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# ZooNooz

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we play a key role in species survival.

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## On My Mind: The Imperative of Equitable Access to Nature

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Nature is my refuge. I escape to nature because in getting lost there, I find myself.

Nature expects nothing of me except to savor her beauty, notice how she blossoms and fruits, watch as the first insects fly, the birds migrate, and the fledglings and fawns begin to find their independence. I don’t need to know the names of everything I see; indeed, my name is completely uninteresting to nature.

There, my heart rate slows. My worries can wait.

I find myself escaping to nature even more now than in previous years. And I am not alone; I shared trails with far more people this year.

That’s no surprise. Scores of studies confirm a strong connection between time spent in nature and reduced negative emotions, anxiety, depression, insomnia, tension headaches, and even indigestion. Just ten minutes of being in a green space reduces stress levels immediately and for hours.

And there are new studies confirming that time spent at a zoo has the same positive impacts.

But, what if you don’t feel comfortable out on a hiking trail?

What if you fear nature?

What if you feel you don’t belong there?

What if – even when the Zoo is open – you don’t think of it as a place for you?

We believe every person has a fundamental right to nature, just as everyone has a fundamental right to clean air and clean water. **The positive physical and mental benefits of nature should be available to all.**

We are committed – through our programs on site, off site, and even virtually – to providing opportunities for every resident of our community to have access to nature.

Some people might wonder why a zoo would care about access to nature. You might think we would be most focused

on getting people to visit the zoo. But our mission is to inspire our community to connect with, care for, and conserve wildlife and wild places. And the first step in our mission is to CONNECT. In that connection with nature – whether it be coming face to face with our male African lion Chester, or watching a pileated woodpecker flit up a tree in search of a snack – begins to relax us and produce those healing effects.

Equitable access to nature is the RIGHT thing to do, because we all individually benefit from nature. But it doesn’t stop there.

Conservation is not the responsibility of a subset of people. Conservation of our fragile ecosystems and protection of endangered species from extinction requires all of us to care enough about nature and wildlife to act on its behalf. When we connect people with the nature all around us, we are inspiring people to care enough to live in harmony with the earth. Healing and harmony. Things we all need now more than ever.



Murchison Falls National Park. Photo courtesy of Azzara Oston.

As a modern zoological facility, Seneca Park Zoo contributes to conservation in a number of ways. Through participating in species survival breeding programs, carrying out research projects, and providing funding to conservation organizations worldwide, Seneca Park Zoo supports global conservation efforts both on and off Zoo grounds.

With the Zoo’s support, I had the opportunity in March 2020 to participate in fieldwork with Giraffe Conservation Foundation (GCF) in Uganda. With excitement, nerves, and plenty of bug spray, I started off my trip with almost 24 hours of flights. Although the trip was unfortunately cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic and security issues, the experience was eye-opening in illustrating the importance of conservation for giraffes and their natural range. Although the three Masai giraffes that call Seneca Park Zoo home experience high-quality care and a safe environment, their cousins, the Nubian giraffe, are not always so lucky.

Nubian giraffe, the only giraffe subspecies present in Uganda, are currently listed as critically endangered, with only 3,000 remaining across Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan and Uganda. GCF estimates that the giraffe population totals approximately 111,000 individuals across Africa. GCF and their partners work tirelessly across the continent to increase these numbers, and ensure a sustainable future for all giraffe and their habitats.

Our trip totalled more than 34 hours of driving in seven days as we traveled throughout the country checking in on the

national giraffe population. On the first day, we set off from Kampala at 6 a.m. to begin our adventure. Many of the roads were narrow and difficult to navigate, but our truck winded through the towns eliciting lots of waves from children as we passed. After a few car malfunctions, some detours, and a lot of coffee, we arrived at our first stop late in the evening.



Zoo Keeper Azzara Oston photo courtesy of Jenna Stacy-Dawes.

Our fieldwork began at Pian Upe Wildlife Reserve, a protected area in the Karamoja region of northeastern Uganda. Historically, this habitat supported a healthy giraffe population, but giraffe went locally extinct in this area in 1995



due to civil unrest, human-wildlife, conflict and poaching. In 2019, following a habitat assessment, GCF and Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) translocated the first group of 14 Nubian giraffe back to this part of their historic home range. Translocation is the fancy way of saying that the team moved giraffe from one habitat to another, to expand their range and give them access to a safe environment with plenty of food.

