Racine Zoological Society Park and Recreation Board Meeting reporting on July 2025

Executive Director

- Submitted several grants and sponsorship packages for the upcoming year
- Creating solutions to additional fundraising efforts
- TV appearances
- Strategic Planning
- Construction work
- Capital Campaign work

Membership

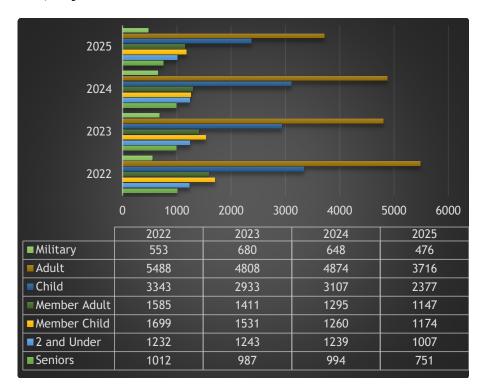
• Total memberships households = 2093

Attendance for July 2025

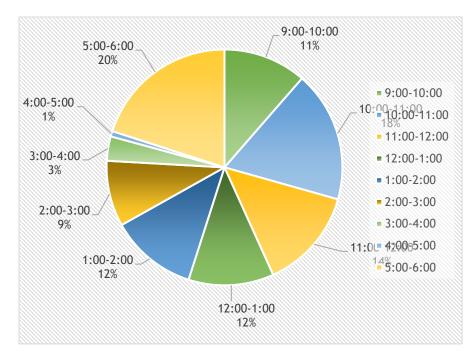
July Attendance 2024 – 2025

	July 2024	July 2025	Variance	Percent change
Adults	4874	3716	-1158	-23.8%
Children	3107	2377	-730	-23.5%
Member Adults	1295	1147	-148	-11.4%
Member Children	1260	1174	-86	-6.8%
Child 2 and under	1239	1007	-232	-18.7%
Seniors	994	751	-243	-24.4%
Military	648	476	-172	-26.5%
Education	1422	1781	359	25.2%
Events	4866	3139	-1727	-35.5%
Total	19705	15568	-4137	-21%

July Admissions Attendance 2022-2025

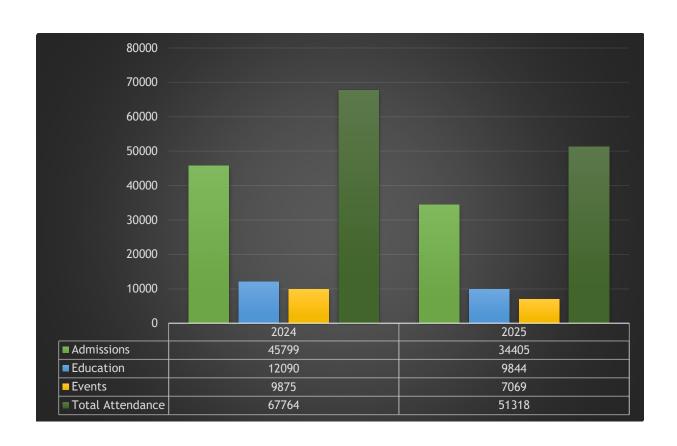


July 2025 Attendance by Hour



YEAR TO DATE Attendance 2024-2025

	YTD 2024	YTD 2025	Variance	Percent Change
Admissions	45799	34405	-11394	-24.9%
Education	12090	9844	-2246	-18.6%
Events	9875	7069	-2806	-28.4%
Total Attendance	67764	51318	-16446	-24.2%



July 2025 Municipality

Racine County	Guests
53105	99
53108	44
53126	103
53139	13
53167	0
53177	131
53182	62
53185	62
53402	1633
53403	501
53404	281
53405	891
53406	638
Total	4458

Other Municipalities	Guests
Kenosha	1486
Milwaukee	838
Wisconsin (Excludes Racine, Kenosha & Milwaukee Counties)	911
Illinois	2185
Other States (Excludes WI & IL)	913
Outside US	21
Total	6354

	GUESTS
Racine County	4458
Other Municipalities	6354
Events & Education (Not Collected)	4756
Data Not Collected (Admissions)	0
July Total	15568

