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Seattle's wildest holiday lights festival returns 700,000+ lights transform zoo into sparkling winter wonderland

WHAT:

Come one, come all to Woodland Park Zoo's WildLights presented by Sound Credit Union! Grab the whole family and check out more than 700,000 bright and colorful lights recreating wild animals and wild places across the zoo. It's the biggest and brightest WildLights yet -the experience has expanded all the way to the South Entrance!



While taking in the vivid lights, sights, and sounds of WildLights, enjoy close-up animal encounters, faux snowball fights, delicious warm treats and so much more!

> This year, guests can get warm and toasty at the many fire pits located across the zoo. To top it off, make-your-own s'mores kits are available for purchase, along with hot chocolate, fresh hot donuts and other winter favorites.

> Guests 21 and older can enjoy a selection of hand crafted local beer and wine and specialty hot drinks while cozying up under the covered outdoor spaces near the Rain Forest Food Pavilion or Pacific Blue Chowder House. which will feature a selection of house-made chowders, pizza, burgers, and hot drinks. ID is required to order alcoholic beverages.

> While the zoo's animals will be tucked in for the night, select indoor exhibits will be open to explore, such as the Adaptations Building, home to meerkats and nocturnal animals such as sloths and fruit bats. Get up close and personal with one of the zoo's ambassador animals, which will make appearances on weekends throughout WildLights!

WHEN: November 23, 2018 - January 5, 2019, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Closed December 12, 24 and 25.

WHERE: Enter WildLights through the West and South Entrances:

> West Entrance: 5500 Phinney Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103 Cross streets: Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th and N. 56th Sts.

South Entrance: 750 N. 50th St., Seattle, WA 98103 Cross streets: N. 50th St. and Fremont Ave. N.

TICKETS: WildLights tickets go on sale November 1, 2018 at zoo.org/wildlights.

Buv Early and Save

(Tickets purchased from November 1 through December 13, 2018)

Adult: \$11.95 Child: \$9.95 Member: \$9.95

General Admission Tickets

(Tickets purchased from December 14, 2018 through January 5, 2019)

Adult: \$14.95 Child: \$11.95 Member: \$14.95 Tickets can be purchased online by visiting <u>zoo.org/wildlights</u> or at zoo gates during regular zoo hours. Night-of-event tickets will be sold at the zoo's West and South Entrances, if not sold out. WildLights will be a rain or shine event—there will be no ticket refunds.

INFO:

To help reduce overflow parking in the surrounding neighborhoods, parking is free after 4:30 p.m. All parking lots will be open and available to the public as both entrances will be open for entry this year.

Consider taking the bus, biking, walking or carpooling. Conserving resources is one more way to help animals. For bus service to the zoo, visit www.metro.kingcounty.gov.

Fall/winter zoo hours October 1-April 30: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily.

Founded in 1899, Woodland Park Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums and certified by the rigorous American Humane Conservation program. The Humane Certified™ seal of approval is another important validation of the zoo's long-standing tradition of meeting the highest standards in animal welfare. Woodland Park Zoo is helping to save animals and their habitats through more than 30 field projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. Each year, the zoo engages more than a million visitors of all ages, backgrounds, abilities, and walks of life in extraordinary experiences with animals, inspiring them to make conservation a priority in their lives and a difference in our planet's future ecological health and sustainability. Visit www.zoo.org and follow the zoo on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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