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## **Night at the Zoo Returns to Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens Friday, June 22**

June 12, 2018-- *Jacksonville, FL* – Come get down at Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens (JZG) as we kick off this year's Night at the Zoo series with a funky Friday Night Fever-themed party on Friday, June 22.

The far-out festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. and go until 10 p.m. Guests will be able to view animals on exhibit until 8:30 p.m.. There will be lots of family-friendly activities to keep visitors busy, including animal encounters, keeper talks, and more. The event also gives guests the opportunity to explore JZG's recently-extended Dinosauria exhibit in a new light – the dark!

Night at the Zoo will also feature three food trucks on site; Sonny's BBQ and Pie Daddy will be accessible via the entrance to Dinosauria, and The Hyppo will be serving gourmet ice pops on the Great Lawn. Cash bars will be available for adults with beer and wine.

For guests with disco fever, The Boogie Freaks will be playing live music in Range of the Jaguar. A DJ will be jamming out on the great lawn along with entertainment from Miss Marie's Kids. Don't forget to break out the bell-bottoms for the groovy costume contest.

Dates and themes for upcoming Night at the Zoo events can be found on the website including a Great Catsby night and the futuristic Zoo Odessey 3000. All of the Night at the Zoo events will include Dinosauria for no extra charge!

Tickets for Night at the Zoo are available online only and there is a limited amount of tickets sold. For members tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. For non-members they are \$14 for adults and \$12 for children. Children under two are free but do need a ticket. To buy tickets, visit [jacksonvillezoo.org/nightatthezoo](http://jacksonvillezoo.org/nightatthezoo)

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### **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](http://jacksonvillezoo.org).