Operations

- Guest comparison to last year is down but we are finding this with our counterparts across the country
- Weather was great for both of the Animal Crackers Concerts. Margarita Fest turned out to be a great weather day after a rainy start to the day.
- The group from Custom Employment Solutions are working on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the weeks that we have Animal Crackers. They are very helpful getting tables moved and set up for the concerts

Animal Care

Veterinary Updates

- 1.0 Fossa, Kirindy, monitoring for age related issues
- 0.1 Amur Tiger, Changbai is recovering well. Pleural effusion is not likely to resolve longterm, but she is improving overall!
- o 1.0 Dom. Ferret Linguini is on digestive meds for possible kidney issues.
- 0.1 Hartmann's Mountain Zebra, Promise received an injury to her front right leg (flesh bite). It is being monitored.
- African Penguin colony is being treated for Aspergillosis.
- o 3.1 Meerkat have repeatedly tested positive for Coccidia. Treatment continues.
- 0.2 Red Kangaroos, Gigi and Winnie have cleared quarantine and are on exhibit at Walkabout.
- 30.30 Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches have cleared quarantine and are housed in the Ed. Animal area.

Collection Changes

- o Incoming/Outgoing animals W/O set dates:
 - 1.0 White handed Gibbon (spring), "Christopher" as enclosure-mate for 0.1 Robin from Birmingham Zoo ("On Hold" for review of 0.1 Robben's health).
 - 1.0 Bearded Emperor Tamarin, Phoenix (housed at San Francisco Zoo) was humanely euthanized due to declining health on 7-1-2025.
 - 1.1 Bearded Emperor Tamarins, Mattessich and Gianna were donated to Colorado Springs Zoo on 7-16-2025 per SSP recommendations.
 - 0.1 Emu, Sydney was humanely euthanized due to age related Issues on 7-21-25.

Staffing/Training

 Summer staff are hired for the season and to replace other staff that have left to go to other AZA facilities

Other Updates

- o Continuing (0.1), penguin acupuncture session, dog acupuncture (0.1)
- Continuing frequent blood draw/injection sessions across collection, focused heavily on 0.2 lions, 0.1 Amur Tiger and 1.0 Masai giraffe. Beginning training for 1.0 Fossa, Kirindy and Inti
- Continuing frequent hoof work and training with 1.1 Hartmann's Mountain Zebra, 1.0
 Masai giraffe, 1.1 Eastern black rhinos
- Working on setup for voluntary x-rays with primates
- Working on voluntary cardiac ultrasound 1.0 Orangutan
- Have begun formal observations of 1.0 Fossa and 1.1 Orangutan to determine exhibit use and behavioral budgets.
- o 0.1 penguin chick named Piper

Conservation Education

Program Title	# of Programs	Interactions	Touchpoints (Reach)	Notes			
On-Campus Programs							
Animal Program	9	489	497				
Slumber Safari	1	12	12				
Preschool	0	0	0				
Behind-the-Scenes Encounter	2	5	5				
Wildlife Explorers	0	0	0				
Globes	0	0	0				
Scout Program	0	0	0				
		Off-Campus I	Programs				
Animal Program	17	715	717				
ZAP (After School Program)	0	0	0				
COZI	0	0	0				
Senior Safari	0	0	0				
		Birthday P	arties				
On-Campus	3	105	105				
Off-Campus	1	22	22				
		AmeriCorps	Program				
On-Campus	0	0	0				
Off-Campus	0	0	0				
		Zoo Ca	mp				
Spring Break	0	0	0				
Summer	14	132	132	*Half day camps; 2024 equivalent would be 9 camps, 92 campers (reflected below)			
		Daily Prog	rams				
Creature Feature	32	569	706				
Wildlife Theater	69	630	711				
Other Events*	9	953	61795				
Subtotal	157	3632	64702				
Volunteer Guest Engagement	5	232	232				
TOTAL	162	3864	64934				

