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Guests Scamper During Wild 5K *Zoo Run Run*

More than 1,300 runners and walkers are preparing for a brisk jaunt through Nashville Zoo. The 2008 *Zoo Run Run* will take place at the Nashville Zoo on Saturday, January 26, 2008, at 3 p.m. The 5K course will wind through the Zoo's 188-acre property on pathways, roads and rugged trails not typically seen by the general public. The course will also pass by habitats such as the African Elephant Savannah, Giraffe Habitat, Alligator Cove, Bamboo Trail.

Nashville Zoo will close to the public at 1 p.m. on Jan. 26 to prepare for the event. Registration and check-in will begin at 2 p.m., and the *Zoo Run Run* will begin at 3 p.m. A post-run celebration, including dinner and prizes, will be offered at 4 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to runners in these categories: Masters Male/Female, Overall Male/Female, and Age Group Awards from 12 and under up through 80+ in five year increments. The Zoo will also offer prizes for best dressed relating to a zoo theme, and top fundraisers for the *Zoo Run Run* will be awarded special behind-the-scenes tours of the Zoo.

Registration for the *Zoo Run Run* is still open. Registration fees are \$35 for Zoo members, \$38 for non-members, and \$22 for all children 5 to 12 years old. Children 4 years old and younger are free. Families are welcome to bring strollers and all-terrain tires are recommended. Participants can register online through midnight on January 24 at www.nashvillezoo.org.

For questions regarding the event and registration, call 615-833-1534 ext. 129 or email development@nashvillezoo.org. The *Zoo Run Run* is presented by Fed Ex and Nike, and sponsored by Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, Tri-Star Health Systems, Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc., Blackstone Brewing Company, Party Patrol Mobile Entertainment, Vitamin Water, Southwest Airlines, AT&T, Fleet Feet Sports, Bridgestone Firestone Trust Fund, Nashville Kangaroos, Sport Seasons, Grand Events & Party Rentals, Lifeguard Ambulance Service, and Nashville Predators Fangtastic 5K. Proceeds from the 5K run/walk will help fund Zoo operations.

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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