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Spring Forward with Nashville Zoo

Nashville Zoo is springing forward with some frog activities to mark the start of daylight-saving time on March 8. Activities and docent presentations will be from 10 a.m. – noon and 3 – 4 p.m. in the Unseen New World, home to some of the wildest things never seen, like poison arrow frogs, hellbender salamanders and a giant anaconda.

As amphibians disappear at an alarming rate, Earth is facing the largest mass extinction since the disappearance of the dinosaurs. During this event, guests can delve into the endangered world of amphibians and discover ways to prevent these small creatures' permanent disappearance. Visitors can also test their knowledge of frogs in general and try their ears at identifying native frog calls.

Nashville Zoo opened six new frog exhibits in 2008 as part of a global effort to save amphibians. The new exhibits showcase the endangered golden frog and Puerto Rican crested toad. Nashville Zoo is helping sustain the golden frog species in captivity until fatal threats in its natural habitat can be mitigated. Puerto Rican crested toads are being bred for reintroduction into Puerto Rico.

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, call 615-833-1534 or visit www.nashvillezoo.org.

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