Compared to 2024						
Programs	2025 Number	2025 Participants	2024 Number	2024 Participants	% Variance Number	% Variance Participants
On-Campus Programs	12	514	22	844	-45%	-39%
Off-Campus Programs	17	717	15	632	13%	13%
Birthday Parties	4	127	4	124	0%	2%
AmeriCorps Programs	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Zoo Camp	9	92	14	163	-36%	-44%
Daily Programs	101	1417	93	2249	9%	-37%
Other Events	9	61795	7	60955	29%	1%
Volunteer Guest Engagement	5	232	0	0	100%	100%
Total	157	64894	155	64967	1%	0%

	*Other Events
Date	Event & Attendance (if applicable)
7.1	Keeper Orientation (Abby) - 2
	Kenosha Kingfish Animal Booth with Carl and MHC (Abby) - 215
7.2	Milwaukee Milkmen Animal Booth with Crackers and Bubbles (Abby) - 193
7.4	Racine 4th of July Parade (Abby, Anna, Savannah, Volunteers) - ~60,000 attendance
7.9	LCS Volunteers
7.12	Tiger Zoorific Saturday (Savannah) - 150
7.15	ACE for Wildlife DEAI Committee Meeting (Abby)
7.17	AZA Panel Planning Meeting (Abby)
7.19	Lion Zoorific Saturday (Savannah) - 150
7.26	Christmas in July

Grants and Proposals				
Title	Update			
AmeriCorps	Meetings ongoing; BR worked on grant updates			
ZAP	Final report being worked on			
COZI	Final report completed & turned in			
Party for the Planet	Getting ready for monarch tagging season; preparing for AZA panel			
ACE Vanishing Kingdom	Beth contacted design company; evaluation ongoing			

Facilities

- Completed phase one of spider monkey shift door replacement
- Completed work on Dewey's fence
- Fixed rhino shift doors
- Added door closer on admissions gate
- General maintenance throughout the entire zoo on various projects
- Special event set up and take down
- Working on Tur Mountain



Staff Activity Report

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E-Blasts

mailchimp.com

Racine Zoo Update: Zoo Debut, a Tropical Soirée	Scheduled					
Regular email	Thu, Jul 31, 08:00 PM	Entire Zoo Database			Pause and edit	1
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Racine Zoo Update: Christmas in						
July 2	Sent	Entire Zoo Database	27.5%	0.6%	Tools and the second	
Regular email	Fri, Jul 25, 05:00 PM	11,841 recipients	Opens	Clicks	View report 🖸	1
Send date on Fri, Jul 25, 05:00 PM						
Racine Zoo News: July 25						
Regular email	Sent	Entire Zoo Database	29.4%	0.7%	View report □	10
Send date on Fri, Jul 25, 05:00 PM	Fri, Jul 25, 05:00 PM	11,840 recipients	Opens	Clicks		
Racine Zoo Update: Whiskers &						
Whiskey	Sent	Entire Zoo Database	27.0%	0.4%		
☐ Regular email	Tue, Jul 15, 11:00 PM	11,602 recipients	Opens	Clicks	View report 🖸	1
Send date on Tue, Jul 15, 11:00 PM						
Racine Zoo: 2025 Nominations	Sent	Entire Zoo Database	28.0%	1.5%		
Regular email	Tue, Jul 15, 01:00 PM	11,609 recipients	Opens	Clicks	View report ☐	,
Send date on Tue, Jul 15, 01:00 PM						
Racine Zoo Update: Cigar Dinner	Sent	Entire Zoo Database	28.1%	0.6%		
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Send date on Sun, Jul 13, 05:00 PM						
Racine Zoo Update: Margarita						
Fest 2	Sent	Entire Zoo Database	28.9%	0.5%	View report ☐	
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Racine Zoo Update: Christmas in July	Sent	Entire Zoo Database	30.2%	0.6%	View report □	
Regular email	Sat, Jul 12, 05:00 PM	11,600 recipients	Opens	Clicks	view report.	
Send date on Sat, Jul 12, 05:00 PM						
Racine Zoo News: July 11	Sent	Entire Zoo Database	29.9%	1.0%		
Regular email	Fri, Jul 11, 05:00 PM	11,591 recipients	Opens	Clicks	View report □	
Send date on Fri, Jul 11, 05:00 PM						
Racine Zoo Update: World Roar						
Wine Pour Wednesday	Sent	Entire Zoo Database 11,567 recipients	28.0% Opens	1.5% Clicks	View report [3	
☑ Regular email Send date on Thu, Jul 10, 05:00 PM	Thu, Jul 10, 05:00 PM	17,007 recipients	Opens	CIICKS		
Racine Zoo Update: Animal						
Crackers - Davina and the	and the same of th	200000000000000000000000000000000000000	6912000	70.000		
Vagabonds	Sent	Entire Zoo Database 11,544 recipients	29.0%	0.9%	View report 🖸	
Regular email	Tue, Jul 08, 05:00 PM	11,044 recipients	Opens	Clicks		
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July Wildlife Matters 2025	100000					
July Wildlife Matters 2025 ☐ Regular email	Sent Mon, Jul 07, 12:00 PM	Membership 1,714 recipients	46.5% Opens	4.0% Clicks	View report 🖸	

