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On the Cover

This spring the monkeys are back! For the first time since the Exotic Animal Building was destroyed by a tree, you can see monkeys at the Brandywine Zoo. Our new Tamarin building is located inside the zoo, across from the tiger exhibit. The Golden Lion Tamarins and Goeldi's Monkeys have moved into their new home. Come see our monkeys enjoying their new experience of being outside.



Mini Melts have arrived!

In March, we welcomed Mini Melts as the Official Beaded Ice Cream of the Brandywine Zoo. The flavors of Mini Melts available are Cookies & Cream, Banana Split, Cotton Candy, and Rainbow Ice. You can stop by the Concession Stand to purchase some or visit the vending machines near the Concession Stand and the Zootique. We are excited about this new partnership with Mini Melts and the opportunity to offer our guests something fun, new, and different.

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Notes from the Director's Desk

By Gene Peacock, Zoo Director, Delaware State Parks

Spring is a great time at the zoo. After a long winter, people are getting out, enjoying the warmer weather and seeing what spring has to offer. It is no different at the zoo! Animals are starting to enjoy the warmer temperatures, new arrivals make their debuts and old zoo friends re-appear. This spring our monkeys are back! The Golden Lion Tamarins and Goeldi's Monkeys are back on exhibit in their new home near the zoo administration office. We also have a few other new residents, but you will have to visit to see who. There is also a full slate of activities, camps, programs and events coming up this spring and summer for our guests and supporters, so check your calendars or the zoo

> website for information. As it gets warmer and we get busier, come out and see us, say hello to the animals and staff and enjoy

the Brandywine Zoo.



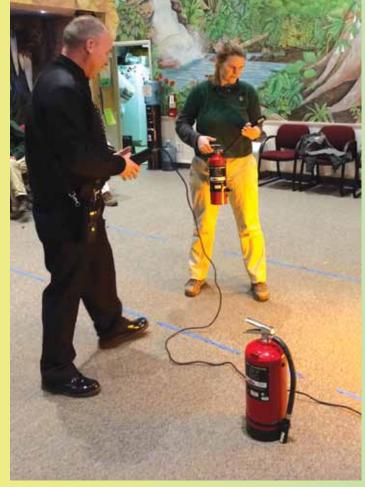
By Lynn Klein, General Curator, Delaware State Parks

Every year the Brandywine Zoo staff participates in a variety of training exercises. These range from CPR classes to Animal Escape Drills and everything in between. Earlier this year we had the opportunity to work with the Wilmington Fire Department for our Fire Extinguisher Training.

The Fire department came to the zoo with all the necessary equipment including a computer run fire simulator. This made it possible for everyone to go through all the steps to safely put out a fire without the risk of actually burning anything!

We really enjoy it when we at the zoo can work together with other neighborhood professionals to achieve a common goal. Brandywine Zoo is always striving to make your trip to the zoo a fun and safe experience.





Message from Delaware Zoological Society



Dear Members,

The 2015 season has begun and it's a wonderful time to be at the zoo. After a great 2014, we are looking forward to a 2015 that will be even better. We made it through another challenging winter of snow and ice and are excited that spring has finally arrived. I would like to thank everyone who

braved the cold to join us for Star Wars Day, despite a few piles of snow in the zoo.

On a personal note, I have served for four months as the Executive Director and every day I'm reminded of the great honor and privilege it has been. What they don't tell you is how incredible, passionate, and dedicated the Zoo and Society staff is. Their love of animals shines through every task they perform.

Best regards,

Mike Allen Executive Director Delaware Zoological Society



Tamarin Building Construction

- 1. The construction crew removed the old enclosures, but preserved the stone base of the old owl and rabbit exhibit.
- 2. A new tamarin building was constructed with cement blocks and has a holding area for them to stay warm.
- 3. The fence goes up for their outside play area
- 4. The mesh is installed along with branches for their enrichment
- 5. Our new home!





Top Four Questions about Zoo Camp

By Melody Whitaker, Assistant Curator of Education, Delaware State Parks

The official start to summer may be June 21st but at the Brandywine Zoo we are kicking off the start of summer on Monday, June 15th. Why? It



is the first day of our summer Zoo Camp! The Brandywine Zoo Summer Camp program is designed to provide children the opportunity to spend the summer outside at

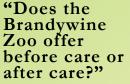
the Zoo learning about animals, zoos, and wildlife conservation. Each year we offer week long sessions of camp for campers ages 4 to 13 that include zoo visits, live animal encounters, crafts, games, stories, learning projects and much more in hopes of inspiring the next generation of wildlife conservationists.