We camped at a site in the middle of the park, with views of vast expanses all around us. Driving out into the field on our first day was amazingly beautiful. Although we were primarily on the lookout for giraffe, we were fortunate enough to see a number of other animals such as ostrich, patas monkeys, and several species of antelope roaming around nearby. We searched for giraffe all morning, but they were surprisingly good at hiding in plain sight and we had no luck! After a delicious lunch, we set off again with the UWA rangers for a second attempt. Some giraffe in Pian Upe Wildlife Reserve are fitted with a satellite tracking unit on one of their ossicones, or horns, that allows GCF to pinpoint their locations. After about an hour of searching in the vicinity, we spotted our first giraffe far in the distance, before two more came into sight. Seeing giraffe in their natural habitat was extraordinary! The three giraffes were calmly munching on acacia trees, but quickly focused on our trucks as we slowly approached.

GCF has partnered with UWA since 2013, working with rangers to train them in tracking giraffe and IDing them for surveys. We had the chance to participate in taking photos of each giraffe's left side and comparing them to a GCF-created binder of photos of each individual with their name and given identifying number. This allowed the team to identify two of



Pian Upe Wildlife Reserve. Photos courtesy of Azzara Oston.

the individual giraffes known by researchers as Jamie and Buligi! We also collected some fecal samples, in order to better understand giraffe feeding habits.

I felt so fortunate to meet the brave people who protect giraffe and their habitat every day. The UWA rangers we worked with were extremely motivated and dedicated, and GCF hopes to continue to empower local wildlife teams to keep developing their skills in tracking and IDing giraffe. Understanding giraffe navigation and movement after they are translocated is key to gaining a complete picture of giraffe behavior and activity in a new environment.



Top: UWA rangers identifying translocated giraffe. Bottom: Giraffe with ossicone satellite unit. Photos courtesy of Jade Miner.

However, despite the conservation success of translocating new populations and increasing giraffes’ range, we observed many examples of threats to giraffe habitat. In the Pian Upe reserve, we witnessed a high abundance of cattle groups that had been brought illegally into the park to graze. These cattle displace giraffe, and significantly degrade the habitat. Additionally, conflict between communities is prevalent and cattle raiding occurs frequently within giraffe habitats, often leading to violence and unrest. Despite this ongoing conflict, giraffe in the area appear to be thriving.

After a few days of evaluating the Pian Upe giraffe population, we set off next for Murchison Falls National Park (MFNP) in northwest Uganda, on the shore of Lake Albert and the Victoria Nile. After a slight delay caused by an elephant that wandered into our path and was not too interested in moving, we arrived at our accommodations after about 12 hours of driving! In 2010, it was estimated that only 250 Nubian giraffe lived in their native range in Murchison Falls. However, UWA, with the support of GCF, has focused on ensuring the population grows back to historical levels. Today, the majority of Uganda’s 1,650 giraffe live on the north side of this park, totalling approximately 1,550 individuals. MFNP has since been the parent population of a number of satellite populations translocated around Uganda. Unfortunately, with the recent discovery of oil in the park, a new bridge across the Nile, and a paved road through the heart of the reserve looming, poaching is no longer the only major threat to wildlife in this park. Thus, satellite populations of giraffe have become even more important.

As we drove through MFNP, I was amazed by the abundance of wildlife and lush habitat! Everywhere we looked, giraffe, elephants, antelope, baboons, and warthogs peeked out of the bushes and trees to watch us go by. Over one hill, dozens of giraffe were resting while others were feeding on acacia trees nearby. Knowing our unexpected departure was imminent, we hastily retrieved detached satellite tags and visually assessed animals with snare wounds. Although it was sad to see the animals with wounds, such as an elephant with a shortened trunk, I was amazed that many were still succeeding in finding food and navigating their environment skillfully.

MFNP offers plenty of food and space for giraffe, but this habitat is also home to threats jeopardizing their survival. Currently, poachers burn habitat at the edge of the park. This new growth draws the animals outside of the protected area, leaving them even more vulnerable to illegal hunting. Recently, fewer giraffe-monitoring rangers are available to patrol the park, and poaching has increased. Additionally, the Nile itself is not designated as a protected area, enabling poachers to escape rangers by fleeing into the water. Poachers may also pose as fishermen during daylight hours, giving them easy access to sneak into the park at night to check snares, often destroying camera traps as they go. Although giraffes may not always be the primary target for poaching, they often become trapped or injured by snares. The obvious solution to this problem would be increased patrols and ambushing, but funding is lacking. UWA rangers themselves are often vulnerable to harm from poachers, snares and animals. On the last day of this field project, the UWA team chased poachers out of the south side of MFNP, confiscating five bags of animal material. Thankfully, anti-poaching laws are progressively becoming stricter, and poachers may now receive five years in prison if found in possession of giraffe material.



