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ZOO HOURS | Temporarily closed with plans to reopen Monday, June 1, 2020. Please visit OmahaZoo.com for updates.



Have you made it out to [Wildlife Safari Park](#) yet this season? Current Zoo members, admission to the Park is still FREE through this Sunday, May 31! Starting Monday, June 1, Zoo members will need to [add-on](#) the Wildlife Safari Park to their membership or non-member rates will apply. For non-member visitors, our discounted admission rates will continue until further notice.

HEALTHY YOU, HEALTHY ZOO



Omaha's Zoo and Aquarium Reopens June 1

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium plans to open its outdoor exhibits on Monday, June 1, 2020, after being closed to the public since March 16 due to the coronavirus crisis.

We can't wait to see you! To adhere to health and safety guidelines, the Zoo has made some changes to ensure a "healthy you, healthy Zoo." At this time of opening, the Zoo will offer an outdoor walk-through experience only. All guests - members and non-members - must make a ticket reservation before visiting.

The opening of the Zoo is planned as a one-way "walking safari," including social distancing, and enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols based on health and safety guidelines provided by state and local authorities. Guests are strongly encouraged to wear face masks while on Zoo property.

"We are excited to reopen and welcome everyone back to the Zoo," said Dennis Pate, director and CEO of Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium. "We are so grateful for the outpouring of community support during our closure." Dennis Pate continued, "The Zoo's reopening plan has been done with deliberate thought and discussion to keep the safety of our guests, animals, and employees as our utmost priority. Our plan is very

conservative, but we believe that by taking one careful step at a time, we can assure a safe and enjoyable Zoo experience for all.”

[Learn More About Our Plans](#)



Last chance to get your conservation NEVER closes t-shirt!

You asked, and we listened. The conservation NEVER closes t-shirt is BACK by popular demand! but for a limited time only! Remember, all proceeds go directly towards funding critical animal care for the 30,000 plus Zoo animals you know and love.

When the Zoo gates open (JUNE 1ST), all of the healthy, happy, well-cared-for animals that you supported will be there to thank you!

Order Now



JOIN US VIRTUALLY

MAY 29-31

A NEW VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP WILL BE
AVAILABLE EACH DAY!



#MooAtTheZoo2020



In 2020, Moo at the Zoo comes to you! Thanks to our friends at [Midwest Dairy](#), get ready for a brand new virtual experience May 29 – 31. Tune in each day to the Zoo's social media channels for a different virtual field trip experience showing how farm life isn't so different from zoo life.

As you join us on our journey, complete the Virtual Moo at the Zoo Scavenger Hunt for a chance to **win a prize pack** courtesy of Midwest Dairy and the Zoo! Click the button below for more information on how to follow along and win.

Learn More



#ZooFromHome
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Do the Zoo from Home

We're bringing the Zoo to you! Virtual classes, field trips and daily activities are available to help bring the Zoo right to your living room.

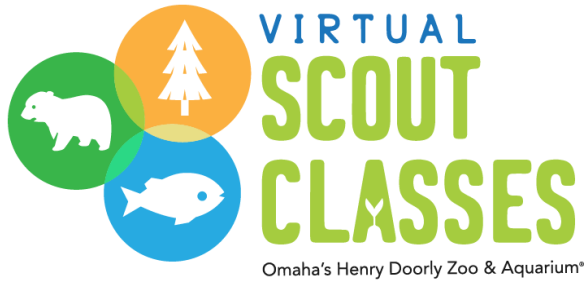
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A NEW WAY TO ZOO THINGS

VIRTUAL LEARNING

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium



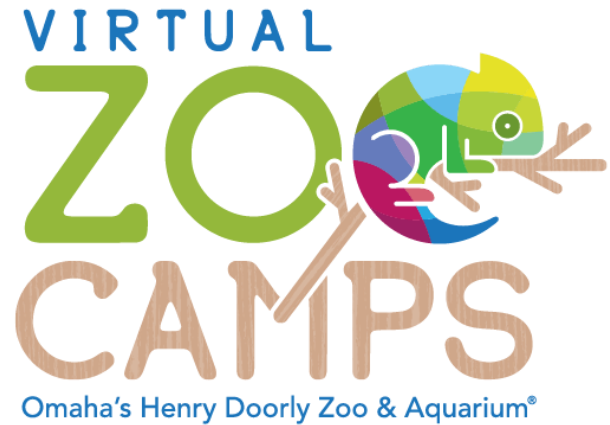
Scout Programs

The Zoo is now offering virtual scout classes to help Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts learn about nature in their own communities or neighborhoods!

Classes will be offered on Saturdays and Sundays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on a reservation-only basis and at a reduced scout rate of \$7 per scout.

Virtual classes will consist of scout activities to complete the badge and continued conservation projects that your scout can participate in throughout the spring/summer that will engage them in becoming lifelong stewards to the environment.

[Learn More About Scout Programs](#)



Zoo Camps

We are very excited to present Virtual Zoo Camps as a new way to learn! The Zoo has been offering virtual learning experiences to classrooms around the world for nearly two decades. We are excited to now bring this experience to families from the comfort of their own homes, or backyards, from the lake, or wherever you may choose to connect with us!