Entire Zoo Database

Subscribers	Open Rate	Click Rate
11,920	28.6%	0.82%

*NOTE: "Members" emails are included in "Entire Zoo Database" Audience Total Numbers

Members

Subscribers	Open Rate	Click Rate
1,770	46.5%	4.0%



MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS

• See final page of report

OUTSIDE ADS

- Bargain Hunter
- Happenings
- Wind Point STROLL
- Happenings
- Milwaukee Times
- El Conquistador
- Chronicle Illinois
- Facebook Promotion





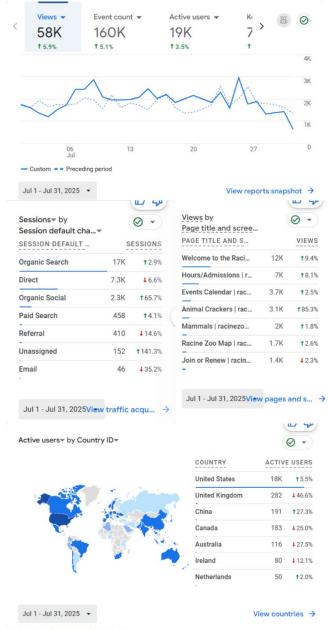




WEBSITE

raceinezoo.org

Updated articles, sliders and event pages. Setup and maintained ticket sales.



Data from Google Analytics

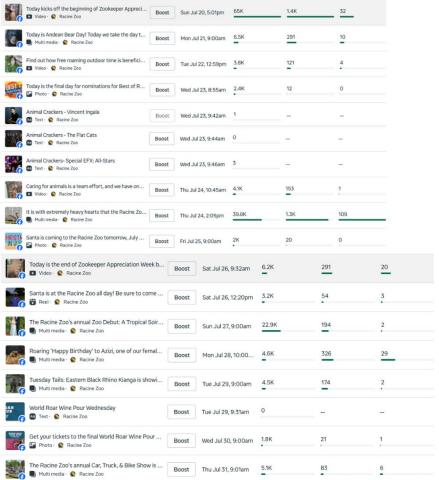
FACEBOOK

Followers: 48,616

Increased number of animal postings (videos too), posted about upcoming events, added to events tab. Increased post frequency to at least 1 a day. Scheduled at least one week in advance and to go out the same time to show consistency to our audience.

