Racine Zoological Society Park and Recreation Board Meeting reporting on June 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

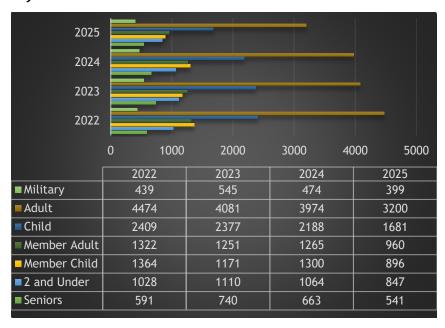
• Total memberships households = 2144

Attendance for June 2025

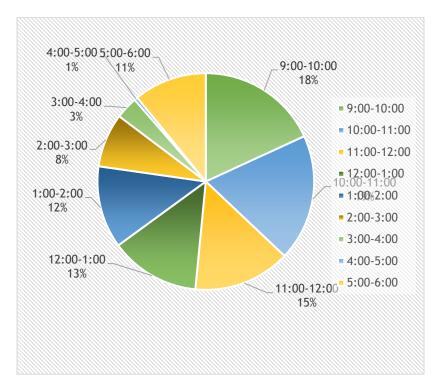
June Attendance 2024 – 2025

	June 2024	June 2025	Variance	Percent change
Adults	3974	3200	-774	-19.48%
Children	2188	1681	-507	-23.17%
Member Adults	1265	960	-305	-24.11%
Member Children	1300	896	-404	-31.08%
Child 2 and under	1064	847	-217	-20.39%
Seniors	663	541	-122	-18.4%
Military	474	399	-75	-15.82%
Education	2315	2180	-135	-5.83%
Events	1858	1311	-547	-29.44%
Total	15101	12015	-3086	-20.44%

June Admissions Attendance 2022-2025

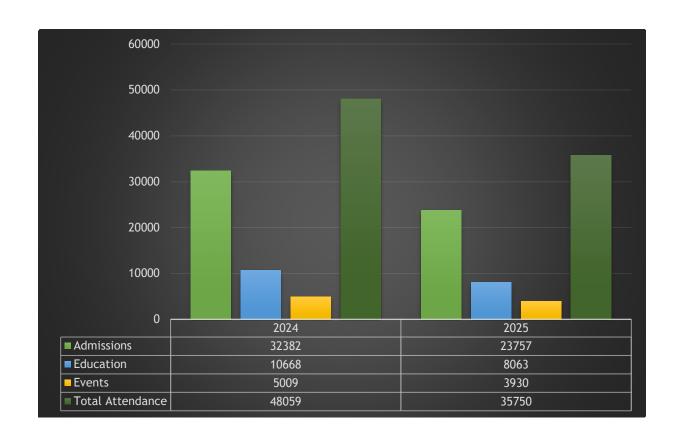


June 2025 Attendance by Hour



YEAR TO DATE Attendance 2024-2025

	YTD 2024	YTD 2025	Variance	Percent Change
Admissions	32382	23757	-8625	-26.64%
Education	10668	8063	-2605	-24.42%
Events	5009	3930	-1079	-21.54%
Total Attendance	48059	35750	-12309	-25.61%



June 2025 Municipality

Racine County	Guests
53105	123
53108	20
53126	124
53139	35
53167	5
53177	105
53182	100
53185	58
53402	1278
53403	443
53404	285
53405	563
53406	583
Total	3722

Other Municipalities	Guests
Kenosha	1312
Milwaukee	719
Wisconsin (Excludes Racine, Kenosha & Milwaukee Counties)	688
Illinois	1849
Other States (Excludes WI & IL)	549
Outside US	33
Total	5150

	GUESTS
Racine County	3722
Other Municipalities	5150
Events & Education (Not Collected)	3143
Data Not Collected (Admissions)	0
June Total	12015

Operations

- Guest comparison to last year is down but we are finding this with our counterparts across the country
- All schools are out for summer, and we are now fully staffed
- Both operations and facilities have 6 people from Custom Employment Solutions that will be working at the Zoo from mid-June until mid-August on Tuesdays and Thursday. They are here through the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
- Lots of events in the last week of June, extremely busy
- Preparing for events in July including Animal Crackers Concert Series, Cigar Dinner, Margarita Fest and Christmas in July

