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**Lincoln Park**  
**Zoo**

## **Go Ape for Fun, Unique Family Programs at the Zoo in January**

*Chicago, IL (Jan. 5, 2010)* — Make a resolution to enjoy more fun family time together this year. Lincoln Park Zoo is rolling out a suite of new, unique educational programs and entertaining events designed for kids, adults and the entire family throughout the month of January and the rest of the year. Here is what is happening this month at Lincoln Park Zoo:



### **Go Wild at Breakfast with the Apes** (ages 12 years – adult):

**Sunday, January 17**

**9 – 10:30 a.m.**

**\$75 per person** (\$65 for zoo members)

**RSVP** no later than Jan. 11 at [www.lpzoo.org](http://www.lpzoo.org)

Join Lincoln Park Zoo for the wildest breakfast you'll ever eat! Sip a cup of joe with JoJo the gorilla and enjoy a delicious, exclusive buffet breakfast at Regenstein Center for African Apes. Associate Curator of Primates Maureen Leahy will be on hand to share fun, fascinating and wild stories about our chimpanzees and gorillas. After breakfast, enjoy a private viewing of the apes as they explore their habitats – morning is the most active part of their day. Leahy will interpret their behavior and answer questions.

### **Animal Fashion: Cooling Coverings!** (Designed for children in grades 1 – 3)

**Monday, Jan. 18**

**9 – 11 a.m. or 1 – 3 p.m.**

**\$25 per child** (\$20 for zoo members)

**RSVP** at [www.lpzoo.org](http://www.lpzoo.org) or call 312-742-2056; email: [educationprograms@lpzoo.org](mailto:educationprograms@lpzoo.org)

What's your favorite animal look; the black & white striped zebras, the orange printed giraffes or the snow white polar bears? Join Lincoln Park Zoo to explore the world of animal fashion. From bears to birds you will see that fashion is more about survival than good looks.

**Wine & Wildlife: Learn the Truth about Chimpanzees** (adult program; 21 years and older)

**Thursday, Jan. 28**

**6 – 8 p.m.**

**\$35 all inclusive** (\$30 for zoo members)

**RSVP** no later than Jan. 27 at [www.lpzoo.org](http://www.lpzoo.org) or call 312-742-2056



Meet the explorers uncovering the secret world of Congo's chimpanzees. Groundbreaking discoveries never before shared about wild apes are being revealed by Lincoln Park Zoo primatologist Dave Morgan and his research partner and wife Crickette Sanz whom, for the past decade, have braved the steamy, dangerous and often inhospitable remote forests of the Goualougo Triangle in Republic of Congo on a mission to uncover truths about chimpanzees. Their remarkable determination and innovative scientific approaches have uncovered new secrets about some of the world's last remaining great apes. Slated to be featured in *National Geographic Magazine* (Feb. 2010), their work has improved conservation of gorillas and chimpanzees and helped curb illegal poaching. Their investigation of ape behavior and the impacts of logging in this delicate region of the world are positively enhancing the protection of these important endangered species.

For one night only, please join us for an intriguing evening with these explorers as they share their remarkable experiences and pioneering discoveries about mankind's closest living relatives. Learn the truth about chimpanzees. Wine, cheese and light hors d'oeuvres will be served during a reception, followed by the special presentation.

**Bedtime Buddies at Regenstein Center for African Apes** (Designed for children ages 3 -10)

**Friday, Jan. 29**

**7 – 9 p.m.**

**\$35 for kids (and adults) over 2 years.** (\$30 for zoo members)

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Join us for the popular Bedtime Buddies program as we hang out with African apes after dark. Find out what the gorillas and chimpanzees are really up to after the zoo closes at night. Experience a real research camp like those used by research scientists in Africa. Practice making tools like a chimpanzee and take the awesome ape obstacle course to see how you stack up against these jungle giants.

**Rumble in the Jungle: A Family Event**

**Saturday, Jan. 30**

**9 – 11 a.m.**

**\$150 for a family of four, individual tickets also available**

**RSVP** at [www.lpzoo.org](http://www.lpzoo.org) or by calling 312-742-2163

The Auxiliary Board of Lincoln Park Zoo's Family Event, "Rumble in the Jungle" features special performances by Bubbles Academy, Li'l Buds Theatre and Little Miss Ann, face painting, cookie decorating, crafts and an exclusive morning at the zoo that will include keeper stories! The event, which takes place at Regenstein Center for African Apes, typically attracts more than 100 local families each year. Proceeds support the zoo and its department for Conservation and Science.

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#### **ABOUT LINCOLN PARK ZOO**

Lincoln Park Zoo, a historic Chicago landmark founded in 1868, is dedicated to connecting people with nature by providing a free, family-oriented wildlife experience. A leader in conservation science both globally and locally, the zoo exemplifies the highest quality animal care and educational outreach. The not-for-profit zoo, managed by The Lincoln Park Zoological Society, is a member-supported organization and one of the nation's only free, privately managed zoos. For more information, call (312)742-2000 or visit [www.lpzoo.org](http://www.lpzoo.org).