



*Let's go to
Zoolights!*

Planning a trip to see Zoolights is fun. There are some things I need to do to prepare.



Zoolights happens at night when it is dark, so the zoo will look a little different than it does during the day.



I will wear comfortable clothing and shoes for walking long distances. It gets cold at night so a jacket will keep me warm and dry from any rain.



Each person going to the zoo needs a ticket. We need to buy tickets online before we go. The tickets will tell us what time to arrive at the zoo. We might need to wait in line for a few minutes until it's our turn. This is okay.



I can bring food and water for when I get hungry and thirsty. We can also buy snacks and drinks at the zoo if my adult decides to.



I will put my ticket under a reader with the barcode facing up so it can be scanned by a computer. When the light turns green, I can walk through the turnstile.



Tickets on phones and print at home tickets all scan the same way. If I have trouble scanning my ticket, a staff member can help me.

Inside the zoo there are a lot of things to see. I can look at maps and signs to help me find my way. Some paths will be closed at night that are open during the day. There are some steep hills, too.



If I need to go to the bathroom, I can find the nearest one using the map. Some bathrooms have loud automatic flushes. There is a family bathroom in Kids' Zone if we need to go together. If I need a quieter bathroom, I can use the ones located near the Carousel, or the Penguins.



If it gets too loud or too crowded for me, I can get a sensory bag. A staff member at the Front Gate can help me get a bag. The sensory bags have items that can help me feel calm. I can use the fidget tools in my sensory bag to help me enjoy the Zoo with my family or group.



Sensory Bags are cleaned between each use.

The cement paths take me through the zoo in the dark. There are rope lights to help show me where the paths are. I will walk safely everywhere I go.

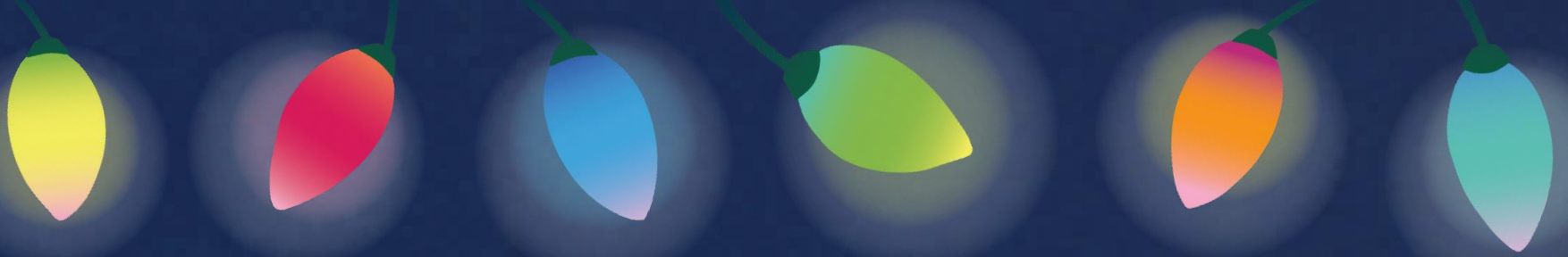


If I am not sure where to go or if I get lost, I can ask a person with a nametag on. The nametag will have a polar bear on it. They will help me find my way or find my group.



There are lights of all colors around the zoo for Zoolights. They are very bright at night. Some of them blink on and off or move, too.





Music will be playing through the zoo as I walk around. There will be a lot of other people enjoying the lights, too. They may make a lot of excited sounds around me.




The animals are asleep in their bedrooms at night. It is okay that I will not see them. I can visit the goats if I want to.



The goats are fun to watch. They may jump and play with each other. I can pet them gently on the back if I want to. If my adult decides, I can buy pellets to feed the goats. I will hold the pellets in a flat, open hand and the goats will use their soft lips to pick up the food.