Left: Giraffe with snare injury. Right: Elephant with shortened trunk from snare injury. Photos courtesy of Jade Miner.

Unfortunately, there are other concerns in this habitat, including human expansion and construction. In less than a year, power lines have been put in place and road tarmacking has begun throughout the entire park. These changes to the environment and infrastructure have effects that will span decades. Conservation organizations are attempting to work with Ugandan authorities to create sustainable growth and development, such as wildlife corridors and minimally invasive methods.

On a more positive note, the GCF team has been instrumental in decreasing poaching in MFNP. Dr. Sara Ferguson, one of GCF’s wildlife veterinarians, and a team of three UWA rangers recently removed 500 set snares from the park in a span of three days! Each snare is marked with a different color tag for poachers to

identify their traps; based upon these tags, GCF and UWA estimated these snares belonged to nearly 100 unique individual poachers. GCF has asked UWA rangers from all departments to participate in snare removals, so that they have a better understanding of the process.

GCF’s work goes beyond translocating giraffe and surveying populations. While giraffes may not be target species for poaching snares, giraffe, like many other species, still suffer the harmful effects. GCF is working closely with UWA to provide direct anti-poaching and de-snaring support. Veterinary training is also extremely important, in order to ensure local teams are trained in immobilizing animals for treatment. After training, UWA rangers in MFNP captured a giraffe, removed a snare, and had the animal cleaned and released in seven minutes!

There is an economic, ecological and cultural value to bringing giraffe back to their historic range in Uganda and across Africa. GCF currently works in 15 African countries to protect giraffe habitat, identify and mitigate threats, and collaborate with local, national, and international partners to ensure a sustainable future for giraffe and animals that share their habitat.

I was incredibly fortunate to have had the opportunity to participate in conservation work on the ground and see these charismatic animals in their natural habitat. Although I was very disappointed that the trip was cut short, safety had to be the top priority for the team. My flight back to Rochester departed 72 hours before the Ugandan border closed, and I arrived home to a 14-day quarantine! Nonetheless, I am incredibly lucky to have taken part in this project that opened my eyes to the hard work and dedication necessary to protect and conserve endangered wildlife around the globe.



Azzara Oston (upper right) with colleagues from other zoos. Photo courtesy of Michael Butler Brown.

### How can you help giraffe?

Donate to Giraffe Conservation Foundation at [giraffeconservation.org](http://giraffeconservation.org). Funds will go directly to the in-situ conservation work and GCF’s efforts to build a sustainable future for giraffe and their natural habitat.

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# Connecting people with nature, during a pandemic



The Zoo's Urban Ecologists Workforce Development program restarted in July, with a total of 15 urban ecologists. Here, two UEs - - both of whom describe their connection to nature as "calming" - study a turtle while learning about the biodiversity of our local waterways.

Every year, millions of people participate in environmental and outdoor science education programs – including those at Zoos – that are integral to formal school curricula and out-of-school learning. These programs provide hands-on learning not available within traditional classrooms, and research has shown the knowledge gained through hands-on learning has a great impact on students. These programs also significantly enhance participants’ cognitive abilities, improve their mental and physical health, and increase their understanding of climate change and ecosystem health. It is for all these reasons that education and outreach are integral to the Zoo achieving its mission.

Each year, until this one, more than one hundred thousand people participate in the Zoo’s education and outreach programs: school field trips and expeditions, teacher professional development, ZooMobiles to classrooms and senior centers, KinderZoo, Book & Beast, scout programs, nature hikes, urban ecology...to name just a few.

But what happens when a pandemic shuts you down and changes all the rules for when you reopen? A study conducted by UC Berkeley earlier this year estimated that 4 million learners missed the ability to participate in programs like these in just April and May, and that youth from marginalized communities are most severely impacted. (Download the article at [sencaparkzoo.org/researchstudy](https://sencaparkzoo.org/researchstudy))



School programs like ZooScholars (depicted above) aren't possible in 2020, but our staff has created virtual solutions for teachers, parents, and home schoolers to continue to access our programs.



