WildLights has spirit, how 'bout you? Zoo hosts discounted college night at holiday lights event

WHAT:

Calling all huskies, all cougars, all Vikings and loggers. All bulldogs, all redhawks, and all other college scholars. As students and alumni from schools far and near. the zoo invites you to WildLights for a night of holiday cheer.



Woodland Park Zoo is bringing the student and alumni sections together to celebrate every university and its attendees. On Monday, December 5, for one night only, there are no redshirts needed as everyone is eligible to participate in College Night at WildLights presented by Sound Credit Union. To participate, simply wear any garb from your college or university such as a jersey, sweatshirt, hat, gloves or beads, or bring your valid student ID, and receive a special discount—your ticket to WildLights will only be \$8.50! This offer is only valid Monday, December 5, 2016, for entry into WildLights. Whether your allegiance is to a local or out-of-state school, you will receive the discount as long as you wear college garb or bring your student ID.

During College Night, guests can enjoy all the great lights and activities available every night throughout WildLights, including brilliant indoor and outdoor displays, a peacock scavenger hunt, a Winter Warm Up area, a ride on the zoo's decorated Historic Carousel and a visit from a couple of Santa's reindeer! Zoomazium, the zoo's indoor nature play space, is transformed into Snowmazium which offers 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.

Die hard tailgaters can stop by the Winter Warm Up area, located at the southwest corner of the Rain Forest Food Pavilion and open to quests of all ages, to enjoy the covered, outdoor area which 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.

WHEN: Monday, December 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Enter through Woodland Park Zoo's West Entrance on Phinney Ave.

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TICKETS: Tickets can be purchased online at <u>zoo.org/wildlights</u> or at zoo gates

during regular zoo hours. Students and alumni of any college or university can purchase their WildLights tickets for \$8.50 on (and for) Monday, December 5, by wearing any garb from their school or bringing a valid student ID to the ticket office located at the zoo's West Entrance. Discounted tickets for College Night can also be purchased online using the promo code "college" anytime until December 5.

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

Free Wi-Fi is available for zoo guests, made possible through products donated by Cisco.

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