In order to prepare our campers and camp families with what to expect, what to bring, and other important information, we create a yearly Zoo Camp Handbook. Our 2015 Zoo Camp Handbook may be found at www.brandywinezoo.org/camp.html. Our Zoo Camp Handbook is a valuable resource to prepare for camp. In the meantime, here are the answers to our top four questions about Zoo Camp.

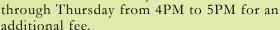
"The week of camp I would like to register my camper for is full, is there anything I can do?"

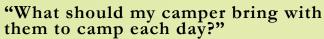
The Brandywine Zoo processes all registration forms on a first-come, first-served basis.

We try to accommodate all requests for zoo camp, but there are only a limited number of spots in each camp. If the camp that you are interested in is full, then we can add your camper to that week's waiting list. If a spot opens up, you will be notified.



The Brandywine Zoo allows for campers to be dropped off starting at 8:15AM. Camp starts promptly at 9AM each morning. Also, we offer after care Monday





We strongly encourage campers to bring with them a reusable water bottle, a packed lunch, sunscreen, and an entire change of clothes. Campers will be assigned a cubby each week to store these items, but we ask that all items be labeled with the camper's full name.









If your camper brings in money (on designated days for the gift shop or lunch) and/or medications, these items need to be properly labeled and given to camp staff during check-in.

"Where do I drop-off and pick-up my camper each day?"

The Brandywine Zoo has a special drop-off and pick-up route that we require all people picking up

campers to follow. Each person must be added to the approved pick-up list and present a photo ID for picking up campers. We require everyone to follow these policies to ensure camper safety.



For additional information or more questions about our summer Zoo Camp Programs, please visit http://www.brandywinezoo.org/camp.html.



ADOPT Program

Mike Allen, Executive Director, Delaware Zoological Society

If you've been looking for a way to support your favorite animals at the Brandywine Zoo, our ADOPT program is just for you! ADOPT packages are available ranging from \$25 to \$250. The ADOPT program now features fourteen different species exhibited at the Brandywine Zoo. They are:

- African pygmy goat
 Capybara
- Amur tiger
- Andean condor
- Bald eagle
- Burrowing owl
- Giant Flemish rabbit
- Golden lion tamarin
- Blue & gold macaw
- Llama
- North American river otter
- Red panda
- Red-billed toucan



While these are our feature animals, you can still ADOPT any of your favorite animals at the zoo. One of the big changes to the ADOPT program is the price of package isn't based on which animal you select, but instead on what benefits you would like to receive. Now, you can ADOPT the Amur tiger OR the giant Flemish rabbit, regardless of your budget.

\$25 Level

- Personalized certificate of adoption
- Animal fact sheet with photo
- Online recognition for 1 year
- Your personalized certificate of adoption and animal fact sheet will be emailed to you

\$50 Level

- Personalized certificate of adoption
- Animal fact sheet with photo
- Online recognition for 1 year
- One issue of Zoo News

\$100 Level

- All benefits of the \$50 level plus:
- Safari Ltd[®] hand painted animal figure
- Two one-time-use admission passes
- Your name on the ADOPT Recognition Sign

\$250 Level

- All benefits of the \$100 level plus:
- One year of zoo membership



If you are ready to ADOPT an animal today, visit our ADOPT website

brandywinezoo.org/adopt-animal. html. If you would like to ADOPT an animal that is not on the list, simply email memberships@brandywinezoo. org, and an adoption representative will be happy to assist you.









Always Something Happening at the Zoo!







SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2015 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM

Join us for **breakfast in the Zoo**, provided by **Janssen's Market** and **Brew Ha Ha**, and enjoy the Zoo to yourself before it opens to the public. Enjoy your breakfast as the animals get theirs, as well as a **special story** and a **live animal presentation**. Breakfast is served in the Zoo (weather permitting).

All participants ages 18 months and up must pay program fee.

Pre-Registration required, as space is extremely limited.

