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## **Military Free Days at the Birmingham Zoo to Celebrate Independence Day**

BIRMINGHAM, AL – The Birmingham Zoo invites families and friends to come out during the Fourth of July to visit the animals and take part in the Zoo's many activities. In honor of our nation's birthday, all active and retired military and their dependents get free admission to the Zoo on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> with valid military identification. There will also be a celebration for the Zoo's three African Red River Hogs 7<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Star, Spangle and Banner are sisters who were born on July 4, 2006. During the celebration, guests can learn interesting facts about Red River Hogs through an educational keeper chat and watch as Star, Spangle and Banner receive patriotic enrichment birthday gifts. The Red River Hog exhibit is located in the Savannah and features a lookout station where guests can view Star, Spangle and Banner.

In addition, visitors are invited to explore the Zoo's newest exhibit, Dino Discovery presented by Wells Fargo. This limited-time exhibit gives guests the opportunity to hear dinosaurs roar, see them move and take in a pre-historic experience. Dino Discovery takes guests on an expedition down a trail filled with magnificent creatures that once roamed the earth over 160 million years



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ago. Visit the Red Diamond Sea Lion Splash Show, which features an even closer look at this aquatic species and showcases new behaviors from the Zoo's California sea lions like back flips, high jumps and a balancing act. The Wildlife Show, another guest favorite, is an exciting and educational narrated presentation of a variety of animals trained to exhibit their natural behaviors.

Other activities include feeding the giraffes at the Kiwanis Giraffe Encounter, learning about the African bull elephants during the Boma Encounter, getting up close and personal with African lions at Predator Zone, feeding the lorikeets, enjoying Granny's Butterfly Garden, cooling off in the Splash Pads, participating in a pelican feeding and much more.

For more information about the Birmingham Zoo, please visit [www.birminghamzoo.com](http://www.birminghamzoo.com).

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