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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Happy Spring Friends and Zoo Supporters!

With Spring we see many changes- new growth and opportunities. As some of you may know, I will be leaving Fargo later this year to be closer to my family in Montana. During my five years in Fargo, has been wonderful. I have never worked with better people or lived in a better community.

No one person is solely responsible for the success of any great organization. The Red River Zoo is a good example. The staff and Board of Directors are 100% dedicated to the Red River Zoo's mission and committed to its success. This dedicated team, along with the overwhelming support of our community, donors, volunteers and members- such as yourself- have made the Red River Zoo into what it is today. A bright shining star for us all to be so proud of.

This year the Red River Zoo embarked on a major new Master Plan to help guide us into the future. This plan will include both the physical layout of your Zoo and a strategic business plan to help the Red River Zoo achieve our goals.

I ask you to consider helping us ensure the success of the Master Plan and your future Zoo by making a donation

to help the Red River Zoo grow. Continue to carry the legacy of our past forward with exciting new additions for many years to come.

It will be hard for me to leave, but I know the Red River Zoo will be in excellent hands. With the ongoing support of our members we will continue to soar. Be sure to come out soon to see the ongoing additions to the wonderful new Children's Zoo Farm and Nature's Playland!

Thank you all for supporting your Zoo and for allowing me the best job in the world for the past five years.

Lisa Tate, Executive Director



BECOME A JUNIOR KEEPER!

Ages 11-17

The Junior Zookeeper Leadership Program allows children aged 11-17 to have access to a wonderful opportunity to learn about the variety of animals at the Zoo, and to share their knowledge with the public. It has proven to be a great way for kids to learn responsibility, build leadership and time management skills, gain self-confidence, and get some quality time observing and learning about wildlife. To apply online please go to <http://redriverzoo.org/junior-zookeeper>

THE NEW INTERPRETIVE CENTER *AND GARDENS*



Have you been to the Zoo this spring? If so, you may have enjoyed spending time in our new Interpretive Center. The Interpretive Center is the large barn-like building which serves as the gateway to the Children's Zoo Farm. We are excited to have this new space, focusing on farming and healthy food, dedicated to independent discovery and providing "hands on" activities.

The Interpretive Center is a transitional space, meant to give visitors the feeling that they have left the Zoo and are being transported to a farm. Inside you will find new exhibits and interactive experiences that will change throughout the year. Our

newest addition is a pollinator exhibit featuring information about the role of pollinators in agriculture. Visitors can watch pollinators in action at the new bee exhibit, which features a colony of bees and a glass "tunnel" that the bee's use to venture outdoors. Families are encouraged to spend time engaging in



creative play at activity stations inside the Interpretive Center. The activity stations are themed and change regularly. Kids can dress up like a zoo vet and view animal x rays, pretend to be a farmer and "plant" crops, or complete a pollinator puzzle with their parents.

The Interpretive Center has a gift shop which features award winning toys. The toys are focused on building foundational skills through exploration, imagination and fun. These toys also build critical thinking skills that will help kids problem solve and reason. Kids have the chance to play with these toys in the activity stations located outside of the gift shop. Children can "plant" their own garden, discover how chicken eggs develop, and learn to sort colors and shapes. Next time you visit the Zoo be sure to take a peek in the Interpretive Center gift shop!

Interpretive Center. Snuggled next to our rabbit exhibit is a carrot garden. You will also find new apple trees, as well as raspberry and blackberry bushes, planted around the Zoo Farm.



The gardens not only provide beautiful landscaping, but provide additional food for our animals. Helping to take care of the crops and talk to guests about our new animals is a big job! We are excited to have our Jr.



As you transition through the Interpretive Center, visitors are being prepared to visit the Children's Zoo Farm. The Children's Zoo Farm does not just feature Heritage Breed animals but also variety of gardens! The new gardens will include sunflowers & sweet corn in the center of the farm. You will find, a pumpkin patch and vegetable garden near the

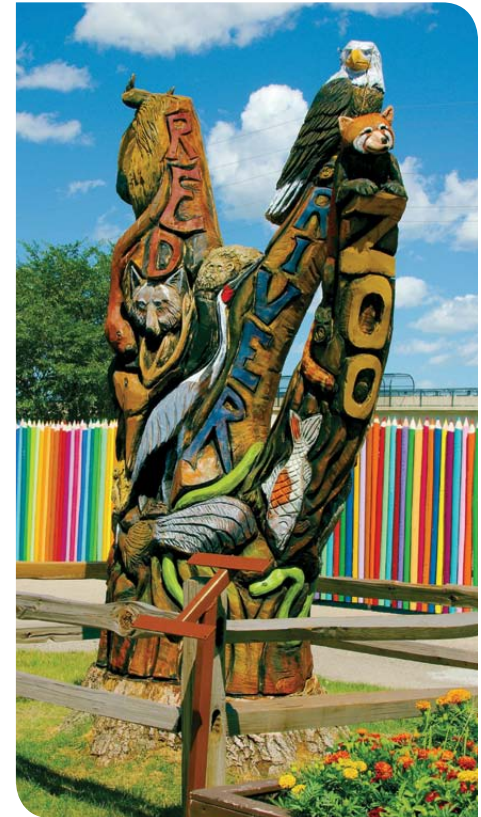
Zookeepers talk with all our guests about the farm and help care for the gardens. The Junior Zookeeper Leadership Program is a great way for kids to learn responsibility, build leadership and time management skills, gain self-confidence and learn about wildlife. Visit us at <http://redriverzoo.org/junior-zookeeper> for more information.

