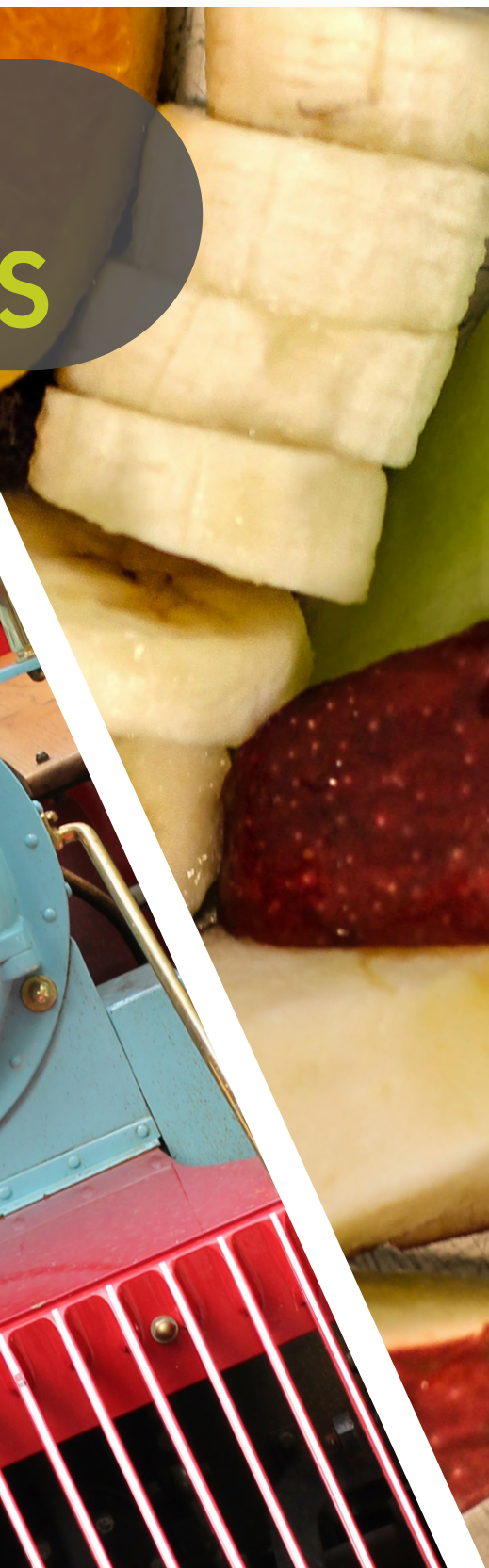
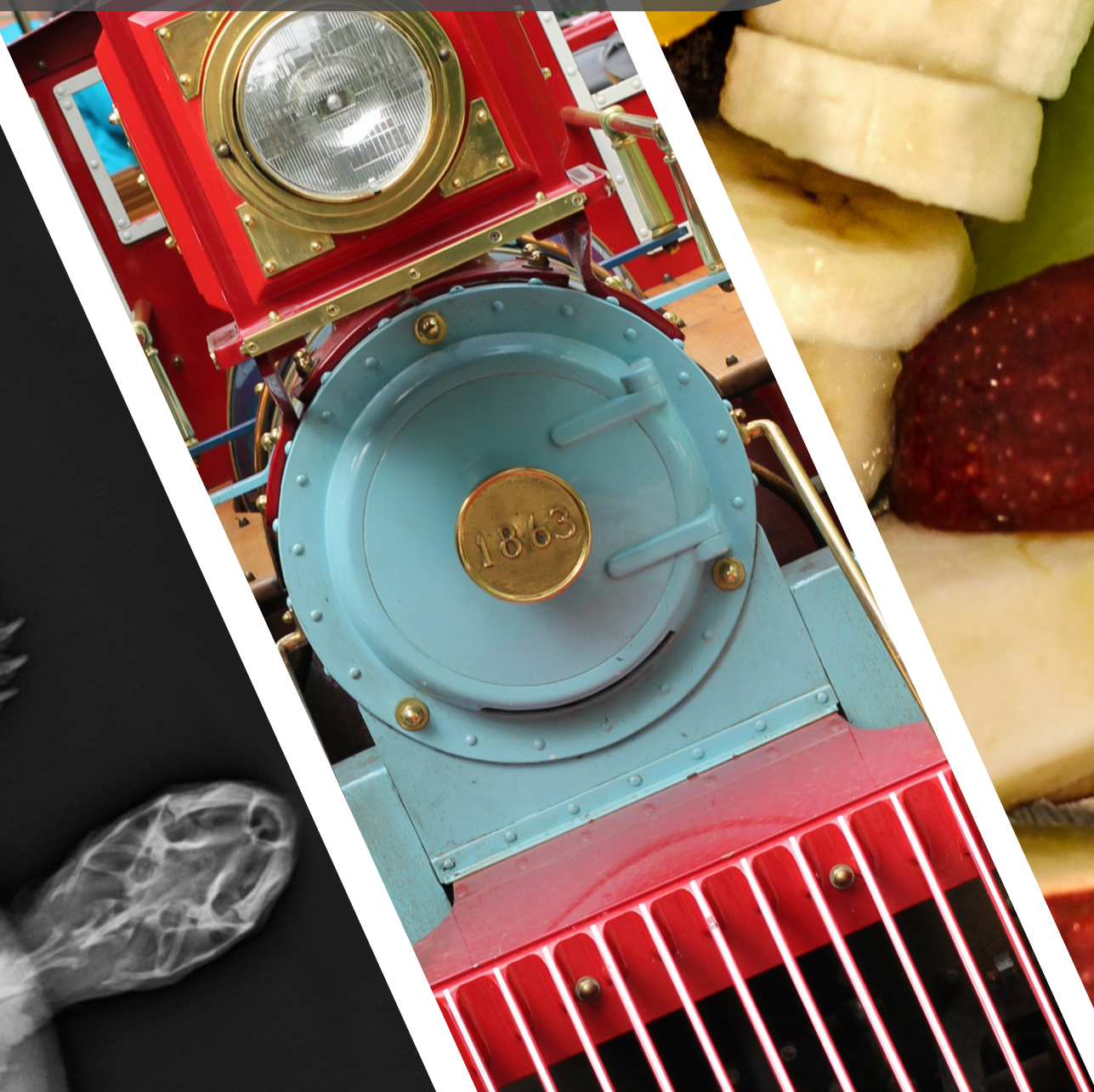


