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Media Preview: WildLights presented by Sound Credit Union

WHAT: Woodland Park Zoo is beaming with holiday cheer all season long during its fifth annual winter lights festival, WildLights presented by Sound Credit Union. **The press is invited to a preview of WildLights Tuesday, November 22, 5:30-7:00 p.m.**



The illuminating, after-hours event will kick off to the general public Friday, November 25, 2016, and continue through Sunday, January 1, 2017, 5:30-8:30 p.m. nightly. WildLights will be closed December 24 and 25. Over 600,000 energy-efficient LED lights illuminate the paths of Woodland Park Zoo through dazzling displays of wild animals and exotic destinations including "African Water Hole," "Jungle Lights" and "Northern Lights."

WildLights guests can enjoy brilliant indoor and outdoor displays, a peacock scavenger hunt, a Winter Warm Up area, a ride on the zoo's decorated Historic Carousel (additional fee) and a visit from Santa and a couple of his reindeer! Zoomazium, the zoo's indoor nature play space, will be transformed into Snowmazium which will be open every night for storytelling and the ever-popular [faux] snowball fights. While most of the zoo's animals will be nestled in for the night, a few creatures will still be stirring at the Day Exhibit, which showcases reptiles, amphibians and a tree kangaroo, and in the Adaptations Building, which houses sloths, Indian flying foxes, Komodo dragons and meerkats. In addition, the zoo's birds of prey, porcupine and other ambassador animals will make scheduled appearances at the Raptor Center Fridays through Sundays during WildLights.

The fifth annual WildLights will feature a new Winter Warm Up area, located at the southwest corner of the Rain Forest Food Pavilion and open every night to guests of all ages. The covered, outdoor area includes a cozy fire pit and gives guests a place to sit and relax while taking in the lights. The Winter Warm Up area offers delicious winter treats including mini donuts, apple fritters, chowder, chili and pizza as well as hot cider, hot cocoa, coffee, espresso, hot tea, soda and water. Guests 21 and older can enjoy a selection of bottled beer, draft beer, cider, spiked hot cider, mulled wine, red wine and white wine while cozying up under the covered [outdoor] space. ID is required to order alcoholic beverages.

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WHERE: Meet PR staff at the West Entrance at Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts. Park in the Penguin Lot at N. 55th St. & Phinney Ave. N. or Otter Lot off N. 59th St. & Phinney Ave. N.

INFO: WildLights tickets can be purchased online by visiting zoo.org/wildlights or at zoo gates during regular zoo hours. Night-of-event tickets will be sold at the zoo's West Entrance, if not sold out. WildLights will be a rain or shine event—there will be no ticket refunds.

Adults (13+) \$9.95; Children (3-12) \$7.95; Toddlers (2 and under) free.

Zoo member special offer: \$2 off adult tickets purchased through December 9.

Free parking is available in the Penguin, Otter and Bear parking lots. The Hippo and Flamingo lots will open as needed.

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