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2023 ZRA CONFERENCE | OCTOBER 2-7



south bend, indiana

2023 ZRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Monday, October 2

7:30am – 7:00pm

7:30am

9:30am – 2:30pm

2:30pm – 5:00pm

5:00pm

3:00pm – 7:00pm

Grand Rapids, MI

Pre-Conference Trip – John Ball Zoo and Robinette’s Apple Haus & Winery

Bus departs from Hotel (**Meet in Lobby at 7:15am**)

John Ball Zoo

Robinette’s Apple Haus & Winery

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

Conference Registration Open

Tuesday, October 3

7:00am – 5:00pm

8:00am – 9:00am

9:00am – 12:00pm

12:00pm – 1:00pm

1:00pm – 3:00pm

5:00pm – 10:00pm

5:15pm

6:00pm – 9:00pm

9:00pm

All Session/Workshops held at Embassy Suites

Conference Registration Open

Direct Entry Round Table

Z-CAP (ZRA Committee Action Planning)

Z-CAP Lunch

Species360 Workshop

Icebreaker- Peat’s Cider Social

Bus departs for Peat’s (**Meet in Lobby at 5:00pm**)

Peat’s Cider Social Experience

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

Wednesday, October 4

7:00am- 10:00am

8:15am - 8:30am

8:30am - 9:00am

9:00am – 10:00am

10:00am – 10:15am

10:15am – 11:15am

All Sessions/Workshops held at the Embassy Suites

Conference Registration

Welcome & Opening Remarks

State of the Association

Keynote Speaker

Break

Regulations and Standards for Birds Under the Animal Welfare Act: What Every Zoo’s Attending Veterinarian and Registrar Need to Know, Dr. Jessica Siegal-Willott, USDA

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11:15am – 11:45am	<i>Evolution of Saint Louis Zoo's Training Program: 2013-2022</i> , Rae Lynn Haliday/Lillian Moore, St. Louis Zoo
11:45am – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 1:30pm	<i>National Marine Fisheries Service's Regulatory Insights Regarding Captive Cetaceans and Pinnipeds</i> , Jennifer Skidmore, NOAA
1:30pm – 2:00pm	<i>Myth Busters</i> , USFWS International Affairs
2:00pm – 2:30pm	<i>Return of the "AZA Transport for Animal Care Professionals" Course</i> , Ian Shelley, Maryland Zoo
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Break
2:45pm - 4:45pm	Tracks Workshop
5:00pm – 8:00pm	Member Soiree
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Board Meeting

Thursday, October 5

All Sessions/Workshops held at Embassy Suites

7:30am – 9:00am	Conference Registration Open
8:00am – 8:30am	<i>Introducing New Features in Tracks Software</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
10:00am – 12:00pm	AnimalCare Software Workshop
12:30pm	Buses depart for Zoo (Meet in the Lobby at 12:15pm)
12:40pm - 1:00pm	Arrive at the Zoo/ Group Photo
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Welcome/Lunch
1:30pm – 5:00pm	<i>Tour the Zoo (Free time, Behind the Scenes)</i>
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Cocktails & Appetizers/ Silent Auction
6:30pm – 8:00pm	Dinner
8:00pm	Buses depart from Zoo (Begin loading at 7:45pm)

Friday, October 6

All Meetings/Sessions held at Embassy Suites

8:00am – 8:30am	Annual Business Meeting Check-In
8:30am – 10:15am	Annual Business Meeting & Recognition Ceremony
10:15am – 10:30am	Break

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10:30am – 11:00am	<i>New! ZIMS Daily Activity</i> , Nannette Driver-Ruiz, Species360
11:00am – 11:30am	<i>Import/Export and the US Fish and Wildlife Service</i> , Kelly Ishmael, USFWS
11:30am – 12:00pm	<i>The Reimagined and Reconstructed Species Survival Plans: What Does it all Mean?</i> , Lillian Moore, St. Lois Zoo
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 1:30pm	<i>Eggs: A Story of Conversion</i> , Lisa Fitzgerald, Dallas Zoo
1:30pm – 2:00pm	<i>Stay Connected: Partnering with Regulatory Veterinarians</i> , Dr. Jennifer Strasser, Indiana State Board of Animal Health
2:00pm – 2:30pm	<i>Lincoln Park Zoo's Species Planning Process: Multi-departmental Collaboration</i> , Adrienne Horrigan, Lincoln Park Zoo
2:30pm – 3:00pm	<i>Using Tracks Task Module as a Communication Tool Among the Life Sciences Department at Denver Zoo</i> , Jessica Grote, Denver Zoo
3:00pm – 3:15pm	Break
3:15pm – 3:45pm	<i>Utilizing Keeper-generated Notes on ZIMS for Analysis: A Guide</i> , Mark Roth, Living Desert Zoo and Gardens
3:45pm – 4:15pm	<i>Rhina in the Air: Using Transport Data as a Lens to Discuss Well-being</i> , Amie Bialo, Seattle Aquarium
4:15pm – 4:45pm	<i>The Use of Novel Regenerative Techniques for both Medical and Conservation Practices</i> , Dr. Val Johnson, Michigan State University
4:45pm – 5:00pm	Closing Remarks/Preview of 2024 ZRA Annual Conference, Annual Conference Leadership Team
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Annual Conference Committee Training
5:00pm - 10:00pm	Downtown South Bend First Friday Optional Event
Saturday, October 7	Chicago, IL
7:30am – 7:00pm	Post Conference Trip- Wendella Boat Tour and Lincoln Park Zoo
7:30am	Bus departs from Hotel (Meet in Lobby at 7:15am)
9:30am – 12:00pm	Wendella Architecture Boat Tour
12:00pm – 4:45pm	Lincoln Park Zoo
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Bus departs for the hotel (Begin loading at 4:45pm)

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