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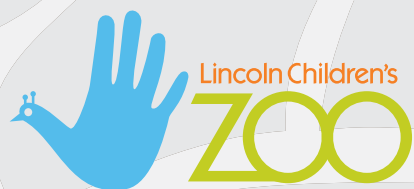


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ENGINE SERVICE

An overhead winch equipped with a chain allows the engine to be lifted from the locomotive. The maintenance team has done this in the past to service and rebuild portions of the engine.

THE PIT

The pit, as the maintenance team calls it, is a space below the locomotive where the train is serviced. The oil is changed every week when the train is in regular operation.

4-CYLINDER

The locomotive houses a 4-cylinder gas engine made by Ford. The engine is similar to what is found in a Ford Ranger truck.

Featured in this photo: Maintenance team members Jacen Graeb and Drew Frederick

TRAIN BAY

The train first started running in 1963, nearly two years before the Zoo's official opening. For over 50 years the train has been an iconic symbol of the Zoo and one of its most popular attractions. Today, nearly 100,000 Zoo guests ride the train annually. The Zoo's maintenance team devotes many hours to keeping it serviced and ready for riders each day.

SPARE PARTS

An inventory of spare parts is kept on hand to allow the train to be serviced quickly. Such spare parts are four dozen brake pads, a starter, fan motor, bearings and train wheels.

TONS & TONS

The locomotive and passenger cars weigh approximately 19,000 pounds. The length of the train is nearly 75 feet long. The entire train can fit inside the maintenance building if needed for servicing.

ABBOTT ANIMAL CARE CENTER

The Abbott Animal Care Center is an on-site veterinary clinic that allows zookeepers to provide proactive and immediate care to the Zoo's animals. Veterinarians and veterinarian technicians visit the Zoo on a regular basis for exams and to perform procedures. The equipment found in the care center is similar to that found in veterinarian clinics and even dentist and doctor offices.

SQUEAKY CLEAN

Medical instruments are sterilized in the autoclave. The autoclave is a pressure chamber that supplies high pressure saturated steam at 249 degrees to the instruments inside.

STAYING WARM

Two incubators are available in the care center. These incubators provide a warm and often life-saving setting for newborn animals. The incubators have been used in the past for red panda cubs, wallaby joeys and ducklings.