Elesa Kim



Once the Zoo reopened, revamped ZooCamps and ZooTeens provided youth with Zoo-based opportunities for socialization and learning, and programs shifted to celebrate species virtually.



## We did not want this to happen for our community.

We were determined to pivot and adapt. To continue to serve, because learning about and engaging in conservation cannot stop. Our mission didn't pause for one moment while our gates were closed to the public.

We started by creating virtual programs to deliver new content to children, teachers, and adults every weekday during our closure, and Zoo Projects at Home provided a wide variety of activities for various audiences. We learned how to create a virtual Earth Day, and then a virtual Penguin Day, and added programs specifically for

adults. And we reassessed how we could possibly bring back ZooCamp and ZooTeens in ways that would keep everyone safe. We worked with master teachers to discern how we can provide content for pre-K-12 in times when school field trips likely wouldn't be happening.

And we are continuing to adapt as we all negotiate new guidelines and learn new technologies for delivering our vast array of content to teachers, parents, children, and adult learners. On-site programming, too, continues to evolve, with virtual programming designed to complement our celebrations of the species that inhabit the Zoo.



## Community Heroes Month

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Monroe County Executive Adam Bello and Seneca Park Zoo are taking the month of November to thank the heroes who make our community thrive. Each week we are thanking a different type of hero. For the designated week, the hero (with valid ID) receives **free admission** for themselves, and 50% off admission for up to four guests. Timed tickets are required. They can be purchased at [senecaparkzoo.org](http://senecaparkzoo.org). Professional ID will be required for admission. We thank these dedicated professionals for their service to our community.

### Dates

November 1-7: Thank you Healthcare Professionals  
November 9-14: Thank you Veterans and Active Military  
November 15-21: Thank you First Responders (EMTs, Fire, Police)  
November 22-29: Thank you Teachers

## The Sustainable Table Dinner

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We have partnered up with Restaurant Lento for a new, socially-distant, fundraising dinner! While supporting the Seneca Park Zoo Society's education and conservation programming, you'll enjoy a one-of-a-kind, exclusive three-course dinner from Lento. Two nights, two menus: one focused on sustainable, farm-to-table dining, the other featuring invasive species. Your dinner includes either two signature cocktails or wine. Dinner pickups will be available at Lento (274 N. Goodman). Treat yourself to a luxurious dinner while supporting your Zoo.

### Dates

Sunday, December 13 and Monday, December 14  
Dinner pickups 4:30 - 8 p.m.

### Price

\$125 per person

### Learn More

[senecaparkzoo.org/event/sustainabletable](http://senecaparkzoo.org/event/sustainabletable)

## Noon Year's Eve

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Audrey Dattalo

Say goodbye to 2020 with a celebratory visit to your Zoo! Our Noon Year's Eve celebration returns this year with socially-distanced, family-friendly festivities that keep bed time in mind. Don't miss the fun family photo opportunity, delicious food specials at Eagle's Landing Café and a special giveaway for the first 500 children.

### Date

Thursday, December 31

### Time

During Zoo hours – Timed tickets are required

### Cost

Free with Zoo admission

### Learn More

[senecaparkzoo.org/event/noon](http://senecaparkzoo.org/event/noon)



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## Breakfast with Santa – at home!

The tradition continues! Celebrate the holidays with Breakfast with Santa – at Home! Breakfast with Santa at Home comes with everything you'll need to have a fun celebration at home. The basket serves 4-5 people and includes everything you need to make a pancake breakfast at home, two exclusive 2020 holiday ornaments, crafts and activities, and a special video message from Santa to your family.

### Price

Price: \$45 for 4 – includes two ornaments and a video greeting for your family.

### Dates

Order by November 28. Breakfast with Santa Basket pick up will be Thursday, December 10 from 3 p.m. – 7pm and Saturday, Dec 12 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Zoo parking lot. Video messages from Santa will be emailed the week of December 20.

### Learn More

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

**Attention parents who Home School!** Check out our Home School Series starting in October! Learn more at [senecaparkzoo.org/education/homeschool-programs](http://senecaparkzoo.org/education/homeschool-programs).



Now you can shop for fun Seneca Park Zoo gear from the comfort of your home! Visit [senecaparkzoo.org/exclusivelyspz](http://senecaparkzoo.org/exclusivelyspz) to get the latest Zoo apparel, housewares, books and more!

