



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Surprise Guests and Joyous Performances during ZooLight Safari Presented by Wells Fargo at the Birmingham Zoo

BIRMINGHAM, AL – *ZooLight Safari present by Wells Fargo* will feature special nights with surprise guests to help spread the incredible holiday magic! Be amazed by enchanting illuminations and sparkling lights. Enjoy the sounds of seasonal songs and holiday classics as you sing along with our *Singing Santa* during performances at the Safari Peak. Delight in delicious treats and decadent desserts at the S'mores & More station!

Guests will be captivated by the festive décor as they join Santa and characters, for the lighting ceremony of our nearly 30 ft. tall tree of lights. Take a merry ride on the Shipt Candy Cane Train, go for a spin on the Jingle Bell Carousel, dash down the Yuletide Slide, hop on the Santa Rollers, and enjoy fun holiday themed games on Henley Park!

Love Santa? Capture the joy of your loved ones in a photo with Santa at the Holiday Card Photo Op. Get creative making crafts, decorating ornaments, and writing letters to Santa. Dance and sing the night away under the stars with spectacular live entertainment. Start a new holiday tradition with the Birmingham Zoo during the 2018 *ZooLight Safari presented by Wells Fargo!*

ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS

TREE LIGHTING

December 7 – 7:00pm @ Safari Peak in Trails of Africa

ENTERTAINMENT

Singing Santa Show

6:00pm every night @ Safari Peak in Trails of Africa

Magic City Literacy Council

December 7- 9 – Story times each night at 5:30pm, 6pm, 6:30pm, 7pm, 7:30pm, 8pm, 8:30pm @ Henley Park

*Bring a baby or children's book to donate to our cause, Books for Babes, and you will get ONE FREE Zoo Ride ticket per guest at the entrance! Baby books will be donated to families at UAB hospital to promote family literacy.

Santa & Showstoppers Promotions Singers

December 9

Beverly's Dance Studio Night

December 15 – 6:00pm - 8:00pm @ Safari Peak in Trails of Africa

Bella Prima Dance Studio Night

December 18 @ Safari Peak in Trails of Africa

Blue Grass Christmas Featuring The Allen Tolbert Project

December 20

Americana Christmas Featuring Durand Robinson

December 20

Santa & Showstoppers Promotions Singers

December 23

SPECIAL GUESTS

Birmingham Children's Theater

December 7 – 5:30pm - 7:30pm

*Characters from the current BCT productions, *Peter Pan* and *The Snowy Day*

Miss Alabama Outstanding Teen Night

December 8

Your Favorite Holiday Mouse

December 14

International Crane Foundation : Whooping Crane Mascot

December 15

Miss Alabama Night featuring 2013 Chandler Champion

December 16

Cinderella Queens

December 16

National American Miss of Alabama

December 19

Santa and Mrs. Clause Night

December 22

Miss Appalachian Valley-Greeter

December 22

International Crane Foundation : Whooping Crane Mascot

December 29

SANTA

Pictures with Santa

5:00 - 5:45pm and 7:00 - 8:45pm every night @ Safari Peak in Trails of Africa

Singing Santa Show

6:00pm every night @ Safari Peak in Trails of Africa

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December 9

December 23

RIDES

Shipt Candy Cane Train, Jingle Bell Carousel, Yuletide Slide, & Santa Rollers

5:00 - 8:45pm every night

*all rides are an additional cost

GAMES

Mistletoe Maze, Reindeer Ring Toss, & more!

5:00 - 8:45pm every night @ Henley Park

CRAFTS

Letters to Santa

5:00 - 8:45pm Dec 7 – 23 @ Children's Zoo

Ornaments

5:00 - 8:45pm every night @ Children's Zoo

Holiday Sensory Bins

5:00 - 8:45pm every night @ Children's Zoo

ZOO GIFT SHOP

Open every night from 5:00 - 9:00pm

FOOD & BEVERAGES

S'mores & More

5:00 - 8:30pm every night @ Safari Peak

*Alcoholic Beverages Available — ages 21 up

Nourish 205 Restaurant

5:00 - 8:30pm every night with a holiday menu available @ Children's Zoo

Wild Burger Restaurant

5:00 - 8:30pm Sunday – Thursday for snacks & drinks ONLY @ Safari Peak

5:00 - 8:30pm Friday & Saturday with a limited food menu @ Safari Peak

Side Track Snack Station

5:00 - 8:30pm every night @ train depot

HOURS & PRICING

WHEN

December 7 – 9

December 14 – 23

December 26 – 31

*The Zoo will CLOSE EARLY at 4pm every night of ZooLight Safari.

TIME

5:00 - 9:00pm

WHERE

Birmingham Zoo

PRICING

***Members** Free Admission

Non-Members \$10 Admission

Ride Tickets \$3.50 — not included with admission

Unlimited Attraction Wristband \$10 — not included with admission

PARKING

Parking at the Zoo is FREE

**Purchase a Premium Parking Space for \$10 — Parking spaces must be purchased in advance. Guests must have printed parking pass in dashboard of car.

WEATHER

**Weather Permitting – ZooLight Safari and all related activities are dependent on weather conditions and are subject to change.

LINKS

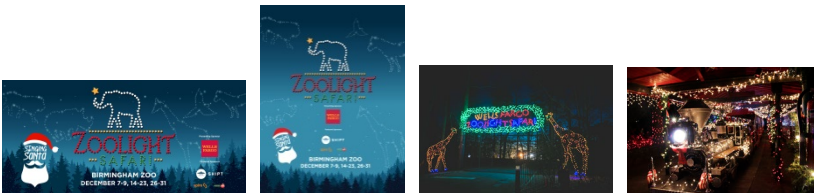
Event Tickets

https://tickets.birminghamzoo.com/Sales/SpecialEvents/SpecialEvents.aspx?_ga=2.226273683.880196852.1543847437-317413297.1542837355

Zoo Logo & ZooLight Safari Logo attached



ZooLight Safari Photos attached



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ABOUT THE BIRMINGHAM ZOO

The Birmingham Zoo is an independent, not for profit, 501(c)(3) organization and is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).

Our mission: *Inspiring passion to conserve the natural world.*

Approximately 900 animals of 230 species call the Birmingham Zoo home, including sea lions, zebras, rhinos and endangered species from six continents. The Birmingham Zoo is a non-profit and is open daily from 9am to 5pm. Regular admission is \$17* for adults and \$14* for senior citizens and military and \$12* for children ages 2-12 (*Price not including tax). All Birmingham Zoo Members and children under two-years-old receive free admission. The Birmingham Zoo is the only AZA accredited Zoo in the state of Alabama.

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