Featured in this photo: Veterinarian Dr. Falloon and veterinarian technician Linda Bowers



EXAM TABLE

The operating table is where most of the exams and procedures take place. Animals are typically given anesthesia which allows the veterinarian and zookeepers to fully examine the animal and operate if needed.

SUPPLIES

A variety of medical items, including syringes, vials and emergency supplies are stored in the care center. The storage of these items allow for immediate care in emergency and non-emergency situations.

GOOD TEETH

Dental equipment, similar to what is found at dentist offices, allows Zoo staff to clean and operate on animals. Most animals have annual dental exams.

X-RAY

A digital x-ray machine is housed in a separate room. These x-ray images are available nearly immediately after they are taken, allowing for quick and optimal care of the Zoo's animals.



FASCINATING FACTS

- AMONG THE MOST ENDANGERED PRIMATES IN THE WORLD
- LICK RAIN OR DEW OFF LEAVES FOR WATER
- BOND WITH EACH OTHER BY GROOMING

hello
my name is

Syd
(the cotton-top tamarin)



COLLECTIBLE POSTER

ANIMAL DIET KITCHEN

The diet kitchen at Lincoln Children's Zoo is where almost every meal for the Zoo's animals is made. The kitchen is located in the Animal Kingdom and houses a large variety of fruits, vegetables, meats and specially formulated meals. Zookeepers prepare over 350 meals a day for the approximately 400 animals living at the Zoo. Interns and Zoo Crew assist zookeepers in meal preparation.



LOTS OF FISH

Each penguin eats about 2 pounds of fish a day. That means the eight penguins eat 112 pounds a week and 5,824 pounds a year.

TREATS

Some of the animals at the Zoo get treats just like people do. On special occasions they may get marshmallows, peanut butter, applesauce, cereal, trail mix and even ice cream cones.

HEALTHY EATS

15 different bins contain grain, leaf-eater biscuits and a variety of animal-specific chows like those for macaws, lemurs and tortoises. There are up to 225 pounds of grain and chow in the kitchen at any given time.

DISHES

The dishes used to prepare food go through the same sanitation process that restaurants use.

FRESH FOOD

The big cats in the Zoo eat about 5 pounds of meat a day. That meat is held in refrigerators along with vegetables and fruits. All of the items are fresh and are either purchased by the Zoo or donated.

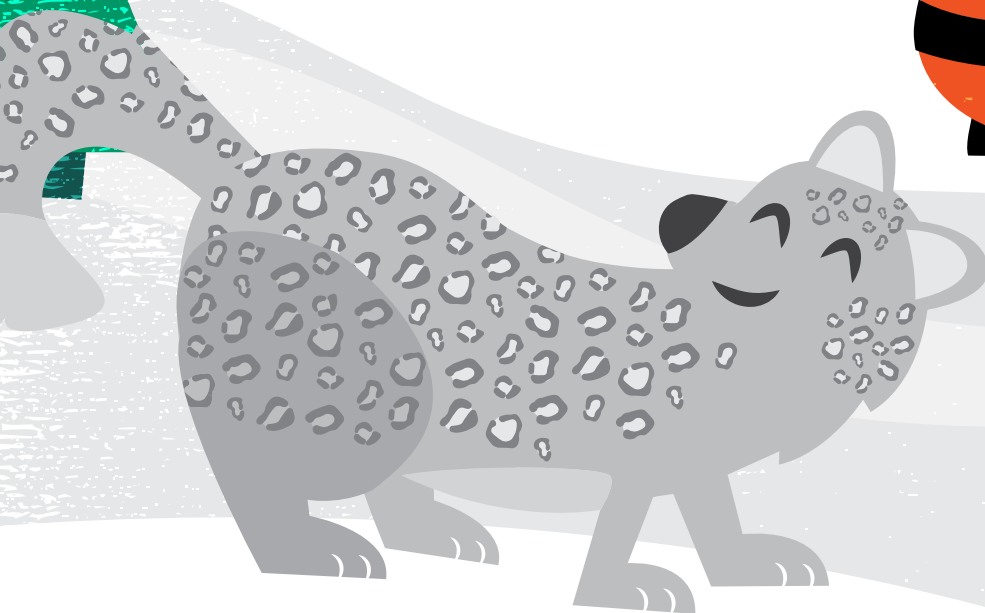
DIET PLAN

Each animal at the Zoo has a specific diet that often mimics what they would eat in the wild. Zookeepers prepare meals on a daily basis and many animals are fed twice each day.

