

## ZOObilation: A Special Evening for Audubon Members at Audubon Zoo Thursday, June 1, 2017

(New Orleans, La.) - Audubon members will get the red carpet treatment at ZOObiliation, the annual membership appreciation event set for Thursday, June 1, on the picturesque grounds of Audubon Zoo.

The members-only afternoon of family fun begins at 4:30 p.m. and ends at 7:30 p.m.

Audubon members enjoy exclusive access to the Zoo during this special event, which features live music, keeper chats, animal feedings, exhibit open houses and children's activities.

ZOObilation offers opportunities unavailable during regular hours, including discounts on Zoo concessions and purchases at the Audubon Marketplace gift shop, an animal hospital tour and a chance to feed the giraffes.

Members will enjoy complimentary rides on the Swamp Train and the Endangered Species Carousel. And Audubon educators will be on hand from the ZOOmobile, AquaVan, Bugmobile and Wetland Express.

"Every year, Audubon Zoo hosts ZOObilation, our way of saying a special thank you to our loyal members," said Audubon Nature Institute President and CEO Ron Forman. "The staff at Audubon Zoo looks forward to celebrating our member families by providing this exclusive opportunity to do and see things beyond the every-day experience."

Live entertainment on the Capital One Stage will be provided by Super Star Events & Promotions and Ray's Island Sounds in Cooper Plaza.

There also will be appearances by entomologists from Audubon Butterfly Garden and Insectarium, face-painting by Princess Camerian and Caricatures by Uncle Wayne. Other activities include the A-MAZE-ING Maze, NOLA Games on Wheels and a plant sale by the Audubon Horticulture Department.

The Cool Zoo splash park and Gator Run lazy river attractions will be open during ZOObiliation. Admission to Cool Zoo and Gator Run is \$5 for members.

ZOObilation is open to anyone with a current membership. Zoo visitors can sign up to become a member on the day of the event.

The Zoo will close at 3 p.m. on June 1 to prepare for ZOObilation.

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