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.
- 1.0 Hartmann's Mountain Zebra foal, has been introduced to exhibit with 1.1 Promise and Obi
- African Penguin colony is being treated for Aspergillosis

Collection Changes

- 0.2 Red Kangaroos, Gigi and Winnie arrived into quarantine 6-11-25
- 30.30 Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches arrived into quarantine 6-20-25.
 - 3.1 Meerkat arrived into quarantine on 6-5-25.
- Incoming animals without set dates:
 - 1.0 White handed Gibbon (spring), "Christopher" as enclosure-mate for 0.1 Robin from Birmingham Zoo

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.
- 0.1 penguin chick sexed as female

Conservation Education

Program Title	# of Programs	Interactions	Touchpoints (Reach)	Notes
		On-Campus	Programs	
Animal Program	11	552	614	
Slumber Safari	1	14	14	
Preschool	3	35	35	
Behind-the-Scenes Encounter	1	11	11	
Wildlife Explorers	0	0	0	
Globes	0	0	0	
Scout Program	0	0	0	
		Off-Campus	Programs	
Animal Program	9	521	531	
ZAP (After School Program)	2	51	57	
COZI	2	15	15	
Senior Safari	0	0	0	
		Birthday F	Parties	
On-Campus	4	135	135	
Off-Campus	1	18	18	
		AmeriCorps	Program	
On-Campus	0	0	0	
Off-Campus	0	0	0	
		Zoo Ca	mp	
Spring Break	0	0	0	
Summer	8	86	86	*Half day camps; 2024 equivalent would be 5 camps, 53 campers (reflected below)
		Daily Prog	grams	
Creature Feature	30	482	601	
Wildlife Theater	58	600	847	
Other Events*	7	263	325	
Subtotal	137	2783	3289	
Volunteer Guest Engagement	4	168	196	
TOTAL	141	2951	3485	

Compared to 2024						
Programs	2025 Number	2025 Participants	2024 Number	2024 Participants	% Variance Number	% Variance Participants
On-Campus Programs	16	674	19	819	-16%	-18%
Off-Campus Programs	13	603	5	438	160%	38%
Birthday Parties	5	153	5	165	0%	-7%
AmeriCorps Programs	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Zoo Camp	5	53	8	98	-38%	-46%
Daily Programs	88	1448	87	1991	1%	-27%
Other Events	7	325	5	335	40%	-3%
Volunteer Guest Engagement	4	196	0	0	100%	100%
Total	138	3452	129	3846	7%	-10%

*Other Events			
Date	Event & Attendance (if applicable)		
6.3.25	AF attended the final Party for the Planet meeting		
6.7.25	CS gave a presentation at Breakfast with Giraffes		
6.9.25	Tranisition Volunteers		
6.11.25	LCS Volunteers		
6.14.25	Volunteen Camp Training		
	Penguin Zoorific Saturday		
6.21.25	Giraffe Zoorific Saturday		
6.23.25	Volunteer Camp Training		
6.27.25	Seasonal Keeper Orientaiton		
6.28.25	Rhino Zoorific Saturday		

Grants and Proposals					
Title	Update				
AmeriCorps	AF attended new grant meeting; BR updated budget				
	Working on what the plan is for 2025-2026				
ZAP	Grant ended; programs completed; curriculum completed; report submitted; grant recieved for 25-26				
COZI	Grant ended; programs completed; working on grant report & final application				
Party for the Planet	Event portion ended; evaluation & grant report turned in; Martins and monarchs ongoing				
ACE Vanishing Kingdom	Evaluation ongoing; Beth working on contacting sign design company				