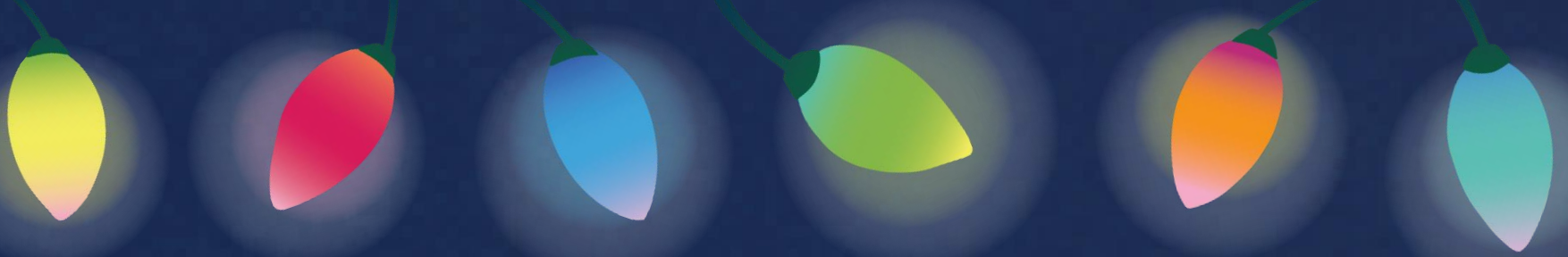




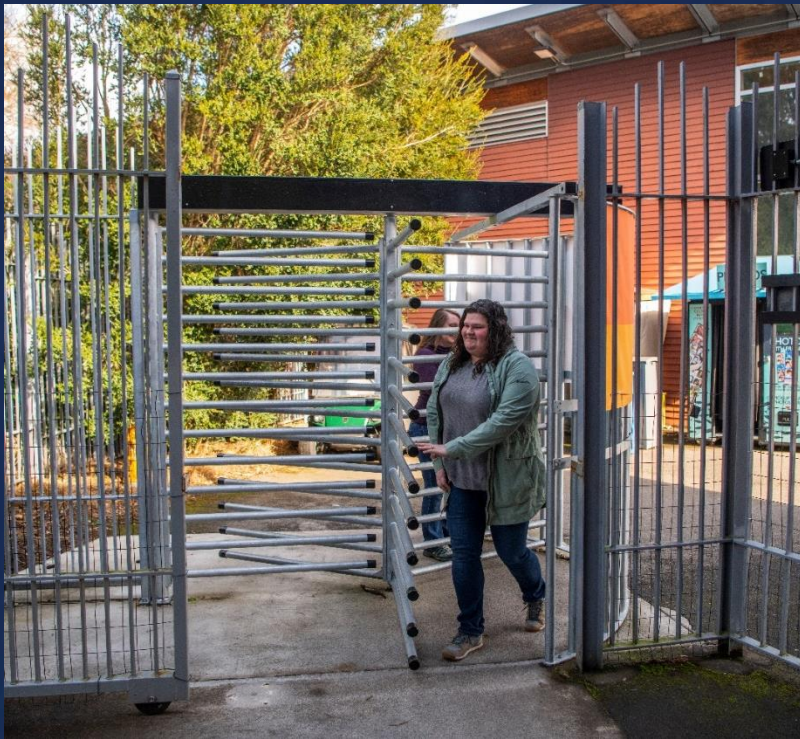
If my adult decides, I can ride the carousel. After my adult buys tickets, I will wait in line until the staff member opens the gate. Then I will walk to the carousel animal I want to ride. If someone else gets to that animal first, I will choose another carousel animal to ride. I will use a seatbelt while riding the carousel.



If I use a wheelchair, the staff member will pull out a ramp for me so I can ride the carousel.



When it is time to leave, I will walk calmly through the exit gate. I can always come back to the zoo on another day.



I can learn more about what to expect during Zoolights on the Zoo's website before I arrive.



The screenshot shows the website page for Zoolights. At the top left is the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium logo. To the right are navigation buttons for TICKETS, MEMBERSHIP, and DONATE, along with a search icon. Below these are menu items: VISIT, DISCOVER, ANIMALS, CARE, CONNECT, and CONTACT. The main banner features a night scene of people looking at colorful light displays, with the text "Zoolights: Nov. 24, 2023 - Jan. 1, 2024". Below the banner, the dates "NOVEMBER 24, 2023 - JANUARY 1, 2024" and time "4:30PM - 10:00PM" are displayed. A paragraph describes the event as a 36-year tradition. A note states that online timed tickets are required. At the bottom, three buttons are provided: MEMBER TICKETS, GENERAL TICKETS, and ZOOLIGHTS FAQ.

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