## Wildlife Action Crew

Wildlife Action Crew is for teenagers interested in animals and conservation. Teens conduct a conservation case study, learning about a conservation issue, animals that are affected, and what is being done to help. They select an action that addresses the issue and work in groups to create a campaign to promote their message. This is a six-week program held at the Zoo.

### Upcoming sessions

- Frogs & Fungus: October 28, November 4 & 18, and December 2, 9, 16

### Times

6 - 8 p.m.

### Price

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

### Register

[senecaparkzoo.org/education/wildlife-action-crew](http://senecaparkzoo.org/education/wildlife-action-crew)



Please check our website for updates on **virtual Scout Workshops, Book & Beast, and school programs** as we are creating virtual program offerings to reach participants at home or school and establishing the schedule and safety measures for onsite programs.

Looking for **fun and educational nature-based activities at home?** Check out Zoo Projects at Home! You'll find ideas for activities, and crafts, educational content, and videos for wildlife lovers of all ages. Visit [senecaparkzoo.org/zoo/projects](http://senecaparkzoo.org/zoo/projects)



## Day Off ZooCamp

Treat your child to a day of fun learning at the Zoo! Day Off ZooCamps are for children ages 5 - 9. Campers will explore the Zoo while learning more about wildlife. Social distancing, face coverings, and other safety measures will be in place.

### Upcoming Sessions

- October 12 – Columbus Day
- November 11 – Veterans Day
- December 28 – December break
- December 29 – December break
- December 30 – December break

### Times

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### Price per day

Members: \$45 | Non-members: \$55

### Register

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

## KinderZoo

Bring your preschooler to a KinderZoo class this fall to play, discover, and learn in a fun and interactive way. Explore different animals and habitats through age appropriate, socially-distanced activities. Each class gets to meet an ambassador animal up-close and learn all about them.

### Dates

October, November, December

### Times

10:15 a.m. 18 months - 2 years | 11:30 a.m. 3 - 5 years

### Price

Members: \$6 | Non-members: \$8

### Registration

Preregistration is required at [senecaparkzoo.org/education/kinderzoo](http://senecaparkzoo.org/education/kinderzoo)

*Note: Be sure to make your timed admission reservation in advance as well.*



# Animal Comings & Goings

Welcome Willie!



In September, we welcomed Willie, a five-year-old male red panda from Zoo Knoxville. Willie came to Seneca Park Zoo as a mate to female Starlight based on a breeding recommendation from the Species Survival Plan. Willie is distinctive from Starlight based on his predominantly white face, while Starlight's face markings are more red.



Seneca Park Zoo has partnered with KultureCity to become certified as a sensory-inclusive facility. This includes designation of quiet areas, and sensory bags will be available for guests who feel they would benefit. Learn more about this program at [senecaparkzoo.org/accessibility](https://senecaparkzoo.org/accessibility)

## We need your support now more than ever



Thank you for all your support this year. We were so happy to reopen after 104 days of closure due to COVID-19. Feedback from guests and members has been that they feel safe and "normal" at the Zoo.

But the year has been anything but normal. In a "normal" year, we would have served hundreds of thousands of people over the summer. The calendar would be filled with fundraisers like Zoobilation, Cinco de Rhino, and monthly ZooBrews. We would be hosting school field trips to the Zoo and bringing the ZooMobile to nursing homes, recreation centers, and festivals.

We end the summer without the resources that usually get us through the fall and winter months when attendance is lower. We likely will have to scale back our efforts in these off months, at a time when people need connection to nature more than ever.

Will you consider expanding your support to help us keep programming going during the fall and winter? Here are some suggestions:

**Make a donation:** We have **included an envelope** to make it easy! Will you consider making a \$1 donation for every day we were closed (\$104)? Every bit helps.

**Incorporate the Zoo in your holiday gift giving!** Whether giving the gift of membership, (we have a great water bottle give away with gift memberships in November and December!) a commemorative brick, or fun merchandise from our new online ZooShop - we have something for everyone!

**Shop smile.amazon.com** – It's easy and seamless. Rather than shopping on Amazon, try smile.amazon.com and designate Seneca Park Zoo Society as your charity. Amazon donates a portion of all your purchases to us! There is no cost to you, and you can use prime benefits as well.

**Participate in one of our events:** In the next few pages, you'll see reinvention of traditional events (Breakfast with Santa at Home!) and incorporation of new, socially-distanced events like WILD about Trivia and our Sustainable Table Dinner at-home fundraiser with Restaurant Lento!

