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GREENVILLE ZOO OFFERS HANDS-ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Programs designed for children to learn about and interact with Zoo animals

Greenville, S.C. – Children have the opportunity to discover the fascinating world of animals through the Greenville Zoo's hands-on educational programs. During the months of November and December, the Zoo will offer Zoo Tots and Saturday Safaris which are intended to help children develop an understanding of animals at an early age.

Zoo Tots combines "on your own explore time" with a more structured "animal time" and is designed for one parent and their toddler, ages 2 and 3. Saturday Safaris provide children ages 4 to 8 with the opportunity to learn about animals through educational lessons, games and activities, trips into the Zoo and interactions with animals in the classroom. Arts and craft time are also included with both programs. Classes are \$15 for Zoo members; \$25 for non-members. Programs are limited to 14 children and pre-registration is required.

For more information or to download registration forms, visit the Zoo's website at www.greenvillezoo.com or call the Greenville Zoo Education Department at 467-4850. A program schedule is also included on the last page.

About Greenville Zoo

Rated one of the best tourist attractions in South Carolina, the Greenville Zoo is an exotic animal kingdom located in

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downtown Greenville. Operated by the City of Greenville, the 14-acre facility features wildlife from around the world including giraffes, monkeys, giant tortoises and elephants. Visitors can also enjoy one of the Zoo's most popular exhibits, the Reptile Building, which is home to a variety of lizards, frogs, turtles and snakes. Additional attractions include Cleveland Park which features a children's playground, picnic tables, walking paths and plenty of wide open green spaces.

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Zoo Tots Schedule

November 18 and 21: Animal ABCs and 123s

Explore the world of numbers and letters with the Zoo's animals.

November 18: 11:15 a.m. - Noon for 3-year olds

November 21: 10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m. for 2-year-olds

11:15 a.m. - Noon for 3-year olds

December 5, 9 and 12: Winter Wonderland

Explore what changes take place in a winter wonderland.

December 5: 11:15 a.m. - Noon for 3-year olds

December 9: 11:15 a.m. - Noon for 3-year olds

December 12: 10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m. for 2-year-olds

11:15 a.m. - Noon for 3-year olds

Saturday Safaris Schedule

November 14: Your Big Backyard

Join the Zoo as we take a look at the animals in your "big" backyard.

November 14: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. for ages 6 to 9

December 19: Animal Winter Olympics

Discover who the record holders are when the temperature drops and why they are famous.

December 19: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. for ages 4 to 5