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See Where Life Connects at *Sunset at the Zoo*

Annual 21-and-older fundraising gala returns June 21 to the Detroit Zoo

ROYAL OAK, Mich. (May 31, 2024) – The [Detroit Zoological Society](#) (DZS) invites the community to see where life connects at an event like no other.

[Sunset at the Zoo](#), presented by KeyBank, is back from 7 to 11 p.m. on Friday, June 21. This exclusive 21-and-older fundraising gala offers a unique experience with a strolling dinner featuring the finest restaurants in metro Detroit and more than a dozen food trucks, an open bar, special access to the Detroit Zoo’s habitats until twilight, a silent auction, live entertainment, live speed painting and much more.

Themed Where Life Connects, this year’s *Sunset at the Zoo* highlights the many ways the DZS creates meaningful connections between people, animals and the natural world so all can thrive. The funds raised at this event will directly support the daily work that drives this mission – providing unique, up-close opportunities to connect with animals, creating programs that foster empathy and understanding, and collaborating with partners across the globe to safeguard wildlife and their habitats.

“*Sunset at the Zoo* is more than just an incredible evening at the Zoo — it’s also our biggest fundraiser of the year,” said Randi Hamilton, chief experience officer. “Every ticket purchased helps ignite positive change for animals and nature while helping to ensure the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Center can continue to be places where people create connections and memories that last a lifetime.”

Advance tickets for *Sunset at the Zoo* can be purchased online at sunsetatthetoo.org. Tickets start at \$250 for a main event ticket. VIP tickets, which include exclusive amenities and a VIP reception, are \$600 each. Discounted group packages are also available.

Also returning this year is the Great Zoo Giveaway, a rousing raffle hosted in conjunction with *Sunset at the Zoo*.

A raffle prize package containing exclusive behind-the-scenes Zoo experiences, incredible animal encounters, a one-night stay in a luxury suite at the Kingsley Bloomfield Hills, plus breakfast for four at Zalman’s on Woodward, a travel voucher and a dining certificate to Madam Restaurant in Birmingham, Michigan will be awarded to one lucky winner. This incredible experience is available for up to four guests, ages 8 or older. An adult must accompany all participants under the age of 18.



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Sunset ticket holders — as well as the general public — can visit sunsetatthetoo.org and purchase an unlimited number of tickets from June 1 to June 28 for their chance to win this prize package. Tickets for the Great Zoo Giveaway are \$5 each, five for \$20 or 20 for \$100.

The Detroit Zoo will be closed Friday, June 21 to prepare for the event.

Sunset at the Zoo is also supported by VIP sponsor DTE Foundation, along with the Cotton Family, Doetsch Environmental Services, Grays Outdoor Services, IBEW Local 58, Kelly Houseman Counseling, Mario Morrow and Associates LLC, Suburban Subaru of Troy and Taft.