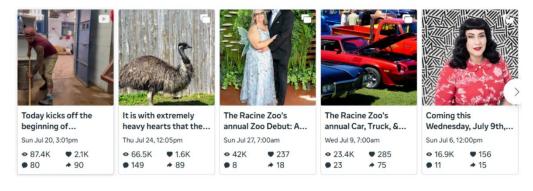
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Our second World Roar Wine Pour Wednesday is ju Multi media • Racine Zoo	Boost	Wed Jul 2, 9:00am	1.9K	15	0
Just a few more weeks until we have a margarita	Boost	Thu Jul 3, 9:00am	4K	27	2
In honor of Independence Day, enjoy \$5 admission	Boost	Thu Jul 3, 5:00pm	10K	69	2
From the Racine Zoo to you, we are wishing everyb Photo • Racine Zoo	Boost	Fri Jul 4, 9:32am	6.1K	239	1
Coming up August 15, indulge in 5 unique bourbons	Boost	Sat Jul 5, 1:00pm	3.6K	26	1
Coming this Wednesday, July 9th, kicking off our 3	Boost	Sun Jul 6, 2:00pm	12.6K	62	3
Just a few short weeks before the Racine Zoo's 30t → Photo ← A Racine Zoo	Boost	Mon Jul 7, 10:00am	3.8K	32	4
It's been awhile since we've done a Tuesday Tails Multi media · 🏠 Racine Zoo	Boost	Tue Jul 8, 9:00am	5.4K	199	3
The Racine Zoo's annual Car, Truck, & Bike Show is Multi media · 🌑 Racine Zoo	Boost	Wed Jul 9, 9:00am	15.8K	146	7
Who said being a messy eater isn't cute?! Timu and ■ Multi media・ Racine Zoo	Boost	Thu Jul 10, 9:00am	7.4K	365	3
World Roar Wine Pour Wednesday Text & Racine Zoo	Boost	Thu Jul 10, 1:14pm	5	**	-
Baby Penguin's First Time In The Big Pool ✓ Video - ✓ Racine Zoo	Boost	Fri Jul 11, 10:18am	5.5K	284	18
We invite you to join the Racine Zoo for our 30th A	Boost	Fri Jul 11, 2:02pm	2.2K	19	0
Cigar Dinner Text · © Racine Zoo	Boost	Fri Jul 11, 3:22pm	0	_	
Margarita Fest ELIT See Text Racine Zoo	Boost	Fri Jul 11, 3:24pm	5	-	-
Zoorific Saturday: International Tiger Day 🗣 Come	Boost	Sat Jul 12, 9:00am	6.3K	209	10
It's a♥♥ Learn about how this little chick came ↑ It's a♥♥ Learn about how this little chick came	Boost	Sun Jul 13, 10:25am	8.2K	275	12
Get your tickets for this month's World Roar Wine P Multi media · Recine Zoo	Boost	Mon Jul 14, 9:01am	1.9K	. 22	0
Tuesday Tails: Emperor Tamarins These guys may b	Boost	Tue Jul 15, 9:00am	3K	124	1

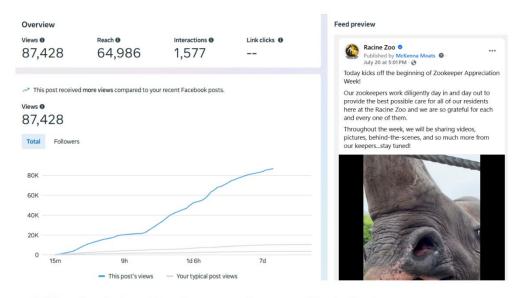
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Top 5 posts of July with the largest reach, engagement, likes, and shares:

- 1. First day of Zookeeper Appreciation Week
- 2. Sydney's Press Release
- 3. Zoo Debut post
- 4. Car, Truck, & Bike Show post
- 5. Davina and the Vagabonds: Animal crackers post





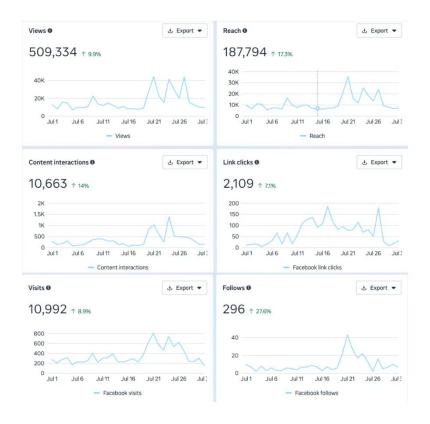
→ This post received more interactions compared to your recent Facebook posts.

Interactions 0

1,577

Likes and reactions 6	Comments 0	Shares 6	Saves 0
1,422	32	90	33

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This data is based on the last 30 days. Compared to June, we have improved in all categories on our Facebook throughout the month.



