

**Zoo Lights presented by Red River Co-op
Returns to Assiniboine Park Zoo November 26 – January 2**

— Tickets on Sale November 10 —

For immediate release: Winnipeg, November 5, 2021 – The Assiniboine Park Conservancy (APC) is thrilled to announce that Zoo Lights presented by Red River Co-op will return to Assiniboine Park Zoo this winter and run over the course of 32 nights from November 26, 2021 to January 2, 2022.

“Launched in 2019, Zoo Lights is a fun, joyful event that has been embraced by Winnipeggers, Manitobans, and visitors to our city. We are so excited to bring it back!” said Laura Cabak, Director of Communications & Public Relations, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “The light displays are simply phenomenal and every year there is something new to see!”

Zoo Lights features a visually stunning array of light installations, from traditional tree wrapping to the latest technology in outdoor lighting and projection. Displays are spread out along pathways on a 2 km loop and feature close to 1.5 million lights.

This year, live music and entertainment will be offered in two heated event tents at opposite ends of the Zoo. Food and beverage service will be available at the Zoo’s Tundra Grill restaurant, Winston’s concession, and both entertainment tents. While there will be places for visitors to warm-up inside, the experience is mostly outdoors, so guests are encouraged to embrace winter and dress for the weather.

Tickets are on sale Wednesday, November 10. Tickets must be purchased in advance either online or at the Zoo entrance during daytime hours of operation. Zoo Lights will be open nightly from 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Ticket Information:

- Tickets are date and time specific. Guests must enter the Zoo within the 30-minute time frame indicated on their ticket. Tickets do not have a designated exit time.
- All guests, regardless of age, require a ticket to be counted toward capacity.
- Tickets for children 2 years of age and under are FREE.
- Tickets for all guests 3 years of age and older are \$12.75 + GST.

Manitoba Public Health Requirements:

- All guests aged 12 and older must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and show valid proof of vaccination. Adults must also present photo ID.
- Children aged 11 and under who are not eligible to be immunized may attend when accompanied by a fully vaccinated adult with valid proof of vaccination.
- Masks are mandatory in all indoor spaces, including the Zoo entrance, washrooms, and entertainment tents. Masks are recommended outdoors when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Zoo Lights is supported by presenting sponsor Red River Co-op, through a multi-year partnership with APC.

“Red River Co-op is proud to continue our sponsorship of Zoo Lights,” said Doug Wiebe, CEO of Red River Co-op. “Our co-operative is a long-time partner of the Assiniboine Park Conservancy and we are excited to be able to help present this event that has become a treasured tradition for family and friends.”

APC is currently recruiting volunteers to support Zoo Lights. Volunteers will enjoy a number of benefits including complimentary Zoo Lights merchandise and the opportunity to earn free tickets for daytime Zoo admission and membership. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age, commit to at least two shifts, and be able to spend extended periods of time outdoors in all kinds of weather.

For more information about the Zoo Lights experience, dates and hours of operations, and volunteer opportunities please visit our website at zoolightswpg.ca.

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