Facilities

- Replaced two doors on primates
- Change out two solenoids on the misters
- Fixed rhino shift doors
- Cleared all the dirt from the north end to use at the mountain project
- Replaced freezer in grill
- Fence repair work is completed just need to finish with new scrim
- Finished set up of Dewey's yard
- Hung banners on Main Street and the amphitheater for the Animal Crackers concert series sponsors
- General maintenance throughout the entire zoo on various projects
- Special event set up and take down
- Working on Tur Mountain



Staff Activity Report

Marketing | June 2025



E-Blasts

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	Racine Zoo News: June 28 Regular email Send date on Sat. Jun 28, 05:00 PM	Sent Sat, Jun 28, 05:00 PM	Entire Zoo Database 11.370 recipients	30.4% Opens	1.8% Clicks
	Racine Zoo Update: Chronicles at the Zoo ☐ Regular email Send date on Wed, Jun 25, 11:00 AM	Sent Wed, Jun 25, 11:00 AM	Entire Zoo Database 11,297 recipients	27.9% Opens	0.5% Clicks
	Racine Zoo Update: Music at the Zoo 3 ☐ Regular email Send date on Sat, Jun 21, 11:00 PM	Sent Sat, Jun 21, 11:00 PM	Entire Zoo Database 11.244 recipients	30.6 % Opens	1.6% Clicks
)	Racine Zoo Update: Bourbon Bottle Raffle ☐ Regular email Send date on Thu, Jun 19, 11:00 PM	Sent Thu, Jun 19, 11:00 PM	Entire Zoo Database 11,215 recipients	29.9% Opens	1.5% Clicks
	Racine Zoo Update: Chronicles at the Zoo ☐ Regular email Send date on Wed, Jun 18, 11:00 PM	Sent Wed, Jun 18, 11:00 PM	Entire Zoo Database 11,222 recipients	33.5% Opens	2.3% Clicks
)	Racine Zoo News: June 13 ☐ Regular email Send date on Fri, Jun 13, 05:00 PM	Sent Fri, Jun 13, 05:00 PM	Entire Zoo Database 11,105 recipients	36.9% Opens	1.1% Clicks
)	Racine Zoo Update: Music at the Zoo ☐ Regular email Send date on Sun. Jun 08, 12:30 PM	Sent Sun, Jun 08, 12:30 PM	Entire Zoo Database 11,019 recipients	31.0% Opens	1.1% Clicks
)	June Wildlife Matters 2025 ☐ Regular email Send date on Sun. Jun 01. 02:00 PM	Sent Sun, Jun 01, 02:00 PM	Membership 1,718 recipients	45.9% Opens	3.9% Clicks

Entire Zoo Database

Subscribers	Open Rate	Click Rate
11,391	31.2%	1.4%

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

Members

Subscribers	Open Rate	Click Rate
1,775	45.9%	3.9%



MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS

• See final page of report

OUTSIDE ADS

- Bargain Hunter
- Happenings
- Wind Point STROLL
- Racine Theatre Guild
- Racine County Eye
- Shepherd Express













