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2023 ZRA CONFERENCE | OCTOBER 2-7



south bend, indiana

2023 ZRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Monday, October 2

7:45am – 7:00pm

7:45am

10:00am – 2:00pm

2:00pm - 2:30pm

2:30pm – 4:45pm

5:00pm

3:00pm – 7:00pm

Pre Conference Trip- Grand Rapids, MI

John Ball Zoo and Robinette's Apple Haus & Winery

Bus departs hotel (**Begin loading at 7:30am**)

John Ball Zoo (Free Time, Lunch and Behind the Scenes)

Bus transfer to Robinette's Apple Haus & Winery

Robinette's Apple Haus & Winery

Bus departs for hotel (**Begin loading at 4:45pm**)

Conference Registration Open

Tuesday, October 3

7:30am – 3:00pm

8:30am – 9:15am

9:15am – 9:30am

9:30am – 12:00pm

12:00pm – 1:00pm

1:00pm – 3:00pm

5:00pm – 10:00pm

5:15pm – 6:00pm

6:00pm – 9:00pm

9:00pm

All Session/Workshops held at Embassy Suites South Bend at Notre Dame

Conference Registration Open

Small But Mighty- How Smaller Zoos Can Make an Impact, Josh Sisk, Executive Director, Potawatomi Zoo

Break

Z-CAP (ZRA Committee Action Planning)

Z-CAP Lunch

Species360 Workshop

Icebreaker- Peat's Cider Social

Bus departs hotel and arrives at Peat's Cider Social (**Begin loading at 5:00pm**)

Peat's Cider Social Experience

Buses depart for the Hotel (**Begin loading at 8:45pm**)

Wednesday, October 4

7:45am – 10:00am

8:15am – 8:30am

8:30am – 9:00am

9:00am – 10:00am

10:00am – 10:15am

10:15am – 11:30am

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Conference Registration

Welcome & Opening Remarks

State of the Association

Motus! Modern Migration Monitoring in Michigan, Nate Fuller, Executive Director, Sarett Nature Center

Break

Direct Entry Round Table

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11:30am – 12:00pm	<i>The Evolution of Saint Louis Zoo's Training Program: 2013-2022</i> , Rae Lynn Haliday, CRM/CIGO/Lillian Moore, CRA, St. Louis Zoo
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 1:30pm	<i>The Importance of Collaboration Across Institutions Through Both Sample and Data Sharing</i> , Dr. Allison Dianis, Potawatomi Zoo
1:30pm – 2:30pm	<i>Myth Busters</i> , Amy Brisindine and Amanda Lamberson, USFWS International Affairs
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Break
2:45pm - 4:45pm	Tracks Workshop
5:00pm – 8:00pm	Member Soiree, The Podium @ Embassy Suites
6:00pm – 9:00pm	ZRA Executive Board Meeting, Conrad Boardroom
Thursday, October 5	<i>All Sessions/Workshops held at Embassy Suites South Bend at Notre Dame</i>
8:00am – 8:30am	<i>Useful New Features in Tracks- Fun for Everyone</i> , Tony Neimann, Tracks Software
8:30am – 9:00am	<i>Safety and Security Tracking - We are all Human</i> , Ian Ford, AnimalCare Software, LLC
9:00am – 9:30am	<i>Update on Local Conservation Programs at the San Francisco Zoo</i> , Ingrid Russell, San Francisco Zoo
9:30am – 10:00am	<i>Overview of Group Management Scenarios and Best Practices</i> , Amie Bialo, Seattle Aquarium and Summer Heil, Tracks Software
10:00am – 12:00pm	AnimalCare Software Workshop
12:15pm	Buses depart for Zoo (Begin loading at 12:00pm)
12:30pm – 1:00pm	Arrive at the Zoo/ Group Photo/Welcome/Lunch
1:00pm – 4:30pm	Tour the Zoo (Free time, Behind the Scenes & Animal Encounters)
4:30pm – 6:15pm	Cocktails & Appetizers/ Silent Auction/Auction Reconciliation
6:15pm – 7:45pm	Dinner
8:00pm	Buses depart for hotel (Begin loading at 7:45pm)

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Friday, October 6

8:00am – 8:30am

8:30am – 10:15am

10:15am – 10:30am

10:30am – 11:00am

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5:00pm – 6:00pm

5:00pm – 10:00pm

All Meetings/Sessions held at Embassy Suites South Bend at Notre Dame

Annual Business Meeting Check-In

Annual Business Meeting & Recognition Ceremony

Break

The Power of High Quality Data to Inform Population Management and Husbandry Practices, Dr. Morgane Tidiere, PHD, Evolutionary Biodemography Postdoctoral Research Scientist, Species360, Science Team Southern University of Denmark, Department of Biology

Import/Export and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Kelly Ishmael, Wildlife Inspector, USFWS Office of Law Enforcement Rosemont, IL

The Reimagined and Reconstructed Species Survival Plans: What Does it all Mean?, Lillian Moore, CRA, St. Louis Zoo

Lunch

Eggs: A Story of Conversion, Lisa Fitzgerald, Dallas Zoo

Staying Connected: Partnering with Regulatory Veterinarians, Dr. Jennifer Strasser, District 1 Field Veterinarian, USDA APHIS National Policy Staff

Lincoln Park Zoo's Species Planning Process: Multi-departmental Collaboration, Adrienne Horrigan, Lincoln Park Zoo

Using Tracks Task Module as a Communication Tool Among the Life Sciences Department at Denver Zoo, Jessica Grote, Denver Zoo

Break

Return of the "AZA Transport for Animal care Professionals" Course, Ian Shelley, Maryland Zoo in Baltimore

Rhina in the Air: Using Transport Data as a Lens to Discuss Well-being, Amie Bialo, Seattle Aquarium

The Use of Novel Regenerative Techniques for both Medical and Conservation Practices, Dr. Val Johnson, Assistant Professor, Michigan State University

Closing Remarks/Preview of 2024 ZRA Annual Conference, Annual Conference Leadership Team

Annual Conference Committee Training

Downtown South Bend First Friday Optional Event

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Saturday, October 7

8:30am – 7:00pm (ET)

8:30am (ET)

10:30am – 12:00pm (CT)

12:00 – 12:30 (CT)

12:30pm – 4:00pm (CT)

4:00pm (CT)

Post Conference Trip- Chicago, IL

Wendela Architecture Boat Tour and Lincoln Park Zoo

Bus departs from Hotel (**Begin loading at 8:15am**)

Wendela Architecture Boat Tour

Bus transport from Boat Tour to Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo (free time, lunch on own)

Bus departs for the hotel (**Begin loading at 3:45pm**)

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