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Zoo Offers Behind-the-Scenes Tours

Guests to Nashville Zoo now have options to tour some areas not normally seen by the general public. One of the behind-the-scenes tour programs, called *Back Stage Pass*, begins June 12 and teaches guests about animal care, behavior and conservation while they walk through indoor areas for giraffes, elephants, or giant anteaters.

Back Stage Pass tours are offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and will run through July 28. Because the tours are offered during normal Zoo hours, giraffes and elephants will be in their outdoor habitats. Zoo members can take a tour for \$25 per two people, \$15 per individual or additional person. Non-member cost for a tour is \$46 per two people, \$26 per individual or additional person. Back Stage Pass tours are available to guests ages 5 and older. Advanced registration is required. Behind-the-scene areas change from day to day and a complete schedule, along with a registration form can be viewed on the Zoo's website at www.nashvillezoo.org/genedprog. For more information about Back Stage Pass tours and other education programs, please contact the education department at (615) 833-1534 ext. 143 or education@nashvillezoo.org.

For close-up encounters with animals, Nashville Zoo offers *All Access Expedition* tours to several behind-the-scene areas around the Zoo. These programs range in complexity from habitat tours to dining and souvenir options. *All Access Expedition* tours start at \$250 for four people and children must be 3-years or older to participate. For more information or to register, please contact the development department at (615) 833-1534 ext. 128 or development@nashvillezoo.org.

Nashville Zoo is accredited by the prestigious Association of Zoos and Aquariums assuring the highest standards of animal care and husbandry. The Zoo is a non-profit organization located at 3777 Nolensville Road and is open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The mission of the Nashville Zoo is to inspire a culture of understanding and discovery of our natural world through conservation, innovation, and leadership. For more information about Nashville Zoo, please call 833-1534 or visit our website at www.nashvillezoo.org.

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