NORTH POLE EXPRESS



Lincoln Children's ZOO



Holiday Train Ride • Hot Chocolate • Santa • Cookie Decorating • & More!

More Dates
Than Ever!

December
1-4 • 9-11 • 16-18

NEW! Lincoln Children's Zoo members receive exclusive early access to purchase tickets beginning Nov. 1. General public ticket sales begin Nov. 15. Tickets may sell out. Advanced ticket purchase is highly recommended.

ZOO CALENDAR

WE WILL SEE YOU AT THE ZOO

SEPT

EVERY TUES &
THURS IN SEPT.

SENIOR DISCOUNT DAYS

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Lincoln Children's Zoo | Every Tuesday & Thursday in September
Senior citizens (62 and older) receive half price admission every Tuesday and Thursday in the month of September.

WED 7

MEMBER EXTRA HOURS

& WED 14

9 a.m. – 7 p.m. | Lincoln Children's Zoo

Lincoln Children's Zoo members get exclusive extra hours from 9 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Plus, take advantage of great perks including discounted train rides, free cookies from Runza for the first 1,000 people, giveaways for children and additional Animal Encounter shows! The Zoo is open to non-members 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



First National Bank

OCT

WED 5

SENSORY SAFARI

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Lincoln Children's Zoo | Register at LincolnZoo.org

Visually and sensory impaired guests will have the opportunity to touch, feel, hear and smell at interpretative stations located throughout the Zoo. Sensory Safari is possible through a partnership with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.



FRI 14

ANIMAL PLANET & JR. ZOO VET CAMPS (LPS ELEMENTARY NOT IN SESSION)

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Ages 5-7 & 8-10 | Members: \$45, Non-Members: \$60 | Register at LincolnZoo.org

MON 17

CRITTER KEEPERS & JR. ZOOKEEPER CAMPS (LPS NOT IN SESSION)

& TUES 18

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Ages 5-7 & 8-10 | Members: \$60, Non-Members: \$75 | Register at LincolnZoo.org

SUN 16

LAST DAY FOR 2016 ZOO SEASON

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Lincoln Children's Zoo

WED 26 TO

BOO AT THE ZOO

SUN 30

5:30 – 8:00 p.m. | Purchase tickets at LincolnZoo.org | Lincoln Children's Zoo

Boo at the Zoo is Lincoln's largest trick-or-treat event. The entire family will love stopping at nearly 40 trick-or-treat booths to get candy, coupons and more. All of the money raised during Boo at the Zoo directly supports the Zoo and its animals. Meals from Raising Canes will be available to purchase.



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THURS 1 TO

HOLIDAY SHOPPING HOURS

FRI 23

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Treetop Toys Gift Shop at Lincoln Children's Zoo

This holiday season, surprise the ones you live with a membership to the Lincoln Children's Zoo! Treetop Toys will be open for holiday shopping and membership purchases in December. Pick up a cute plush, fun apparel or choose from a large selection of animal-themed toys. Your holiday gift purchases help to care for the Zoo's animals during the winter months.

1-4

NORTH POLE EXPRESS MORE DATES THAN EVER BEFORE!

9-11

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Purchase tickets at LincolnZoo.org | Lincoln Children's Zoo

& 16-18

Board the Zoo's train for a journey to Santa's Village in the North Pole! Once inside the Zoo, your winter wonderland experience includes hot chocolate, cookie decorating and a visit to Santa's workshop to see the big man himself. Tickets include admission, a train ride and all activities. **NEW!** Lincoln Children's Zoo members receive exclusive early access to purchase tickets beginning Nov. 1. General public ticket sales begin Nov. 15. Tickets may sell out. Advanced ticket purchase is highly recommended.

