reed Sanchez, Zoo Society President and CEO



Nearly 200 people attended the awards breakfast, held at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center.

# Calendar of events

Mark your calendars for what's next at your Zoo.



FEB  
28

## Defend the Ice Month

Seneca Park Zoo is partnering once again with the Rochester Americans to help create awareness for polar bears and the sea ice they depend on. Zoo members receive special pricing on tickets for Amerks home games in February, and on February 28, don't miss Defend the Ice Night where the team will be wearing special polar bear-themed jerseys that will be auctioned off to raise funds for Polar Bears International and the Zoo Society. Can't make it to the game? Visit the ZooShop as we'll have specially-themed merchandise for sale!

### For more information

[senecaparkzoo.org/ice](http://senecaparkzoo.org/ice)

## Wildlife Action Crew

NEW! Wildlife Action Crew is a six-week program for teenagers interested in animals and conservation. Teens conduct a conservation case study, learning about and discussing a conservation issue, animals that are affected, and what is being done to help. They will select an action that addresses the conservation issue and work in groups to create a campaign to promote their message. Our next session is being offered this spring and the theme is: Otters & Pollution

### Dates

March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 15, & 22

### Time

6 - 8 p.m.

### For Whom?

For 13 to 18-year-olds

### Cost

Members: \$45 per session | Non-members: \$50 per session

### Register

[senecaparkzoo.org/crew](http://senecaparkzoo.org/crew)

# Calendar of events



FEB 29 &  
MAR 1  
2020

## Polar Bear Awareness Weekend

We're capping off Defend the Ice Month with Polar Bear Awareness Weekend. Meet us inside Rocky Coasts Gallery to learn about Anok's daily care and the challenges facing polar bears in the Arctic. Enjoy interactive stations, games, and crafts, and find out what you can do to help save polar bears from extinction. On March 1 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. join us for an autograph session with an Amerks player!

### Date

February 29 and March 1 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Time

### Cost

Free with Zoo admission

### For more information

[senecaparkzoo.org/conservationdays](http://senecaparkzoo.org/conservationdays)



MAR  
21

## World Frog Day

Celebrate frogs at the Zoo! Discover the various species of these amazing amphibians and learn fun facts during your visit.

### Date

March 21

### Time

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Cost

Free with Zoo admission

### For more information

[senecaparkzoo.org/conservationdays](http://senecaparkzoo.org/conservationdays)



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## Scout Workshops

Seneca Park Zoo offers a wide range of workshops for all levels of scout troops. Each workshop is designed to meet badge requirements and build teamwork skills. Scouts go on a Zoo exploration, participate in animal-themed activities, and meet animal ambassadors up-close.

### Cost

\$15 per scout

Two troop leaders included for free

Parents stay for an additional \$10 each

### Time

5:15 p.m. - 9 a.m.

### Cost

\$30 per scout | \$25 per chaperone

### Pre-scheduled Dates

February 29 - Girl Scouts: Daisies & Brownies  
March 6 - Girl Scouts: Brownies & Older  
March 14 - BSA: Wolves & Older

## Bunk with Beasts

Multiple Bunk with Beasts dates are scheduled through the winter and spring. Grab your scout troop and enjoy a fun overnight experience at the Zoo. Scouts will enjoy a pizza dinner and a guided tour of the Zoo, work on a project, and meet some ambassador animals up-close.



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## NEW! Trek in the Twilight

Trek in the Twilight is just like our popular Bunk with Beasts program but without the overnight! We still provide dinner, a guided Zoo tour, and an animal presentation, but participants get to go home and sleep in their own beds at the end of the night.

### Date

Friday, March 27

### Time

5:45 - 9:30 p.m.

### Cost

\$20 per scout | \$15 per chaperone



Dave Zimmerman

To register for a scout workshop, Bunk with Beasts, or Trek in the Twilight, visit [senecaparkzoo.org/scouts](http://senecaparkzoo.org/scouts)

# Calendar of events

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**FEB**  
7 & 8

Enjoy dinner, live music and up-close encounters with animals on the heated pavilion at ZooBrrrew, our 21-and-over fundraising event. We'll be heating things up with a Louisiana style menu including jambalaya, hot chicken, corn bread waffles and smore making! Dinner is included as part of your ticket and beer and wine is available for purchase. Plus, each guest goes home with a ticket to a 2020 Summer ZooBrrrew. *Must be 21 or over to attend.*

**Dates**  
February 7 and 8 5 – 8:30 p.m. Last entry at 7 p.m.

**Cost**  
Members: \$35 | Non-members: \$40

**Tickets**  
Tickets are only available online. Get yours at [senecaparkzoo.org/zooBrrrew](http://senecaparkzoo.org/zooBrrrew)

**MARCH - FEB 2020**

Join us at Book & Beast this winter for an animal-themed story followed by a meet-and-greet with one of our ambassador animals.

**Dates**  
Wednesdays through March

**Cost**  
Free with Zoo admission

**Time**  
11 a.m. in the Conservation Learning Center

**2020**  
Feb 1 & April 4

## Family Sleepover at the Zoo

Register for an upcoming Family Sleepover to discover your Zoo at night! Through a nighttime guided tour, you will learn how we use recycled items to help the animals at the Zoo and how we can help their counterparts in nature. Families will work on a craft project and meet some ambassador animals up-close. A pizza dinner, snack, and continental breakfast is provided.

**Dates**  
Saturday, February 1 | Saturday, April 4 6:15 p.m. – 9 a.m.

**Cost**  
Adult & child pair: \$60 for members | \$70 for non-members  
One additional person: \$30 for members | \$35 for non-members

**Registration**  
Sleepovers are for children ages 5-10 and their adult. Register at [senecaparkzoo.org/sleepover](http://senecaparkzoo.org/sleepover)

**2020**  
FEB - MAY

## KinderZoo

Join us at a KinderZoo class this winter or spring to learn about animals in a fun and interactive way! This program is designed for kids ages 18 months to 5 years and includes games, age-appropriate activities, and the opportunity to meet an ambassador animal up-close. Themes include Super Snakes, Dazzling Ducks, and more.

**Cost**  
\$5 per child for members  
\$7 per child for non-members

**Registration**  
[senecaparkzoo.org/kinderzoo](http://senecaparkzoo.org/kinderzoo)

## Winter Break ZooCamp



If your child or grandchild will be home for winter break in February, sign them up for Winter Break ZooCamp! Campers will explore creatures of the night and the senses that help them thrive through crafts, games, up-close animal encounters, and of course, exploring the Zoo.

**Dates**  
February 17 - 21

**Cost**  
Half-day: \$140 for members | \$160 for non-members  
Full-day: \$220 for members | \$240 for non-members

**Registration**  
[senecaparkzoo.org/zooCamp](http://senecaparkzoo.org/zooCamp)

**Time**  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. half day



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