[Learn More About Zoo Camps](#)

VIRTUAL

BACKSTAGE

EXPERIENCES

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium®

Virtual Backstage Experiences

Now is your chance to join us on a virtual backstage tour and see what it takes to run one of the best zoos in the world! Sign up now as space is limited. Cost is **\$45** for members and **\$60** for non-members. See you behind the scenes!

[Learn More About Virtual Backstage Experiences](#)



Membership Means More – Now More Than Ever

Show your support during our closure by purchasing or renewing today!

With unprecedented changes affecting our communities, supporting your local zoos and aquariums is more important than ever. With or without guests on grounds, our animal care staff is still working hard around the clock to care for over 30,000 animals at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium.

The Zoo plans to reopen on Monday, June 1, 2020. [Click here](#) to learn about our plans.

As a non-profit, the Zoo exclusively relies on proceeds received from community donations, membership sales, and ticketed programs to support our animals and operations. By putting your dollars into the Zoo now, you are helping to prolong the ability to care for thousands of species during this difficult time. You have the power to *zoo more good*.

More saving. Membership pays for itself in just a few visits.

More experiences. Explore different parts of the world as often as you like.

More science. You'll help defend species around the planet, as well as increase their numbers through breeding programs. Every birth and hatch represents hope.

More anticipation. Owen Sea Lion Shores opens in the fall of 2020. It will be an immersive new habitat with underwater viewing and more opportunities for education.

Renewing now adds 12 more months of zoo fun to your current membership. New membership purchases are valid for one year from the date of purchase.

Omaha's Zoo and Aquarium will be extending membership expiration dates to ensure that you will not miss out on any of your full 12 months of membership benefits. This applies to memberships active during or purchased during the Zoo's closure, as well as Patron memberships.

Join or Renew



Wildlife Safari Park in Ashland, Nebraska is **open for the season**, with the daily hours of **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Due to the current COVID-19 crisis, the Wildlife Safari Park will be limited to a **drive-through only experience at this time**. Several areas will not be accessible by guests on foot including the hiking trails, Visitor Center, the Hands-On Corral, Eagle Aviary, and the Bison Overlook and Nature Play Area.

As a thank you to Zoo members for their continued support through the coronavirus crisis, **active** Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium memberships will be honored for admittance to the Wildlife Safari Park **through Sunday, May 31, 2020**.

Beginning Monday, June 1, 2020 you must [add-on](#) the Wildlife Safari Park to your Zoo membership or regular admission rates apply.

To thank the community for their support as well, and to adjust for limiting Wildlife Safari Park access to only driving through, prices are being lowered for non-members during this time.

Pricing during this time is as follows:

- **\$6.00 Adults (12 and over)**
- **\$4.00 Children (3-11)**

- **\$5.00 Seniors (65 and over)**
- **FREE Children 2 and under**
- **FREE for active Omaha's Zoo and Aquarium members through Sunday, May 31, 2020.**

Military personnel receive \$1 off in all categories.

Helpful tips!

- Arrive earlier in the day to beat the crowd on expected busy days, like weekends. Monday-Thursday are less busy days.
- Please bring your patience if you visit on a busier day as it will take a little longer to travel through the Park.
- Snacks are now available for purchase.
- Restrooms are available, but please limit to 10 people at a time and keep a six-foot distance between yourself and others.

Travel Notice: Bridgework to begin on I-80 east of the Mahoney interchange. Weather permitting, work will begin April 6, east and westbound at the Mahoney interchange on I-80, according to the [Nebraska Department of Transportation](#). Traffic on I-80 will be reduced to two lanes both directions. Motorists are urged to drive cautiously through construction zones and to look for alternate routes. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Plan Your Visit



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Share Your Memories #OmahaZoo125

While you're stuck at home, spend some time digging through old photos and memory boxes.

As part of our continued 125th Anniversary Celebration, we are asking you to share your memories and stories about Riverview Park and the Zoo by emailing ZooStories125@OmahaZoo.com. We can't wait to see how your family history is intertwined with the Zoo!

Celebrate with Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium online too using [#OmahaZoo125!](https://twitter.com/OmahaZoo125)

Share My Story





Now you can watch the Antarctic penguins make a splash 24/7 inside the Scott Aquarium via a **live webcam**, brought to you in partnership with KMTV 3 News Now. Once you find your favorite species, you can support them by becoming a **ZooMama** or **ZooDaddy** through a symbolic adoption! [Click here](#) for more details.

Watch Live!



We're Taking a Pause

USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Travel Awards has decided to temporarily pause the current contests for Best Zoo, Best Zoo Exhibit and Best Safari Park amid feedback from contest participants.

Every vote cast before the pause will carry over when we re-launch down the line. Sign up for a reminder when the contests start back up!

Sign Up for Voting Reminders!



Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium

Nominated for "Best Zoo"

Reminder Me Later



Wildlife Safari Park

Nominated for "Best Wildlife Park"

Remind Me Later



Asian Highlands

Nominated for "Best Zoo Exhibit"

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Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium's mission is to inspire, educate and engage people to serve as lifelong stewards for the conservation of animals and their habitats.



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