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

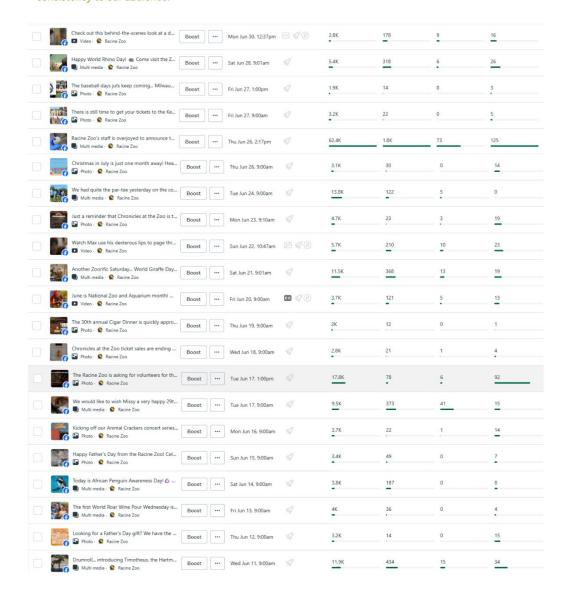


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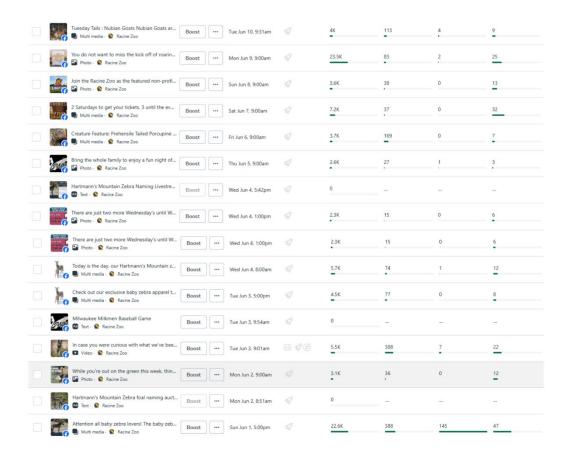
FACEBOOK

Followers: 48,414

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.

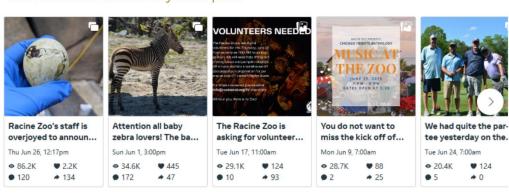


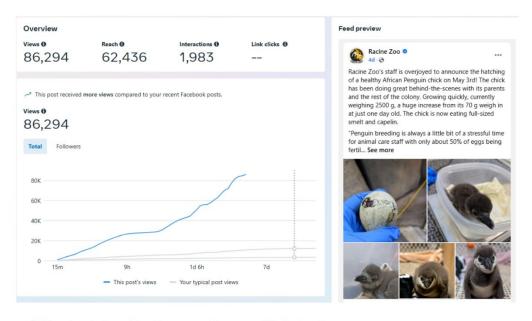
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Top 5 posts of June with the largest reach, engagement, likes, and shares:

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- 3. Volunteer ask for pumpkin moving
- 4. Music at the Zoo
- 5. A Round for Rhinos day after post



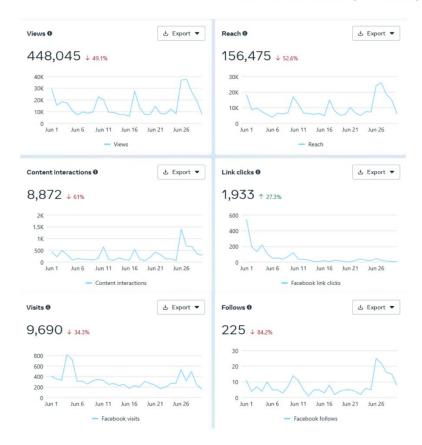


This post received more interactions compared to your recent Facebook posts.

 Interactions ●
 Comments ●
 Shares ●
 Saves ●

 1,779
 73
 125
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This data is based on the last 30 days. Compared to last month we did not have as many big posts or announcements, which is why engagement dropped. However, our numbers are still very high and looking promising. It is always difficult when coming off such a busy month with a lot of announcements and videos being shared.



This data is based on May statistics. Even though May was an excellent month for content, it wasn't as much as in April.