Zoo Members: \$12/person, Non-Members: \$15 person

To Register: Complete the online registration form, or download a fillable registration form and email the completed form to the Education Department at: Education@BrandywineZoo.org or fax to 302-577-7480.









BZAAZK Updates

By Sharon Smith, Animal Keeper, Delaware State Parks

The Brandywine Zoo chapter of the American Association of Zoo Keepers (BZAAZK) was formed at the end of 2013. Our chapter is committed to supporting the professional efforts of AAZK. By supporting BZAAZK you help enhance professional development opportunities for our keepers at the Brandywine zoo, and help us to contribute to conservation efforts both locally and globally. In our first year of operation, we raised over \$3500.00. Some of these funds went to help Rhino conservation, Tamarin conservation, and Migratory bird conservation. We were also able to start our professional development fund which will help us send keepers to conferences, and other educational opportunities. We have had numerous guest speaker events held in the Zoo's Education Building including Dr. Erica Miller, DVM and

Hilary Taylor, Delaware's Wildlife Rehabilitator. With your help, we can only grow stronger and help more conservation efforts in the future. You can help by supporting our next event, Bowling For Rhinos 2015 which will be held on Saturday, June 20th from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the Pleasant Hill Bowling Alley, located in Newport, DE, or our Tango For Tamarins event which will be held on Saturday evening, August 29 at Blue Ball Barn, located off Concord Pike in Wilmington. For more information, please visit our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/BZAAZK



XFINITY at the Zoo

By Mike Allen, Executive Director, Delaware Zoological Society

Have you ever wanted to get out of the office and head to the zoo to do some work? Now you can! Thanks to a generous donation from Comcast, we now have XFINITY WiFi throughout the zoo. With hotspots at the Condor Exhibit, near the Red Pandas, and at Otter Circle, you can sneak out of the office, set up your laptop in Otter Circle and no one will know the difference (unless they call and hear Zhanna roaring.) If you are an XFINITY customer, just log into your Comcast account. If you aren't an XFINITY customer, you still get two 60 minute sessions per month for free.



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AUGUST 2015							
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Celebrate Earth Day with Junior Explorers

For Earth Day, we're teaming up with our friends at Junior Explorers to inspire kids to love nature and wildlife! Junior Explorers is a fabulous subscription program that teaches kids about animals and habitats around the world by sending them on virtual missions to different ecosystems each month. Your Junior Explorer will receive a kit in the mail, which includes fun collectibles, like pins, wristbands, stickers and tattoos, and a secret code to unlock our digital experience where they solve a mystery in nature. Use code BRANDYWINE at checkout and 20% of the proceeds will go back to the Brandywine Zoo!







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Honoring a Profession of Dedication: National Zoo Keeper Week

By Donna Evernham, Assistant Curator, Delaware State Parks

In recognition of the dedication of zoo keepers, the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK) and zoos and aquariums across the nation celebrate National Zoo Keeper Week each year during the third week of July. Be on the lookout at Brandywine Zoo during the week of July 19-25 this year for opportunities to appreciate, engage and observe our hard working Animal Keeper Team.

"This national celebration is in recognition of Zoo keepers, aquarists, and the animal care professionals in our nation's zoological parks and aquariums. Zookeepers serve as animal care experts, frontline educators, and conservationists. We are proud to have zookeepers recognized for the important work they do on behalf of wildlife and conservation."

Shane Goodprevious AAZK National President









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For more information about the Division or Delaware State Parks, call (302) 739-9220 or visit our web site at www.destateparks.com.

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Giving Tree Thank You

by Sharon Smith, Animal Keeper, Delaware State Parks

We had another very successful "Giving Tree/Amazon Wish List" enrichment toy drive this past winter. I think the success was helped by setting up a small tree in the Zootique and stocking it with some enrichment items that we wanted for our animals. Visitors could easily purchase a gift and have it go directly to our animals. We also received quite a few gifts through our Amazon wish list, including some from a very generous donor in Vermont. From all of us here at The Brandywine Zoo, I wanted to thank everyone who purchased a toy via the gift shop, or through our Amazon wish list. With help from all of you, we are able to keep the animals healthy and happy. You can always visit our wish list on the Zoo's website: Brandywinezoo.org and choose "Support the Zoo" and then "Giving Tree" where you can click on the Amazon wish list link.



