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## **Night at the Zoo: ZOOperstition**

July 11, 2018-- Jacksonville, FL – Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens' next Night at the Zoo event is coming up, and it's set to be a night of ZOOperstition on Friday, July 13.

Family-friendly festivities from 6:30 – 10.p.m. include: animals on exhibit until 8:30 p.m., live music and a DJ, animal encounters, keeper talks, and more. If you're really looking for a scare, the event also gives guests the opportunity to explore the Zoo's popular Dinosauria exhibit after dark.

Zoo keepers will be out to dispel common myths about a few of the Zoo's more misunderstood animals, such as the notorious vampire bat. These tiny mammals feed entirely on blood, but don't worry – though they have been known to bite humans, they typically prefer to feed on livestock like cows, pigs, and chickens.

If you work up an appetite from all the eerie activities, have no fear, Night at the Zoo will feature several food truck options on site. Sonny's BBQ, Pie Daddy, and Mr. Potato Spread will all be accessible via the entrance to Dinosauria, and Le Petite Cheri will be serving sweet treats on the Great Lawn. Cash bars will be available for adults with beer and wine.

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)

Check out [this Dropbox](#) for a preview of Night at the Zoo and a close up of a vampire bat named Louis.

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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).

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