Creative PLACEMAKING

When you are strolling through the Zoo, you will notice works of art and beautiful landscaping, including a Mosaic by the Animal Health Center and a mural painting in the Children's Zoo Farm. In the Nature Playland you will find a carved tree, the pencil fence and the oversized picnic table. Many works of art can be found in the Asian Garden and also the iconic Tigaloo at the admissions building.

The Zoo uses Creative Placemaking when creating exhibits and public spaces. Creative Placemaking is a field of practice that uses the power of arts, culture and creativity to enhance the cultural fabric of the community. While Creative Placemaking is not only a good opportunity to build a community's interest, it also allows for growth and transformation. As the Zoo is growing and transforming, we as a community are helping to create a unique space.

With Creative Placemaking, partners from public, private, non-profit and community sectors help shape the physical and social character of a space. The Zoo has teamed up with corporate sponsors, the local arts community and independent artist to create these works of arts.



One event that helps to create these works of arts is Chalkfest! Presented by The Arts Partnership. The entire community can show their creativity by making chalk drawings on the sidewalks throughout the Zoo. During Chalkfest! on Thursday, August 11th from 1pm-8pm there will be free admission into the zoo. Next time you visit the Zoo, be sure to seek out these beautiful spaces along the way.

REASONS TO SMILE!



The expression on a child's face when they get an up close view of an armadillo!



The Children's Zoo Farm gardens are growing, creating a beautiful space for discovery and fun!



Your membership helps support local and global conservation efforts...now that's a reason to smile!

Look around there are so many reasons to smile when you are at the zoo! When you visit the Red River Zoo, not only are you having a fun adventure, but you are supporting local, national and international conservation efforts. Send in YOUR reasons to smile to **thezoo@redrivezoo.org**!



1/4 of the Red Panda's in North America were born right here at the Red River Zoo!



The Children's Zoo Farm is open, delighting both children and adults!



School children enjoying a critter close up.



Children creating their own art by the pencil fence.



The beautiful spring this year gave us all a jump start on summer fun...including the Prairie Dogs!

CREATURE

JACOB SHEEP

If you have been out to the Red River Zoo lately, you might have noticed some extraordinary looking sheep in the New Children's Zoo Farm.

What do I look like?

I have black and white spotted wool coat. Some of my black spots are specific to what kind of breed I am. For example, the spots that are around my muzzle, eyes, shoulders, feet, and knees indicate that I am a Jacob's Sheep. As an adult I have can two to six horns, but the most common is four. If I am a male, my horns might have more interesting shapes, like spirals.

What do I eat?

I am a herbivore who likes to graze. I prefer grass, but I do enjoy a diverse diet that would includes grains and other plants. I am a selective eater using my lips and tongue to pick specific leaves and parts of plants. I have a multi-chambered stomach, allowing me to digest plant products that contain high levels of cellulose. One of my chambers stores the quickly ingested food, and then brings it back up to chew again, before I can digest it.



Where do I live?

My black and white coloring may have originated from Moorish sheep found in Spain or Africa and my four horned characteristics may have originated in Norse sheep from Scandinavia, but I am a descendant from an ancient Old World breed of sheep.

How big is my family?

I live in big groups, called a flock. We will communicate through a range of vocalizations at a variety of pitches and patterns. This is often referred to as bleating. Bleating is very important because it warns the rest of the flock when there is danger. It also plays an important role in mother and lamb bonding. Our lambs will recognize their mother by the call alone.

FEATURE

DID YOU KNOW?

They are sometimes referred to as piebald sheep because of the patterns of white spots on their wool.

Jacob sheep have 300 degrees of field vision and they do not have to turn their head to see behind them and they can easily spot predators. They also have excellent hearing.

Jacob sheep are the oldest breed of sheep in existence today.

Jacob sheep is a heritage breed, which means that they are historical breed that retain essential attributes for survival and self sufficiency.



SCIENTIFIC CLASSIFICATION:

Kingdom: Animalia **Phylum:** Chordata **Class:** Mammalia **Order:** Artiodactyla
Family: Bovidae **Genus:** Ovis **Species:** Aries

THE CARROT CLUB



The Carrot Club is a brand new club that is perfect for the rabbit lover in your life. It helps provide support to care for the rabbits in the new Children's Zoo Farm. For a \$25 annual gift, the Carrot Club includes personalized Carrot Club enrollment cards, exclusive e-newsletters with updates on our rabbits and their Zoo Farm friends, invitations to special presentations and Zookeeper talks in the Children's Zoo Farm, and recognition via a personalized carrot on our Carrot Club roster at the rabbit exhibit.

