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## *Monroe County Executive*

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## **DINOLFO ANNOUNCES TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY AT SENECA PARK ZOO**

*Teachers to receive free Zoo admission on Columbus Day*

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** and Seneca Park Zoo officials are pleased to announce Teacher Appreciation Day on **Monday, October 8**. In recognition of all the work they do in our community, teachers will receive free Zoo admission for the day. Teachers and their families are invited to visit Seneca Park Zoo to learn about the variety of formal education programs the Zoo offers.

*“Great teachers do so much to benefit our children and this entire community, assisting Monroe County’s mission to grow more jobs, build better, flat-tax budgets, and support stronger families here,”* said **Dinolfo**. *“Teacher Appreciation Day at the Zoo is just one small way we can thank the dedicated men and women who are educating our next generation of Monroe County residents. I invite all local teachers and their families to come enjoy a fun and educational trip to the Zoo on us this Columbus Day.”*

Stations throughout the Zoo will introduce teachers to different expedition and animal presentation options to enhance a field trip, all of which can be tailored to meet specific classroom needs. The event will also feature an invertebrate sorting station that will highlight the Zoo’s citizen science projects.

*“With hands-on, inquiry-based programs for grades preschool through high school, teachers can use the Zoo as their outdoor classroom,”* said **Pamela Reed Sanchez**, Seneca Park Zoo Society President and CEO. *“All Zoo STEAM-based education programs also meet New York State and NextGen Science Standards.”*

Teachers and their families will have an opportunity to explore the ZooMobile, meet some program animals up close, and connect with ZooTeens to learn more about the program to share that information with their classrooms.

Participating teachers will receive a free poster for their classroom, \$10 off a Zoo membership, a coupon for 15% off at the ZooShop or Savanna Outpost, and an opportunity to win a free expedition, ZooMobile, or Butterfly Beltway program. Teacher Appreciation Day will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All teachers with a valid school ID will be admitted to the Zoo for free.

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