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SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT TO HOST WINTERLAND HOLIDAY ZOO LIGHTS AT THE HENSON ROBINSON ZOO THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

[Springfield, IL] The Springfield Park District will host its annual Holiday Light event at the Henson Robinson Zoo! We have expanded and created new and exciting displays to enjoy this year.

The event hosted it’s opening weekend November 29-Dec 1 and will be spread throughout the Zoo grounds, consisting of a walking tour set to Cool 93.9 Holiday Music, thousands of twinkling lights and animated LED light displays! Plan to check out the full light schedule for all the dates we will be open on our Website – click on What’s New at www.springfieldparks.org.

Times are 5pm – 9pm with the last admission sold at 8:30pm. Admission is $7 for Adults; $5 for Kids (ages 3-12); Children 2 and under FREE.

LIGHTS SCHEDULE:

**FRI-SUNDAY**

Dec 6-8
Dec 13-15
Dec 27-29

**Week before Christmas**

Dec 18-23

You’ll want to stroll down “candy cane lane” and purchase s’more fixings from our zookeepers to benefit the animals. Don’t forget to pick up a pair of our SUPER COOL 3-D Glasses while you are there! They make all the twinkling lights come to life!
Grab the family and gather at our photo booth opportunities for all your holiday pics at the “Zoo-Choo” in the lobby!

Come see the Zoo critters as they enjoy the lights too; red wolves, eagles, barnyard animals, cougars, African Painted Dogs, birds of prey and many others are all out on the grounds still this time of year!

There will be bonus features scheduled for certain dates over the weekends, so you will want to keep an eye on our schedule for all the extras!

- Saturday, December 14th – **Ugly Sweater Day and Contest** Everyone wearing an ugly sweater gets in for $4. Contest at 7:30 pm
- Thursday, December 19th, Friday, December 20th, and Saturday, December 21st – **Visit with Santa**!
- Friday, December 20th **Red Gate Farm Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides** from 5p – 8p, just $3 with Zoo Lights admission.
- Saturday, December 21th a spectacular **Ice Sculptor** 6p – 8p

**Winterland Holiday Zoo Lights** is weather permitting should we get any freezing rain or deep snow, so check out our Facebook page or call if we have inclement weather. The Springfield Park District’s Henson Robinson Zoo is located at 1100 East Lake Drive, Springfield and may be contacted at (217) 585-1821.

*The Park District is excited to be able to host this event, but it would not be possible without the generous support of the following media partner and corporate sponsors:*

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For more information on this event and others going on within the Springfield Park District, please visit our website at [www.springfieldparks.org](http://www.springfieldparks.org).