Become a Carrot Club Member at www.redriverzoo.org/carrot

DAY CAMPS SUMMER 2016

MONDAY-FRIDAY

REGISTER FOR CLASSES ONLINE AT WWW.REDRIVERZOO.ORG

CRITTER CAMP

Ages 4-6

Morning Session 10am-12pm, Afternoon Session 2pm-4pm

Members \$70 Non-Members \$85

Backyard Detectives

June 13th-17th

Find out which animals live in your neighborhood by learning to find the clues they might leave behind. Find out what specific needs different kinds of animals have and what you can do to satisfy them. We will build homes for our wild friends, play games, and do fun activities that will reveal the wonders you can find in your own neighborhood! Space is limited so preregistration is required.

Aquanuts

July 11th-15th

Dive on into the zoo and come explore which animals live in and around the water. Fish, turtles, frogs and more! How do some animals breathe in the water? What are amphibians and how do they live on both the land and water. We will explore water-loving animals by creating crafts, meeting animals up-close, and doing a myriad of other water-themed activities. Space is limited so preregistration is required.

EXPLORER CAMP

Completed grades 1, 2, or 3

Morning Session: 9am-12pm, Afternoon Session: 1pm-4pm

Members \$105 Non-Members \$120

Straight Outta Fargo

June 20th - 24th

Here in North Dakota we have a very unique ecosystem. But are there any similar ones? We will spend the week learning about the grasslands around the world including savannahs, prairies and steppes. Explore what animals live in these areas and how they thrive in their different environments. Create crafts, enjoy games and activities, and experience up-close encounters with animals that live in the grasslands around the world. Space is limited so preregistration is required.

Extreme Survivors

July 18th - 22nd

Freezing tundra, dense jungles and dark caves. Come and explore how animals are able to survive such extreme environments. How do animals outwit, outplay and outlast their competitors? Compete in different activities, games, crafts, and challenges to test your own survival skills. Space is limited so preregistration is required.

DISCOVERY CAMP

Completed grades 4, 5, or 6

Morning Session: 9am-12pm, Afternoon Session: 1pm-4pm

Members \$105 Non-Members \$120

Wild Research

June 27th - July 1st

Become a part of wildlife research by exploring a variety of citizen science projects. Learn how to identify frog sounds, find birds, compare snow leopards and participate in a bioblitz. We will practice our research skills, learning techniques that researchers use to study wildlife. This camp will also include crafts, games, and up-close encounters with our animals. Space is limited so preregistration is required.

Life as a Zookeeper

July 25th - 29th

Our most popular day camp is back. Come spend the week at the Zoo experiencing what it takes to be a zoo keeper. What is enrichment? Can animals eat whatever they want? "I have to scoop up what!?" Being a Zookeeper might be a little more work than you would think. We will learn the ins and outs of the day to day routine of caring for animals, meet several animals close-up, and shadow some of our all-star zookeepers. Space is limited so preregistration is required.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE WORD SEARCH

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EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

AMERICAN GIRL DOLL CONSERVATION CELEBRATION

Tuesday, June 21st

5:00 pm- 7:00pm

The Red River Zoo is excited to invite you to an American Girl Conservation Celebration! The American Girl Conservation Celebration is a wonderful way to connect with nature and enjoy the Red River Zoo while celebrating Lea Clark, the 2016 American Girl! \$30 per ticket. The ticket price includes admission for one child and an adult. Buy your ticket at www.redriverzoo.org

DOCTOR DOOLITTLE DAY

Saturday, June 25th

10:00am-7:00pm

Discover how Zookeepers keep our animals healthy and explore the world of Zoo Medicine. Hands-on activities and demonstrations throughout the day. Children that bring their favorite stuffed animal receive free admission!

ZOO BREW!

Thursday, July 28th

7:00pm-10:00pm

Join us for our 1st ever Zoo Brew!

Enjoy an evening at the Zoo featuring live music and local

brews. This is a 21 and over event.

\$30 non-members and \$25 for Red River Zoo Members. Tickets go on sale June 1st at www.redriverzoo.org



CHALKFEST! PRESENTED BY THE ARTS PARTNERSHIP

Thursday, August 11th

1:00pm-8:00pm

The Arts Partnerships, ChalkFest! is the largest art-making event in our community! Create beautiful art throughout the Zoo, listen to live music and enjoy fun activities. Free admission to all.

MEMBERS APPRECIATION WEEK

Sunday - Saturday

August 14th – August 20th

10:00am-7:00pm Daily

Members are vital to the Red River Zoo's success, so the Zoo will spend all week showing appreciation for everything our members do. Every day will feature a different "thank you" activity. Check out our website this August for more details. www.redriverzoo.org

MEMBERS APPRECIATION NIGHT

Thursday, August 18th

5:00pm-8:00pm

The highlight of Members Appreciation Week, this free picnic with special animal encounters is just for our members.

FREE admission for all current members, RSVP at www.redriverzoo.org

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