FRI 23

NEW! ANIMAL ELVES CAMPS (LPS NOT IN SESSION)

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ANIMAL PLANET

8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. | AGES 5–7

JR. ZOO VET

8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. | AGES 8–10

MON – TUES OCT 17 – 18

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CRITTER KEEPERS

8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. | AGES 5–7

JR. ZOOKEEPER

8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. | AGES 8–10

FRIDAY, NOV 28

MEMBERS: \$45 | NON-MEMBERS: \$60
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ZOO ACTION HEROES

8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. | AGES 5–7

JR. ZOOLOGISTS

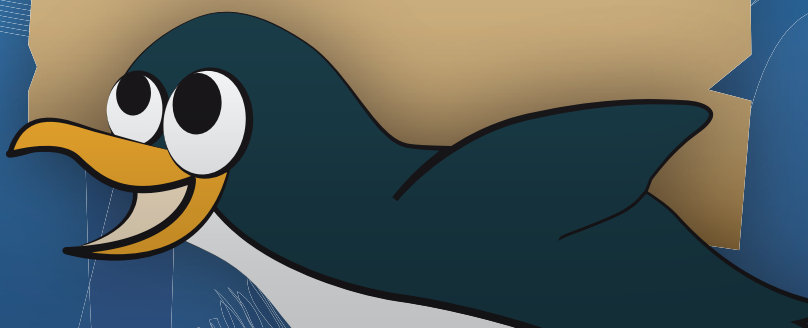
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LPS NOT IN SESSION

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8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
AGES 5–7 & 8–10



TOTS & TURTLES

Lincoln Children's ZOO

Tots & Turtles Ages 2–4 + Parent

Wednesdays | 10 – 11 a.m. | Sept. 14 – Oct. 19

Thursdays | 10 – 11 a.m. | Sept. 15 – Oct. 20

Tots & Turtles is a toddler/parent program that will introduce your child to interactive environments filled with learning opportunities. Each week children and parents will meet a new animal friend and take part in activities designed to assist with toddler development. Each session is limited to 15 families to ensure individual attention.

Members: \$75 | Non-Members: \$85

Register online at LincolnZoo.org

BOO AT THE ZOO

A LETTER FROM THE WIZARD

Hello all you trick-or-treaters out there!

It's me, the Wizard! Halloween is my favorite time of the year because it's Boo at the Zoo, and I couldn't be more excited! I get to see all of you little trick-or-treaters come to the Zoo for Lincoln's biggest Halloween event. This year I have lined up nearly 40 trick-or-treat stations that will give out over 1 million pieces of gooey chewy, sticky lick candy! This will be my 30th year being the head wizard of Boo at the Zoo so I've decided to go back in time and share with you some great Halloween memories!

I'll see you at Boo at the Zoo October 26-30, sponsored by our friends at Spreetail for a merry, not scary good time!

Hauntingly yours,
The Wizard



30 years ago the most popular costume in the country was Alf from the NBC TV show.



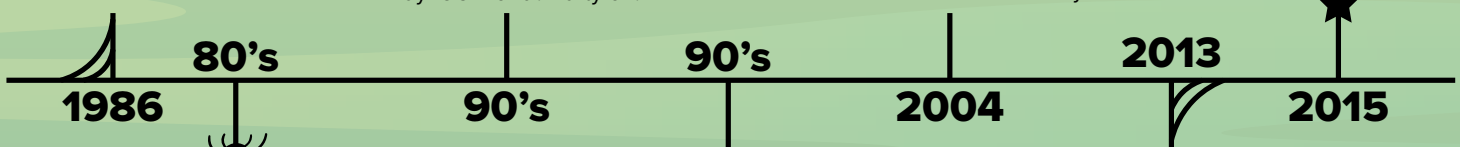
The 90s brought an entirely new variety of pop culture costumes. Who didn't want to be Wayne and Garth from Wayne's World? Party on!



In 2004, Buddy the Elf, played by Will Ferrell, became an instant Halloween favorite costume and is still today!



Of course, the most popular costume in 2015 was Star Wars!



In the 80s, Chick-o-Stick, Candy Wax Bottles, Necco Assorted Wafers and Abba Zabba bars were all among the most popular candies for trick-or-treaters!



Gummi Mini Burgers, Baby Bottle Pops, Goop Gum and the Snap N Glow Lollipop were favorite treats in the 90s!



In 2013, over 600 million pounds of candy were given out at Halloween! That is equivalent to the weight of six Titanic ships!





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BOO AT THE ZOO



NEARLY 40 TRICK-OR-TREAT BOOTHS

OCTOBER 26, 27, 28, 29 & 30 | 5:30 – 8:00 P.M.

SAVE TIME! PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE ONLINE OR AT THE ZOO TODAY

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