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## **Special Needs Day at Audubon Zoo** **Saturday, November 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

(New Orleans, La.) - Special needs visitors of all ages can connect with nature in a family-friendly setting as Audubon Zoo hosts its sixth annual Special Needs Day on Saturday, November 4.

Activities scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Capital One Performance Pavilion and Field include music and group dancing and a social services fair with community organizations providing information about special needs resources across the metropolitan area.

"Audubon Zoo offers a family-friendly, sensory-rich environment for our visitors with special needs," said Eileen Johnson, Director of Community Relations at Audubon Nature Institute. "From the touch therapy available in Watoto Walk where sheep and goats roam free to the thrill of a ride on the Zoo carousel, each special needs guest can enjoy an experience designed just for them."

In addition to sensory-friendly visits with live animals and a chance to explore Audubon Zoo, the program includes face painting by Joyful Jenny the Clown and free child IDs provided by New York Life Insurance Company (while supplies last).

Zoo admission for each special needs visitor - along with up to three guests - is \$3 each. The special admission is redeemed with a coupon that will be available at the Zoo front gate on the day of the event.

Special Needs Day is sponsored by The Bardell Company. The event is sponsored in part by Jefferson Financial Credit Union.

Community partners taking part in the Social Services Fair for Special Needs Day include Families Helping Families Southeast Louisiana, Families Helping Families of Jefferson, Integrative Touch Pediatric Occupational Therapy, Raphael Academy, Crescent City WIC Services and Hope Services.

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