INSTAGRAM

Followers: 6,351

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Happy World Rhino Dayl 🌰 Come visit the Zoo from Carousel - 🜊 racinezoo	Boost Sat Jun 28, 9:00a	am 982	60	0	4_	-
There is still time to get your tickets to the Kenosha K Carousel • racinezoo	Boost Fri Jun 27, 9:05ar	m 203	13	0	0	·
Racine Zoo's staff is overjoyed to announce the hatch Good Staff is overjoyed to announce the hatch racinezoo	Boost Thu Jun 26, 3:16	pm 1.5K	211	4	38	_
Christmas in July is just one month away! Head on ou Photo ⋅ ♠ racinezoo	Boost Thu Jun 26, 9:00.	463	13	0	1	
We had quite the par-tee yesterday on the course! ■ Carousel · • racinezoo	Boost Tue Jun 24, 9:00	am 392	21	0	2	-
Just a reminder that Chronicles at the Zoo is this wee ☐ Photo - acinezoo	Boost Mon Jun 23, 9:10	0am 409	8	0	0	
Another Zoorific Saturday World Giraffe Day 🔓 Co © D Carousel · C racinezoo	Boost Sat Jun 21, 9:01a	983	91	0	8	
The 30th annual Cigar Dinner is quickly approaching! ↑ Photo • A racinezoo	Boost Thu Jun 19, 9:00.	am 303	11	0	0	-
Chronicles at the Zoo ticket sales are ending soon! B Photo · № racinezoo	Boost Wed Jun 18, 9:00	0am 384	9	0	0	-
The Racine Zoo is asking for volunteers for this Thurs ☐ Photo · • racinezoo	Boost Tue Jun 17, 1:00	pm 876	17	0	3	_
We would like to wish Missy a very happy 29th birthd ☐ ② Carousel· ② racinezoo	Boost Tue Jun 17, 9:00	am 384	62	0	4_	-
Kicking off our Animal Crackers concert series is Davi Photo • • racinezoo	Boost Mon Jun 16, 9	:00am 360	9	0	0	
Happy Father's Day from the Racine Zool Celebrate y Photo · • racinezoo	Boost Sun Jun 15, 9:0	00am 431	16	0	0	
Today is African Penguin Awareness Dayl & Come o □ □ Carousel • • racinezoo	Boost Sat Jun 14, 9:0	00am 656	49	0	2	
The first World Roar Wine Pour Wednesday is less tha O D Carousel • © racinezoo	Boost Fri Jun 13, 9:00	0am 495	14	0	0	-
Looking for a Father's Day gift? We have the perfect © Photo • © racinezoo	Boost Thu Jun 12, 9:0	00am 293		0	0	
Drumroll introducing Timotheus, the Hartmann's M © Drumroll introducing Timotheus, the Hartmann's M	Boost Wed Jun 11, 9:	:00am 840	115	0	8	-
Tuesday Tails : Nubian Goats Nubian Goats are know Tuesday Tails : Nubian Goats Nubian Goats are know	Boost Tue Jun 10, 9:	31am 869	43	0	4	
You do not want to miss the kick off of roaring music You are photo • • racinezoo	Boost Mon Jun 9, 9:0	00am 474	15	0	2	
Join the Racine Zoo as the featured non-profit at the	Boost Sun Jun 8, 9:0	1am 547	22	0	4	
Creature Feature: Prehensile Tailed Porcupine We hav ☐ □ Carousel · Caro	Boost Fri Jun 6, 9:00a	am 353	50	1	0	
There are just two more Wednesday's until World Ro Photo ⋅ recinezoo	Boost Wed Jun 4, 1:0	00pm 276	6	0	1	
Today is the day, our Hartmann's Mountain zebra foa Carousel · • racinezoo	Boost Wed Jun 4, 8:0	00am 324	37	0	.1	-
Check out our exclusive baby zebra apparel that is no ☐ ☐ Carousel·	Boost Tue Jun 3, 5:00	0pm 593	51	0	2	
While you're out on the green this week, think about Photo ⋅ ♠ racinezoo	Boost Mon Jun 2, 9:0	00am 303	17	0	0	
Attention all baby zebra lovers! The baby zebra nami Carousel • racinezoo	Boost Sun Jun 1, 5:0	1pm 782	125	3	5	

