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Gobble Gobble- Zoo Open Thanksgiving Day Give Thanks at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

November 21, 2016-- *Jacksonville, FL* – Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens (JZG) will be open regular hours, 9am – 5pm, on Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday, November 25. The Zoo is committed to giving the community a fun, family-focused activity over the holiday weekend.

With more than 2,000 animals calling the Zoo home, zoo keepers are accustomed to spending the Thanksgiving holiday with their furry, scaly and feathered extended family. The more than 1,000 plant species at the Zoo create a beautiful backdrop for families to walk off their Thanksgiving dinners or a perfect diversion while the turkey is in the oven.

Children 12 and under get free admission with a paying adult through the end of the month with the Kids Free November promotion.

Sure to delight guests on Thanksgiving Day are the gorilla youngsters, George and Patty, who are often seen playing together right against the window at the entrance to the Great Apes Loop, the new American black bear, Betty, who is enjoying her renovated enclosure and pool, and Sumatran tiger cub, Kinleigh Rose who turned one-year-old on November 19.

About Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

For over 100 years, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens has aimed to inspire the discovery and appreciation of wildlife through innovative experiences in a caring environment. Starting in 1914 with an animal collection of one red deer fawn, the Zoo now has more than 2,000 rare and exotic animals and 1,000 species of plants, boasting the largest botanical garden in Northeast Florida. The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is a nonprofit organization and a portion of every ticket sold goes to the over 45 conservation initiatives Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens supports around the world, and here in NE Florida. JZG is proud to be an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. For more information, visit jacksonvillezoo.org