

THE TEXAS ZOO ZOOSLETTER

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Family Fun Zone!



Twig Trees

- Assortment of twigs
- Twine
- Hot glue
- Scissors

1. Set out all of your twigs and arrange them from smallest to largest like a tree.
2. Trim twigs to a specific size if needed.
3. Cut a piece of twine to the length of the tree.
4. Run hot glue along the twine and place twigs in the arranged order.
5. Trim any twine if needed.
6. Cut an extra piece of twine to make a loop to hang your tree!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **National Sticker Day**
January 13th, 2026
- * **Brew a Potion Day**
January 19th, 2026
- * **National Peanut Butter Day**
January 24th, 2026
- * **National Hot Chocolate Day**
January 31st, 2026

Last Month @ The Zoo



12/13 – Breakfast with Santa

On December 13th, we had a visit from someone special, Santa himself! On December 13th, we had a visit from someone special, Santa himself! Guests joined us for our Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by Whataburger, where families enjoyed breakfast, festive crafts, and lots of holiday cheer while visiting with Santa.

12/20 – German Christmas Fest

Our German Christmas Fest was a wonderful night of holiday fun at The Texas Zoo! Families enjoyed browsing unique gifts from local vendors, indulging in festive food and sweets, and dancing along to live music from the Chris Rybak Band while celebrating the season together.



12/19, 12/26–12/28 – Christmas Lights

The Texas Zoo's Christmas Nights brought holiday magic to the zoo with festive décor and lights, complimentary warm drinks and cookies, and a fun hayride for guests to enjoy. Families joined us for a joyful evening celebrating the season together.

ALL MONTH – Free Admissions

We partnered with H-E-B through the Tournament of Champions Trust during November and December, providing complimentary zoo admission to guests. This partnership helped make zoo visits more accessible to families and created meaningful opportunities for the community to connect with wildlife.



Keeper of The Month

Say hello to Shelby! Shelby has been part of The Texas Zoo team since 2022. Her favorite food is Asian cuisine, her favorite color is blue, and in her free time she enjoys reading, crafting, gaming, and going on adventures.

Shelby's animal besties at The Texas Zoo are Bubba, our macaw, and Ozzy. One of her favorite memories goes all the way back to her time as an intern—Ozzy was the very first bird she bonded with. These days, Bubba holds a special place as the only bird who's nice to her... most of the time!



***"Live life to the fullest.
Not everyone who is a
wanderer is lost."***

— J.R.R. Tolkien

A Message From a Guest

For being a small zoo, I was actually surprised and amazed on how many animals were out and about. Coming from San Antonio, exhibits are usually empty or no visible animals. The Texas Zoo had all exhibits open and all animals were active. The open exhibits for clear views, was also a plus in my book. I feel that the zoo could be in favor for an expansion. Would really be neat and worth the drive once again.

Joke of The Month

Q: What is black and white and red all over?

A: A sunburnt Zebra!



Bubba – Blue and Gold Macaw

Animal Spotlight

Meet Bubba, our Blue-and-Gold Macaw! Native to the rainforests of South America, macaws like Bubba are known for their bright blue and yellow feathers and impressive intelligence. These birds are social creatures that use their strong beaks to crack nuts and climb through trees. At The Texas Zoo, Bubba loves interacting with his keepers and practicing his natural behaviors, giving guests a chance to learn about the fascinating world of parrots up close.

***"Wherever there are birds,
there is hope."***

—Mehmet Murat Ildan

One **FREE** Child's Admission

Open Sunday-Saturday

(ages 3-12 years)

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