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Run Wild at Zoo's Annual 5K

A herd of over 1,000 Middle Tennesseans is expected at Nashville Zoo's 2009 *Zoo Run Run* on Saturday, Jan. 24. Runners and walkers will embark on a 5K course winding through the Zoo's 188-acre property on pathways, roads and rugged trails not typically seen by the public. The course also passes by habitats, like the African Elephant and Giraffe Savannas, Alligator Cove and Bamboo Trail.

Nashville Zoo will close to the public at 1 p.m. on Jan. 24 to prepare for the event. Registration and check-in begins at 2 p.m., and the race starts at 3 p.m. Families are welcome to bring strollers; all-terrain tires are recommended. A post-run celebration with dinner and awards presentation begins at 4 p.m.

Registration is \$35 for Zoo members, \$38 for non-members and \$22 for all children (ages 5-12). Children 4 years old and younger are free. For more information or to register, visit www.nashvillezoo.org or e-mail development@nashvillezoo.org.

All proceeds from the *Zoo Run Run* help fund Zoo operations. The *Zoo Run Run* is presented by FedEx and HCA/Tri-Star and sponsored by Amerigo, Blackstone Brewing Company, Color My Shirt, Diversified Trust, Party Patrol, Vitamin Water, Fleet Feet Sports, Nashville Kangaroos, Sport Seasons, Lifeguard Ambulance Service and Waller Lansden.

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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