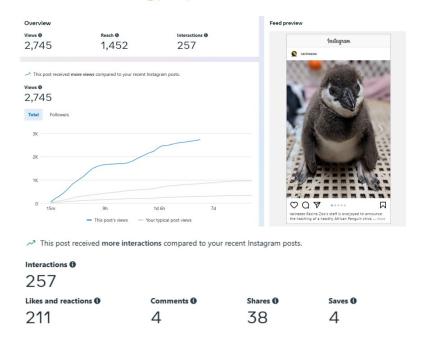


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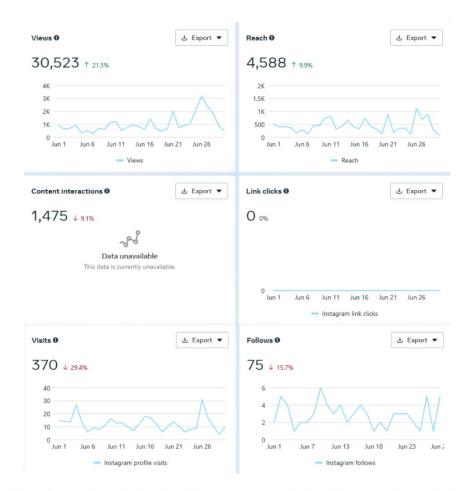


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X (AKA TWITTER)

Followers: 3,286

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: 276

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

Metrics May 31 Jun 25 Jun 10 ✓ — Organic 1,747 --- Sponsored 0 Highlights Data for 5/31/2025 - 6/29/2025 1,747 70 Impressions ▼14.4% ▲ 16.7% Greater Milwaukee · 133 (48.2%) Greater Chicago Area · 44 (15.9%) Greater Madison Area · 6 (2.2%) Denver Metropolitan Area · 5 (1.8%) Greater Minneapolis-St. Paul Area · 5 (1.8%) Los Angeles Metropolitan Area \cdot 3 (1.1%) Greater Fort Collins Area · 3 (1.1%) Greater Tampa Bay Area · 2 (< 1%) Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah Area · 2 (< 1%) Greater Seattle Area · 2 (< 1%)

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We had quite the par-tee yesterday on the course! 👗

Thank you to everybody who came out and supported the Zoo yesterday at ...more



O Dragica (Dee) Djurovic and 15 others

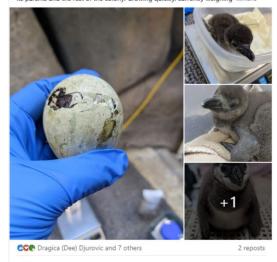
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🗘 Repost



Racine Zoo's staff is overjoyed to announce the hatching of a healthy African
Penguin chick on May 3rd! The chick has been doing great behind-the-scenes with
its parents and the rest of the colony. Growing quickly, currently weighing ...more



© Comment

Racine Zoo
276 followers
1... ©

June is National Zoo and Aquarium month!

This month is designated to raise awareness about the importance of zoos ...mon



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

Throughout the month of June:

- 8 E-blasts were created and sent out
- 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 June that all went very well! In one week we had A Round for Rhinos, Music at the Zoo, and our first annual Chronicles at the Zoo, which was a HUGE success. We got so many compliments and raised a lot of money.
- We have many events coming up in July: Kenosha Kingfish baseball games, Milwaukee Milkmen baseball game, Breakfast with the Giraffes, Animal Crackers begins, World Roar Wine Pour Wednesday, 30th annual Cigar Dinner, Margaritafest, and Christmas in July
- 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 June
- 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
- New street banners were put up on Main Street
- Ordered and printed Animal Crackers playbills
- Ordered and printed Zoo Debut invites
- Wildlife Matters has been published regularly for the past 5 months and has been doing very well

Special Events

June Events

• Breakfast with Giraffes, June 7

o Location: pavilion and north of pavilion

o Overview: Breakfast for families

o Attendance: 50

WRWPW, June 18

Location: pavilion and north of pavilion, due to rain

o Overview: wine and beer tasting

o Attendance: 60

A Round for Rhinos, June 23

o Location: Meadowbrook GC

Overview: annual zoo golf tournament fundraiser

o Attendance: 120

Music at the Zoo Concert, June 25

Location: amphitheater and grass spaces and pavilion

Overview: concertAttendance: 400

Chronicles at the Zoo

Location: pavilion and north of pavilionOverview: bourbon dinner and fundraiser

o Attendance: 86

Coming up at the Zoo at a Glance:

Animal Crackers Concert, July 9

• WRWPW, July 16

Cigar Dinner, July 17

Margarita Fest, July 19

Animal Crackers Concert, July 23

• Christmas in July, July 26

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