**Visit** – Fall and winter are beautiful times at the Zoo. Many animals are more active, and the foliage is unrivaled. See first-hand the experience that your support is helping to create.

**Thank you for your support.**

## Calendar of events

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



ZooBoo Spooktacular Tour

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We are excited to offer a new approach to the area's most fun and safe Halloween event: ZooBoo! Members and guests who visit (with timed tickets) on our ZooBoo weekends will be given the option to buy a Spooktacular Tour Fun Pack for \$5 per participant. The Fun Pack will include activities for home, candy, and a special Spooktacular Tour Card! You'll use your smart phone or tablet's QR code reader to access exclusive content that will share creepy fun facts about featured animals at the Zoo. Enter your completed tour book to win prizes! Most importantly – costumes are highly encouraged!

### Dates

October 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, and 31

### Cost

\$5 per participant (separate from Zoo admission)

### Tickets

Timed admission tickets required – Book early - these dates will likely sell out. Spooktacular Tour Fun Packs can be purchased at the Zoo, past the admissions plaza. Thank you to our sponsor, Walmart!

### More Information

[senecaparkzoo.org/zooboo](https://senecaparkzoo.org/zooboo)

## Pages With Purpose Virtual Book Group

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Sink into a good book guaranteed to connect you in some way with the mission of Seneca Park Zoo. Then virtually unwind with us quarterly at a facilitated book discussion and Q&A with the book's author. First up: A History of Seneca Park Zoo, by docent Maureen Whalen. In 2021, look for conversations with ecologists, and conservationists J. Drew Lanham and Patricia Wright, and others.

Featured books will be available at the ZooShop and at our online store: [senecaparkzoo.org/exclusivelyspz](https://senecaparkzoo.org/exclusivelyspz)

### Dates

November 19

### Time

7 p.m.

### Cost

FREE

### Register

[senecaparkzoo.org/event/bookgroup](https://senecaparkzoo.org/event/bookgroup)

## Looking for some good book recommendations?

Check out our suggested reading list compiled by Zoo staff and docents! Download the list at [senecaparkzoo.org/books](https://senecaparkzoo.org/books)

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## WILD about Trivia!

Introducing Wild about Trivia, a virtual happy hour trivia event! Team up with friends and test your knowledge of all things zoo and wildlife, past and present! Pour a beverage of your choice and tune in online using the link that will be provided. Have fun and win prizes, all while supporting your Zoo.

### Date

Thursday, October 15, November 12, and December 10

### Time

7 - 8 p.m.

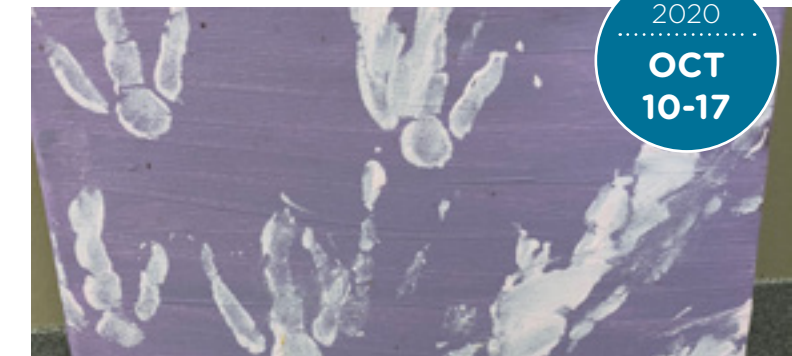
### Cost

Fee: \$10 per person for teams of 2-5

### Register

Register at [senecaparkzoo.org/trivia](https://senecaparkzoo.org/trivia). Interested in hosting your own Wild about Trivia event? Contact us at [awheeler@senecazoo.org](mailto:awheeler@senecazoo.org).

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## Animal Art Expo

Seneca Park Zoo's chapter of the American Association of Zookeepers (AAZK) invites you to participate in an all-virtual art auction featuring art created by a variety of the Zoo's animal artists! Proceeds support the Zoo's ongoing conservation efforts regionally and internationally, staff advancement for our zoo keepers, and enrichment items for our animals.

### Dates

October 10 - 17

### Auction Information

Auctions will be held on ebay. Learn more at [senecaparkaaazk.org](https://senecaparkaaazk.org)





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Get your timed-tickets  
and help us welcome  
Willie!

Amy Burgess