This data is based on June statistics. We did very well and improved in all categories on Facebook.

► INSTAGRAM

Followers: 6,711

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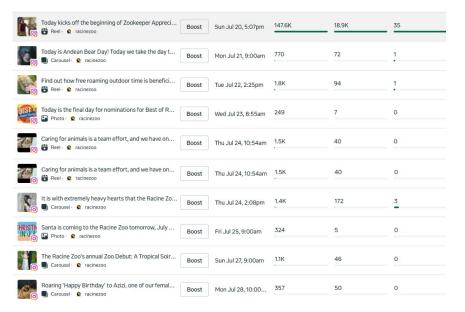
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In honor of Independence Day, enjoy \$5 admission ☑ Photo・ 및 racinezoo	Boost	Thu Jul 3, 5:00pm	360	8	0
From the Racine Zoo to you, we are wishing everyb	Boost	Fri Jul 4, 9:32am	526	39	0
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The Racine Zoo's annual Car, Truck, & Bike Show is Carousel · • racinezoo	Boost	Wed Jul 9, 9:00am	424	23	0
Who said being a messy eater isn't cute?! Timu and ☐ Carousel· arcinezoo	Boost	Thu Jul 10, 9:00am	1.1K	62	1
Big steps for this little chick this morning, its first ti	Boost	Fri Jul 11, 10:20am	1.4K	113	2
Zoorific Saturday: International Tiger Day 🤏 Come Photo 🍳 racinezoo	Boost	Sat Jul 12, 9:00am	469	58	1
It's a V Learn about how this little chick came	Boost	Sun Jul 13, 10:29am	1.6K	115	4
Get your tickets for this month's World Roar Wine P	Boost	Mon Jul 14, 9:01am	310	11	0
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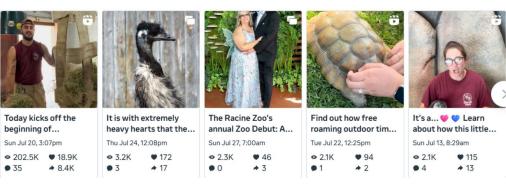


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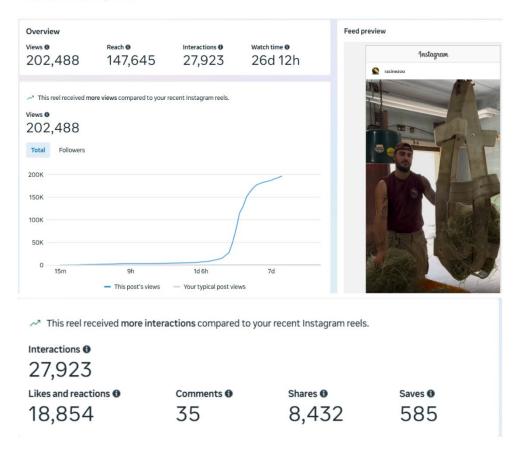


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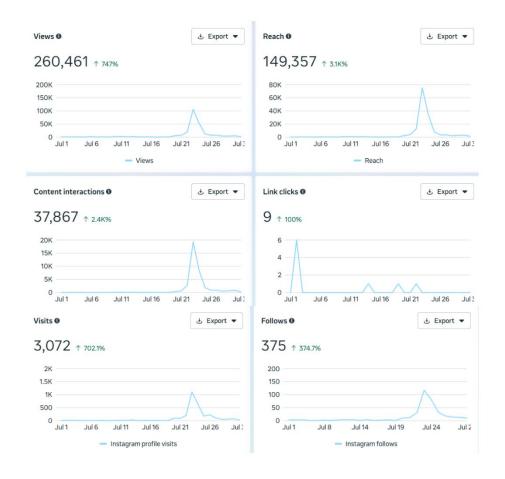
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X (AKA TWITTER)

Followers: 3,295

Analytics may not be as accurate as X (Twitter) has transitioned and doesn't have an analytic platform established.

Posting on this account is frequently, almost every day. The same posts from Facebook and Instagram are posted on Twitter, simplified. The analytics are different as we would have to upgrade to a premium account in order to view the entire analytics instead of just on each individual post. Our engagement is increasing when I post more animal content and when I post more in the late morning compared to afternoon.







