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Zoo's Egg Hunt Cracks Long Standing Record

Nashville Zoo's annual spring celebration, Eggstravaganzoo, held last Saturday, April 3 attracted a record crowd of 9,754 guests. The previous record for a single paid attendance day (9,010) was set in August 2000 when the Kratt Brothers came to the Zoo.

"Eggstravaganzoo has historically been one of our most popular days," says Zoo President Rick Schwartz. "Our expanded parking helped this year along with weather that started bad but cleared off early in the day."

A beautiful day on Good Friday (April 2) also helped Nashville Zoo set a three day weekend record of 20,351 guests and put the Zoo well ahead of its projected attendance.

The Zoo now enters a very busy time of year with roughly one third of its annual attendance visiting in April and May.

"School groups certainly have a lot to do with our spring attendance during the weekdays," says Schwartz. "On the upcoming weekends, we offer a wide array of events including Deaf Day, the kick off to the Week of the Young Child event, YMCA Healthy Kid's Day, HealthSpring's Senior Day as well as our always popular campouts and much more."

Nashville Zoo plans to see even more guests through the gates this summer when the new Flamingo Lagoon habitat opens. The new area will add 30 Caribbean flamingos to the animal collection, and include improvements to the overall water quality throughout the Zoo.

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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