LinkedIn

Followers: 282

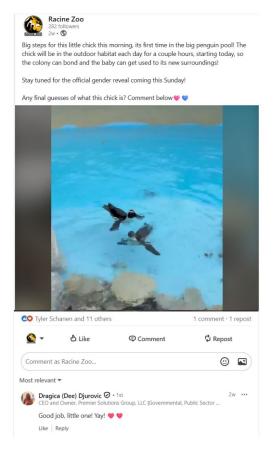
I post the same content on this platform as we do on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (X)

Metrics Impressions ▼ Thursday, Jul 24, 2025 161 ▲ 70% previous day ____ 100 ✓ — Organic 2,326 ✓ --- Sponsored 0 Highlights Data for 6/30/2025 - 7/29/2025 2,326 111 Reposts Reactions Comments Impressions ▲ 33.1% ▲ 58.6% Greater Milwaukee · 132 (46.8%) Greater Chicago Area · 46 (16.3%) Greater Madison Area · 7 (2.5%) Denver Metropolitan Area · 5 (1.8%) Greater Minneapolis-St. Paul Area \cdot 5 (1.8%) Los Angeles Metropolitan Area · 3 (1.1%) Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah Area · 3 (1.1%) Greater Fort Collins Area · 3 (1.1%) Greater Tampa Bay Area \cdot 2 (< 1%) Greater Indianapolis · 2 (< 1%)

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I post the same content on this platform as we do on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (X)



LinkedIn posts that had the most engagement during the month of July



Today is the end of Zookeeper Appreciation Week but that doesn't mean our appreciation for our keepers ends today. Without them, there would be no Zoo!

We are so grateful for all of our animal care staff for providing the best care possible for all of our resident animals. If you see a Zookeeper today, or any day, give them a wave and tell them thank you!

Thank you keepers!





It is with extremely heavy hearts that the Racine Zoo announces the recent passing of our beloved Emu, Sydney, after a sudden decline in her health. Sydney was born on July 15, 1994, and arrived at the Racine Zoo in December of 2002. She spent ...more





Throughout the month of July:

- 12 E-blasts were created and sent out
- Celebrated Zookeeper Appreciation Week and had a lot of positive feedback on all platforms
- Our following on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter (X), LinkedIn, and Tik Tok increased
- Ads were created and distributed to multiple websites, magazines, newspapers, etc.
- We had many events in July that all went very well! Continuing with events, we have some coming up in August: Animal Crackers, Whiskers and Whiskey, car, Truck, & Bike Show, and World Roar Wine Pour Wednesday
- Other activities we have participated in this month is multiple media appearances. We were on the news and radio multiple times throughout the month of July
- Our LinkedIn profile is showing up more often and increasing in searches
- Have been getting TONS of positive feedback from the public over our social media and events
- Distributed new posters and flyers
- Updated events pages and calendars
- Wildlife Matters has been published regularly for the past 5 months and has been doing very well

Special Events

July Events

• Animal Crackers Concert, July 9

o Location: pavilion and north of pavilion, amphitheater and green space

Overview: 38th annual concert series

o Attendance: 1200

• WRWPW, July 16

o Location: LOG

Overview: wine and beer tasting

Attendance: 60

Cigar Dinner, July 17

Location: Pavilion and north of pavilion
 Overview: 30th annual Cigar Dinner

O Attendance: 130

Margarita Fest, July 19

Location: pavilion and north of pavilion

o Overview: annual margarita tasting

o Attendance: 230

Animal Crackers Concert, July 23

o Location: pavilion and north of pavilion, amphitheater and green space

Overview: 38th annual concert series

Attendance: 1300

• Christmas in July, July 26

Location: entire zoo campusOverview: family, fun event

o Attendance: 1000

Coming up at the Zoo at a Glance:

• Animal Crackers, August 6

• Whiskers and Whiskey, August 15

• Car, Truck and Bike Show, August 17

• Animal Crackers, August 20

• WRWPW, August 27

• Zoo Debut, September 6